

## SCHEDULE 6

### SPECIFIED RISK MATERIAL, MECHANICALLY RECOVERED MEAT AND SLAUGHTERING TECHNIQUES

#### **Removal of specified risk material**

8.—(1) Any person who removes specified risk material in any premises other than premises in which that specified risk material may be removed under point 5, point 10(a) or point 10(b) of Part A of Annex XI of the Community TSE Regulation is guilty of an offence.

(2) In the case of a cutting plant, it is an offence to remove—

- (a) (i) any part of the vertebral column that is specified risk material from any bovine animal over 30 months of age at slaughter; or
- (ii) in circumstances where the meat containing the specified risk material has been brought into Northern Ireland from Great Britain or a member State, any part of the vertebral column that is specified risk material from any bovine animal of 30 months of age or less at slaughter,

unless the plant is authorised under paragraph 13(1)(a); or

- (b) the spinal cord from any sheep or goat over 12 months of age at slaughter or which has a permanent incisor erupted through the gum, unless the plant is authorised for the purpose of such removal under paragraph 13(1)(b).

(3) In the case of a butcher shop, it is an offence to remove any part of the vertebral column that is specified risk material from a bovine animal, if the shop is not authorised and registered for that purpose under paragraph 14, or the meat containing the specified risk material has been brought into Northern Ireland from Great Britain or a member State.