
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 552

**The Specified Risk Material
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

Part I

Preliminary

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“approved” in relation to any incinerator means approved by the Department for the purposes of regulation 23;

“approved”, in relation to cutting premises or a slaughterhouse, means approved by the Department for the purposes of regulation 15;

“class I specified risk material” means—

- (a) class I specified bovine material;
- (b) class I specified sheep and goat material;

but does not include material derived from animals which—

- (i) were slaughtered or died outside the United Kingdom before 1st January 1998; or
- (ii) were born, reared and slaughtered in Australia or New Zealand;

“class II specified risk material” means—

- (a) class II specified bovine material;
- (b) class II specified sheep and goat material;
- (c) any part of the ruminant animal remaining attached to class I or II specified bovine material or class I or II specified sheep and goat material after dissection of the carcase; and
- (d) any animal material which comes into contact with class I or II specified bovine material or class I or II specified sheep and goat material after it has been removed from the carcase;

“collection centre” means any premises approved by the Department under and for the purposes of regulation 22;

“consignment record” means in relation to any consignment of specified risk material, protein or tallow, a record of, as the case may be—

- (a) the date on which the consignment was dispatched or received (as the case may be);
- (b) the weight of the consignment; and
- (c) the person and the place to whom the consignment was dispatched or from whom it was received;

“cutting premises” has the meaning given in the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(1);

“Department” means Department of Agriculture;

“inspector” means a person designated as such in accordance with regulation 7(2) of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

“intestines” means that part of the digestive tract of a bovine animal from the junction of the abomasum and the duodenum to (and including) the rectum and anal sphincter;

“licensed”, in relation to cutting premises or a slaughterhouse, means licensed under the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

“official veterinary surgeon” means a person designated as such in accordance with regulation 7(1) of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997;

“the Order” means the Food Safety (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

“rendering plant” means any premises approved by the Department under and for the purposes of regulation 24;

“rendering” means, in relation to any animal material, subjecting that material to any of the systems of treatment or procedures mentioned in Schedule 4 to the Animal By-Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(2);

“ruminant animal” means a bovine animal, a sheep or a goat;

“scheme animal” means a bovine animal—

- (a) which has been slaughtered pursuant to the purchase scheme introduced under Commission Regulation (EC) No. 716/96(3) adopting exceptional support measures for the beef market in the United Kingdom; or
- (b) which, being an animal which has been exposed to bovine spongiform encephalopathy, the Department has caused to be slaughtered under paragraph 10A of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Diseases of Animal Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(4);

“sealed vehicle” means a vehicle sealed in accordance with regulation 18(3);

“specified bovine material” has the meaning given in regulation 4;

“specified risk material” means—

- (a) class I and class II specified bovine material;
- (b) class I and class II specified sheep and goat material; and
- (c) specified solid waste;

“specified sheep and goat material” has the meaning given in regulation 3;

“specified solid waste” means any solid matter resulting from the slaughter of any ruminant animal or from the subsequent processing of the carcasses of such an animal and which is collected in any part of the drainage system draining any place where specified bovine material or specified sheep and goat material is handled;

“tallow” means fat derived from animal tissues by a process of rendering;

“vertebral column” means the whole or any part thereof and includes the sacrum but does not include the coccygeal vertebrae; and

“young lamb stamp” means the stamp described in regulation 16(2).

(1) S.R. 1997 No. 493

(2) S.R. 1993 No. 192

(3) O.J. No. L99, 19.4.96, p. 14, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order

(4) S.I. 1981 No. 1115 (N.I. 22)

(2) In these Regulations the expression “mechanical means” does not include the use of hand held powered knives which do not use powered pressure or suction.

(3) The provisions of these Regulations shall apply to specified bovine material from scheme animals, except that the provisions appearing in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 2 shall apply only to the extent, and subject to the modifications, specified opposite hereto in Column 2.

(4) In these Regulations “stained blue” in relation to any material means being treated (whether by immersion, spraying or other application) with a 0.5% weight/volume solution of the colouring agent Patent Blue V (E131, 1971 Colour Index No. 42051)(5) in such a way that the colouring is clearly visible—

- (a) (in the case of specified risk material other than the head of a sheep or goat) over the whole surface of the material; and
- (b) (in the case of the head of a sheep or goat) over the whole of the cut surface and majority of the head.

(5) In these Regulations “stained yellow” in relation to any material means being treated (whether by immersion, spraying or other application) with 0.5% weight/volume solution of the colouring agent Tartrazine (E102, Colour Index No. 19140) in such a way that the colouring is clearly visible over the whole surface of the material.

(5) Colour Index is published by the Society of Dyers and Colourists at Perkin House, 82 Grattan Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD1 2JB