EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend regulation 3 of the Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989. The amendment adds to the list of meat presumed, for the purposes of those Regulations, to be unfit for human consumption, meat derived from a bovine animal which has been slaughtered for human consumption and has been shown to be more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of age at the time of slaughter, but which was not accompanied, at the time of slaughter, by a slaughter certificate issued under regulation 5(1) of the Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 or a scheme which provides an exception to the prohibition of sale of meat from older bovine animals.