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The Bovine Products (Production and Despatch) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Production of controlled bovine by-products

3.—(1) Any person who produces a controlled bovine by-product of any type shall ensure that—

- (a) it is produced—
 - (i) in an establishment registered by the Department under paragraph (2) for the production of by-products of that type; and
 - (ii) from bovine animals slaughtered outside the United Kingdom; or
- (b) it is produced—
 - (i) in accordance with paragraphs (4) and (5); and
 - (ii) in an establishment registered by the Department under paragraph (3) for the production of by-products of that type.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) the Department shall register an establishment in respect of such types of controlled bovine by-products as are specified in the registration where, following an inspection of that establishment by a veterinary inspector, he is satisfied that no material derived from bovine animals slaughtered in the United Kingdom is used in the production of controlled bovine by-products there.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b) the Department shall register an establishment in respect of such types of controlled bovine by-products named in the registration where—

- (a) following an inspection of that establishment by a veterinary inspector, it is satisfied that the controlled bovine by-products of any such type produced there are produced in accordance with the appropriate conditions specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 96/239/EC;
- (b) it is satisfied that no vertebral column derived from any bovine animal is used there in the production of such by-product.

(4) Controlled bovine by-products produced in establishments registered under paragraph (3) shall be produced—

- (a) in accordance with the appropriate conditions specified in the Annex to Commission Decision 96/239/EC; and
- (b) under the control of a veterinary surgeon appointed by the Department.

(5) In the case of any controlled bovine by-products produced in establishments registered under paragraph (3)—

- (a) the identity of that establishment; and
- (b) the method by which that by-product was produced,

shall be clearly indicated, either by means of a label affixed to the by-product, on its packaging or in commercial documentation accompanying it.

(6) The operator of an establishment registered under paragraph (2) or (3) shall give the Department prior written notice of any material change in the identity of the suppliers of the materials used by him in the manufacture of controlled bovine by-products or of the facilities or processes used at that establishment in manufacturing such by-products.

(7) Where, in relation to any premises registered under paragraph (2) or (3), as the case may be-

- (a) the requirements of that paragraph are no longer satisfied; or
- (b) the operator has failed to give any notice required of him under paragraph (6),

the Department may withdraw the registration of those premises.