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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2002 No. 340**

**Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002**

**PART III**

**PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PRODUCTS IN GENERAL**

**Consignments and products illegally introduced**

**24.—(1)** This regulation applies –

- (a) where a consignment or product is introduced into Northern Ireland from a third country but is not presented in accordance with regulation 18;
- (b) where a consignment or product originating in a third country has been introduced into Northern Ireland from elsewhere in the relevant territories, but has not been presented at a border inspection post there;
- (c) where the border inspection post of destination of a consignment of Article 9 products is in Northern Ireland but the consignment is not presented there in accordance with regulation 18(1); and
- (d) where a consignment introduced into Northern Ireland is presented to the official veterinary surgeon at a border inspection post not designated and approved for veterinary checks on the products comprised therein.

(2) In the circumstances described in paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (c) an authorised officer, shall, by notice served on the person appearing to him to have charge of it, and, in the circumstances described in paragraph (1)(d), the official veterinary surgeon, shall, by notice served on the person responsible for it, take charge of the consignment or product and either –

- (a) redispach it, by the mode of transport by which it was first introduced into the relevant territories, to a destination, agreed with the owner, in the circumstances described in paragraph (1)(a), (b) and (c), or with the person responsible for the consignment, in the circumstances described in paragraph (1)(d), located in a third country within a period of sixty days commencing with the day following the service of the notice; or
- (b) destroy it without delay in accordance with the Animal By-Products Order by rendering or incineration in the facilities provided for that purpose nearest to the place at which the authorised officer or official veterinary surgeon takes charge of it.