SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 17

CONDITIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HYDROLYSED PROTEIN FOR FEEDING TO FARMED ANIMALS OTHER THAN RUMINANTS

- 1. Hydrolysed protein from hides and skins shall -
 - (a) be derived from hides and skins obtained from animals which have been slaughtered in a slaughterhouse and whose carcases have been found fit for human consumption following ante- and post-mortem inspection; and
 - (b) be produced by a production process which involves appropriate measures to minimise contamination of hides and skins, preparation of the raw material by brining, liming and intensive washing followed by exposure of the material to a pH of >11 for >3 hours at temperature >80°C and followed by heat treatment at >140°C for 30 minutes at >3.6 bar; or by an equivalent production process approved in accordance with the procedure of Article 17 of Council Directive 89/662/EEC concerning veterinary checks in intra-Community trade with a view to the completion of the internal market.

2. Hydrolysed protein from fish, feather, hides and skins shall be sampled after processing and found to have a molecular weight below 10,000 Dalton.

3. Hydrolysed protein for use in the manufacture of feedingstuffs for farmed animals other than ruminants shall be transported by means of a vehicle which at the same time is not used for the transport of other feedingstuffs materials.

4. If a vehicle used for the transport of hydrolysed protein for use in the manufacture of feedingstuffs for farmed animals other than ruminants is subsequently used for the transport of other products, it shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after the transport of the hydrolysed protein.