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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make further provision for the enforcement of the requirements of Article 1(2) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 716/96, adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market in the United Kingdom, in so far as those requirements relate to the hides of bovine animals aged more than 30 months which do not show any clinical sign of BSE.

They ensure that, when such a hide is tanned as permitted under the Commission Regulation, any part of it not tanned is treated as controlled waste and destroyed in accordance with the requirements of the Commission Regulation.

They provide for the registration of hide dealers and tannery controllers, and for the approval of rendering plants, to permit the Minister to carry out the controls necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Commission Regulation.

A Compliance Cost Assessment for these Regulations has been prepared and placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Beef and Sheep Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2JA.