STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 962

ANIMALS

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Amendment) Order 1996

| Made | - | - | - | - | | 28th March 1996 |
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| Coming | into | force | 2 | - | - | 29th March 1996 |

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 on them by section 1 of the Animal Health Act 1981(1), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (Amendment) Order 1996 and shall come into force on 29th March 1996.

Amendment to the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1991

2.—(1) The Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Order 1991(**2**) shall be amended in accordance with this article.

(2) After article 12 there shall be added the following article—

"Mammalian meat and bone meal

12A.—(1) No person shall—

- (a) knowingly sell or supply for feeding to livestock, fish or equine animals any feedingstuff in which he knows or has reason to suspect any mammalian meat and bone meal has been incorporated;
- (b) after 4th April 1996 feed to livestock, fish or equine animals any feedingstuff in which he knows or has reason to suspect that any mammalian meat and bone meal has been incorporated.

^{(1) 1981} c. 22. See section 86(1)(c) for a definition of "the Ministers".

⁽²⁾ S.I.1991/2246, as amended by S.I. 1994/2627 and S.I. 1995/1928.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (1) above shall not apply to the feeding to an animal of any feedingstuff for research purposes in a research establishment under the authority of a licence issued by a veterinary inspector of the Minister and in accordance with any conditions subject to which the licence is issued, or to the sale or supply of any feedstuff to a research establishment for such purposes.

(3) No person shall use any mammalian meat and bone meal in the preparation of any feedingstuff for livestock, fish or equine animals.

(4) No person shall use any mammalian meat and bone meal in the preparation of feedingstuff for any animal in premises where feedingstuff for livestock, fish or equine animals is prepared.

(5) In this article—

"livestock" means any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skin or fur or for use in the farming of land;

"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.".

28th March 1996

Douglas Hogg Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Scottish Office 28th March 1996 *Lindsay* Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Wales

Welsh Office 28th March 1996 *Gwilym Jones* Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits the use of meat and bonemeal in the preparation of feedingstuff for livestock, fish and equine animals. It prohibits its use in feedingstuff for other animals in premises where feedingstuff for those animals is prepared. After 4th April 1996 the use of feed containing meat and bonemeal for feeding to livestock, fish and equine animals is prohibited.

A Compliance Cost Assessment has been prepared and placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Animal Health (Disease Control) Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Government Buildings, Hook Rise South, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7NF.