

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 1413

PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES

PUBLIC HEALTH, SCOTLAND

PUBLIC HEALTH, NORTHERN IRELAND

CONTAMINATION OF FOOD

**The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (England)  
Order 1986**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	13th August 1986
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		13th August 1986
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		14th August 1986

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is of the opinion, in accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985(a), that there has been or may have been an escape of substances of such descriptions and in such quantities and such circumstances as are likely to create a hazard to human health through human consumption of food;

And whereas the said Minister is of the opinion, in accordance with section 1(1)(b) of the said Act, that in consequence of the said escape of substances food which is or may be in the future in the area described in the Schedule to the following order, or which is derived or may be in the future derived from anything in that area, is, or may be, or may become, unsuitable for human consumption;

Now, therefore, the said Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section 1(1) and section 24(3) of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

*Title, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**— (1) This order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (England) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 14th August 1986.

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(a) 1985 c. 48.

(2) In this order—

- (a) “designated area” means the area described in the Schedule to this order,
- (b) “sheep” means an animal of the genus *Ovis* of whatever age or sex.

*Designated incident*

2. In the opinion of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, food in the area described in the Schedule to this order, or which is derived or may be in the future derived from anything in that area, is, or may be, or may become unsuitable for human consumption in consequence of the following escape of substances:—

the escape on or after 26th April 1986 of radioactive substances from a nuclear powered reactor situated at Chernobyl in the Ukraine, USSR.

*Designated area*

3. The area described in the Schedule to this order is hereby designated for the purposes of Part I of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985.

*Activities prohibited in the designated area*

4. No person shall in the designated area slaughter any sheep for human consumption or for use in the preparation of feeding stuffs.

*Restrictions on movement*

5.— (1) No person shall move any sheep from a farm, holding or agricultural premises situated in the designated area.

(2) No person shall move into the designated area any sheep which has been removed from that area or from an area which is from time to time designated by an order under section 1 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 which refers to the escape of substances described in article 2 of this order.

*Restrictions throughout the United Kingdom*

6. No person shall, in the United Kingdom,—

- (a) slaughter for human consumption or for use in the preparation of feeding stuffs any sheep that was in the designated area at any time after 11 am on 20th June 1986; or
- (b) supply, or have in possession for supply, any meat derived from a sheep, or any food which contains any such meat, if that sheep was in the designated area at any time after 11 am on 20th June 1986.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 13th August 1986.



*Peggy Fenner,*  
Parliamentary Secretary,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

## SCHEDULE

## Article 3

## THE DESIGNATED AREA

*Cumbria*

The area comprising those parts of the county of Cumbria which lie within the following boundary:—

From the junction of the road A593 with the road A595(T) at Broughton-in-Furness; south west on the road A595(T) via Duddon Bridge to Whicham; north on the road A595(T) via Bootle to its junction with a minor road at Cross House (O.S. map ref. SD 107889); north east on the minor road to the junction at Mireground at O.S. map ref. SD 116913; east and then north on the minor road to the junction at O.S. map ref. SD 118921; north west on the minor road to its junction with the road A595(T) at Park Nook (O.S. map ref. SD 106931); north on the road A595(T) to its junction with the minor road at O.S. map ref. SD 095978; east on the minor road to the railway station at Muncaster Mill; east on the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway to the railway station at Irton Road (O.S. map ref. SD 138999); north west on the minor road to the junction at O.S. map ref. NY 138001; north west on the minor road via Keyhow to the junction at O.S. map ref. NY 111016; north east on the minor road via Burnt House to the junction at O.S. map ref. NY 128039; north west on the minor road via Nether Wasdale to the junction at O.S. map ref. NY 119049; south west on the minor road via Wellington and Gosforth to its junction with the road A595(T) (O.S. map ref. NY 066034); north on the road A595(T) to its junction with the minor road at Calder Bridge (O.S. map ref. NY 042060); north east on the minor road to its junction with a minor road at O.S. map ref. NY 048065; north on the minor road to its junction with a minor road at O.S. map ref. NY 047066; north east on the minor road via Cold Fell and Blakeley Raise to its junction with a minor road at O.S. map ref. NY 064157; east on the minor road to its junction with a minor road at Ennerdale Bridge (O.S. map ref. NY 071158); north east on the minor road to its junction with a minor road at Croasdale (O.S. map ref. NY 093174); north on the minor road via Lamplugh to its junction with a minor road at Fangs Brow Farm; east on the minor road via Waterend, Loweswater and Brackenthwaite to its junction with the road B5289; north on the road B5289 to its junction with a minor road at O.S. map ref. NY 157230; north east on the minor road to its junction with a minor road at Hopebeck; north east on the minor road via Swinside to its junction with a minor road at O.S. map ref. NY 178254; south east on the minor road to its

junction with the road B5292; east on the road B5292 via Whinlatter Pass to its junction with the road A66(T) at Braithwaite; east on the road A66(T) to its junction with the road A591 north of Keswick; south on the road A591 through Keswick and via Thirlmere, Grasmere and Rydal Water to its junction with the main road at Ambleside (O.S. map ref. NY 376045); south west on the main road to its junction with the road A593; south west on the road A593 to its junction with a minor road at O.S. map ref. NY 332028; west on the minor road via Colwith to the junction with a minor road at Little Langdale (O.S. map ref. NY 316034); south on the minor road via High Tilberthwaite to its junction with the road A593 (O.S. map ref. SD 312997); south west on the road A593 via Coniston, Torver and Lower Hawthwaite to its junction with the road A595(T) at Broughton-in-Furness.

The area excludes any part of a road, railway or river by reference to which its boundary is defined.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This order replaces in relation to an area of land in England the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (No. 5) Order (S.I. 1986/1294) as amended (S.I. 1986/1344 and S.I. 1986/1384) which is revoked by the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (No. 5) Revocation Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/1412). It contains emergency prohibitions restricting various activities in order to prevent human consumption of food which has been or which may have been rendered unsuitable for that purpose in consequence of the escape of radioactive substances from a nuclear reactor situated at Chernobyl in the USSR.

The order designates an area of land in England affected by the escape from which the movement of sheep, and in which the slaughter of sheep, are prohibited (articles 3, 4 and 5 and the Schedule). Restrictions on the slaughter of sheep from the designated area, and the supply of meat derived from such sheep, extend throughout the United Kingdom (article 6).

Under section 21 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 the penalty for contravening an emergency prohibition is—

- (a) on summary conviction, a fine of an amount not exceeding the statutory maximum (at present £2,000);
- (b) on conviction on indictment, an unlimited fine, or imprisonment for a term of not more than two years or both.

Powers of enforcement in relation to emergency prohibitions are conferred by section 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 1985 Act. Obstruction of enforcement officers is an offence under paragraph 10 of that Schedule.



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