
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 332

**The Animal By-Products (Enforcement)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**PART 3
STAINING**

Staining

- 12.**—(1) This regulation applies to the operators of—
- (a) slaughterhouses;
 - (b) cutting plants;
 - (c) game handling establishments; and
 - (d) cold stores.
- (2) In this Part—
- (a) the terms “slaughterhouse”, “cutting plant” and “game-handling establishment” have the meanings given to them in regulation 5(6) of the Food Hygiene Regulations (Northern Ireland)(1);
 - (b) “cold store” means any other premises used for storage, under temperature-controlled conditions, of fresh meat intended for sale for human consumption; and
 - (c) “scientific purposes” means diagnostic, educational or research purposes.
- (3) Operators must, subject to paragraph (5), without undue delay, stain the following animal by-products in accordance with paragraph (4)—
- (a) animal by-products defined by any of the following Articles of the EU Control Regulation—
 - (i) Article 8(c);
 - (ii) Article 8(d);
 - (iii) Article 9(c); or
 - (iv) Article 9(d);
 - (b) whole poultry bodies where the animals are dead on arrival at the slaughterhouse;
 - (c) bodies or parts of animals which are unfit for human consumption because they show signs of disease communicable to humans or animals;
 - (d) bodies or parts of animals which are unfit for human consumption because they have not been presented for either ante or post mortem inspection and the resulting animal by-product is not defined in Article 10 of the EU Control Regulation;

- (e) bodies or parts of animals which have been contaminated with any substance which may pose a threat to public or animal health; and
 - (f) Category 3 material that has changed through decomposition or spoilage so as to present an unacceptable risk to public of animal health.
- (4) Operators must—
- (a) stain materials listed in paragraph (3) with a colouring agent and using a solution of such strength that the staining is clearly visible and remains visible after the animal by-product has been chilled or frozen;
 - (b) apply a stain to the whole surface of the animal by-product, whether by immersing the by-product in the stain, spraying it with the solution or applying the solution to the by-product by any other equally effective means;
 - (c) in the case of an animal by-product not falling within sub-paragraph (d) and weighing more than 20kg, apply the stain after its surface has been opened by multiple and deep incisions; and
 - (d) in the case of an animal by-product comprising a whole poultry body, whether or not it has been eviscerated or de-feathered, apply the stain after the surface of the body has been opened by multiple and deep incisions.
- (5) Operators need not stain pursuant to paragraph (3)—
- (a) any animal by-product which is removed, or is intended to be removed, from any premises by, or under the authority of, a veterinary surgeon for examination by or on behalf of the surgeon;
 - (b) any animal by-product which is mixed with green offal in a container containing mainly green offal for disposal in accordance with the EU Control Regulation;
 - (c) any animal by-product which is intended for use for scientific purposes and which, pending such use or removal to premises for such use in accordance with the EU control Regulation, is placed in a room and in a receptacle designed for the purpose of holding animal by-products and bearing a notice that its contents are intended for use for scientific purposes;
 - (d) any animal by-product which is moved immediately after generation to a processing or incineration establishment or plant approved under the EU Control Regulation via a sealed and leak-proof pipe; or
 - (e) a whole animal body, except a whole poultry body.
- (6) No one may export stained material of the type referred to in paragraph (3) to ^[F1]a member State] of the European Union unless that member State agrees to import the material.
- (7) In paragraph 5(b) “green offal” means the stomach and intestines of an animal and the contents of the digestive tract.

F1 Words in reg. 12(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Agriculture, Animals and Aquaculture \(Health, Identification, Welfare, Trade etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/324\)](#), regs. 1(3), **21**

Commencement Information

I1 Reg. 12 in operation at 14.10.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, PART 3.