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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 3377**

**ANIMALS, ENGLAND**

**ANIMAL HEALTH**

**The Specified Risk Material (Amendment)  
(England) (No. 3) Order 2000**

*Made* - - - - *29th December 2000*  
*Laid before Parliament* *29th December 2000*  
*Coming into force* - - *19th January 2001*

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 1, 10(1)(a) and (c) and (2), 11, 29(2)(b), 35(1), 76(3) and 83(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Animal Health Act 1981(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**Title, extent and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Specified Risk Material (Amendment) (England) (No. 3) Order 2000, shall extend to England and shall come into force on 19th January 2001.

**Amendment of the Specified Risk Material Order 1997**

2.—(1) In so far as it extends to England, the Specified Risk Material Order 1997(2) shall be amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph (1) or article 4 (specified bovine material)—

“(1) In this Order, “specified bovine material” means—

- (a) the intestines from the duodenum to the rectum of any bovine animal which was slaughtered or has died elsewhere than in Australia or New Zealand;
- (b) the following material derived from a bovine animal which was slaughtered or has died in the United Kingdom or Portugal at an age greater than 6 months—

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(1) 1981 c. 22; see section 86(1) for definitions of “the Minister” and “the Ministers”. Functions of “the Ministers”, so far as exercisable in relation to England, were transferred to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food by the Transfer of Functions (Agriculture and Food) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/3141).  
(2) S.I. 1997/2964, as amended by S.I. 2000/2726 and S.I. 2000/3234.

- (i) the entire head (excluding the tongue but including the brain, eyes, trigeminal ganglia and tonsils),
  - (ii) the thymus,
  - (iii) the spleen,
  - (iv) the spinal cord; and
  - (v) (in relation to such an animal which was slaughtered or has died at an age greater than 30 months, other than a bovine animal which was accompanied at the time of slaughter by a slaughter certificate issued under the Beef Assurance Scheme as described in Schedule 1 to the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Regulations 1996<sup>(3)</sup>), the vertebral column, including dorsal root ganglia; and
- (c) the following material derived from a bovine animal which was slaughtered or has died at an age greater than 12 months elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, Portugal, Australia or New Zealand—
- (i) the skull (including the brains and eyes),
  - (ii) the tonsils, and
  - (iii) the spinal cord.”.

**Revocation of the Specified Risk Material (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Order 2000**

3. The Specified Risk Material (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Order 2000<sup>(4)</sup> shall be revoked.

29th December 2000

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<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 1996/2097, as amended by S.I. 1996/2522 and S.I. 2000/656.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 2000/3234.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which has effect in England, amends the Specified Risk Material Order 1997 and revokes the Specified Risk Material (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Order 2000. It gives effect in England to article 1 of the Commission Decision [2001/2/EC](#) (OJ No. L1, 4.1.2001, p.21) adopted on 27th December 2000 which amends Commission Decision [2000/418/EC](#) (OJ No. L158, 30.6.2000, p. 76) regulating the use of material presenting risk as regards transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. The Order brings the definition of specified risk material into line with that contained in this Commission Decision.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment in relation to this Order has not been prepared.