

SCHEDULE 7

Specified risk material, mechanically separated meat and slaughtering techniques

Sheep and goats in a slaughterhouse

9.—(1) When a sheep or goat is slaughtered in a slaughterhouse or the carcase of a sheep or goat is transported to a slaughterhouse following emergency slaughter elsewhere, the occupier of the slaughterhouse must remove all specified risk material (other than the spinal cord and specified risk material contained in or attached to offal) as soon as is reasonably practicable after slaughter and in any event before post-mortem inspection.

(2) The occupier must—

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after post mortem inspection, consign any offal that has been removed from the carcase and that contains or is attached to specified risk material to an appropriate area of the slaughterhouse; and
- (b) as soon as reasonably practicable after the offal is consigned there and in any event before the offal is removed from the slaughterhouse, remove the specified risk material.

(3) In the case of a sheep or goat aged over 12 months at slaughter, or that has a permanent incisor erupted through the gum, the occupier must as soon as is reasonably practicable after slaughter—

- (a) remove the spinal cord at the slaughterhouse before the post-mortem inspection; or
- (b) send the meat to—
 - (i) a cutting plant authorised under paragraph 13(1)(b);
 - (ii) a cutting plant located in another part of the United Kingdom and authorised under the corresponding provision applicable in that part; or
 - (iii) in accordance with point 10.1 of Annex V to the EU TSE Regulation (rules on trade and export), a cutting plant located in another Member State, provided that the Food Standards Agency has entered into a written agreement with the competent authority of the receiving Member State and the dispatch is in accordance with that agreement.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3)(b)(iii), “cutting plant” means an establishment—

- (a) approved or conditionally approved as such under Article 31(2) of Regulation 882/2004 (registration/approval of feed and food business establishments); or
- (b) operating as such under Article 4(5) of Regulation 853/2004 (registration and approval of establishments) pending such approval.

(5) Failure to comply with this paragraph is an offence.