
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**Animal By-Products (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Restriction on disposal of animal by-products referred to in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

5. Regulations 4 and 5 shall be replaced with the following regulations—

“Restriction on disposal of animal by-products referred to in Schedule 1

4.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, any person who has in his possession or under his control any animal by-product referred to in Schedule 1 shall dispose of it without undue delay by—

- (a) rendering in approved premises;
- (b) complete incineration in an incinerator; or
- (c) burning other than in an incinerator or by burial if—
 - (i) the by-product is in a place where access is difficult; or
 - (ii) the amount of by-product and the distance to approved rendering premises or an incinerator do not justify transporting it.

(2) If the Department serves on the person in charge of any animal by-product a notice certifying that—

- (a) the by-product is from animals infected or suspected of being infected with an epizootic disease and should not be transported because of health risks;
- (b) the by-product is from animals infected or suspected of being infected with serious disease, or contains residues which could constitute a risk to human or animal health and which could survive rendering; or
- (c) there is a lack of capacity at rendering premises or incinerators;

then that person shall, without due delay, dispose of the by-product by burning or by burial as may be specified in the notice.

(3) If the Department thinks fit, it may serve a notice on any person in possession of an animal by-product referred to in Part I of Schedule 1 requiring its complete incineration in an incinerator.

Exemptions from regulation 4

5.—(1) The provisions of regulation 4 shall not apply to any person consigning or using an animal by-product for scientific purposes.

(2) The provisions of regulation 4 shall not apply to any person consigning or using animal by-products referred to in Part II of Schedule 1 for the preparation of petfood or technical or pharmaceutical products in premises registered under regulation 8.

(3) Where any by-product is used in accordance with paragraph (2) the Department may by notice require that it be dispatched, stored or processed in a specific location and under specific conditions.

(4) The provisions of regulation 4 shall not apply to—

- (a) any person consigning animal by-products to a person licensed by the Department to partly render animal by-products, or
- (b) any person partly rendering animal by-products on premises licensed by the Department provided that the part-rendered product is disposed of in accordance with regulation 4 or, in the case of material referred to in Part II of Schedule 1, in accordance with paragraph (2).

Exemptions from regulation 4 relating to certain types of animal by-product

5A.—(1) This regulation applies to—

- (a) a by-product referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (e) of Part I of Schedule 1 (provided that it is not from an animal slaughtered as a result of the presence or suspected presence of a notifiable disease listed in Annex I to Council Directive [82/894/EEC](#) (on the notification of animal diseases within the Community)(**1**)); and
- (b) a by-product referred to in Part II of Schedule 1.

(2) The provisions of regulation 4 shall not apply to any person consigning animal by-products to which this regulation applies to a knacker's yard or to premises where zoo, circus or fur animals, recognised packs of hounds or maggots farmed for fishing bait are fed.

(3) The provisions of regulation 4 shall not apply to any person treating an animal by-product to which this regulation applies in a knacker's yard.

(4) The provisions of regulation 4 shall not apply to any person using an animal by-product to which this regulation applies for feeding zoo, circus or fur animals, recognised packs of hounds or maggots farmed for fishing bait.

Knackers' yards

5B. The occupier of a knacker's yard shall ensure that any animal by-product received by him is either—

- (a) cooked or denatured without delay and then distributed locally for feeding animals whose flesh is not intended for human consumption in a way that entails no risk to human or animal health, or
- (b) disposed of without delay in accordance with regulation 4.”.

(1) O.J. No. L378, 31.12.82, as amended by Council Regulation ([EEC](#)) No. 3768/85 (O.J. No. L362, 31.12.85, p. 8), Commission Decision [89/162/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L61, 4.3.89, p. 48) and Commission Decision [92/450/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L248, 28.8.92, p. 77)