
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1125

AGRICULTURE

**The Fertilisers (Mammalian Meat
and Bone Meal) Regulations 1996**

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>18th April 1996</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>18th April 1996</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>19th April 1996</i> |

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 66(1), 74A(1) and (2) and 84 of the Agriculture Act 1970⁽¹⁾, and now vested in them⁽²⁾, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation in accordance with section 84(1) of that Act with such persons or organisations as appear to them to represent the interests concerned, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fertilisers (Mammalian Meat and Bone Meal) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 19th April 1996.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“agricultural land” means land used or capable of use for the purposes of a trade or business in connection with agriculture;

“agriculture” includes fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming and livestock breeding and keeping, the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land, the use of land for woodlands, and horticulture (except the propagation of plants and the growing of plants within greenhouses and glass or plastic structures); and

“mammalian meat and bone meal” means proteinaceous material derived from the whole or part of any dead mammal by a process of crushing, cooking and grinding.

(1) 1970 c. 40; section 74A was inserted by the European Communities Act 1972 (c. 68), Schedule 4, paragraph 6, and there are other amendments to the Act not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) In the case of the Secretary of State for Wales by virtue of S.I.1978/272.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

Prohibition of mammalian meat and bone meal as or in fertiliser on agricultural land

3.—(1) No person shall sell, or have in possession with a view to sale, for use as a fertiliser on agricultural land any mammalian meat and bone meal or material derived from or containing mammalian meat and bone meal.

(2) No person shall use on agricultural land as a fertiliser any mammalian meat and bone meal or any material derived from or containing mammalian meat and bone meal.

18th April 1996

Angela Browning
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

Welsh Office
18th April 1996

Gwilym Jones
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,

Scottish Office
18th April 1996

Lindsay
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations control, in the public interest, the sale of mammalian meat and bone meal for use as or in a fertiliser on agricultural land.

Regulation 2 defines “mammalian meat and bone meal” and “agricultural land”. Regulation 3 prohibits the sale, or possession with a view to sale, for use as a fertiliser on agricultural land any mammalian meat and bone meal or material derived from or containing mammalian meat and bone meal. It also prohibits the use of mammalian meat and bone meal, or material derived from or containing mammalian meat and bonemeal, as a fertiliser on agricultural land.

It is an offence under section 74A(3) of the Agriculture Act 1970 to contravene the provisions of these Regulations.

A Compliance Cost Assessment in relation to these Regulations has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament, and copies can be obtained from the Food Contaminants Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.