

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations implement, for Northern Ireland, Commission Decision [2007/554/EC](#) concerning protection measures against foot-and-mouth disease in the United Kingdom.

They regulate—

- (a) the dispatch of live animals (regulation 3);
- (b) the dispatch of meat from bovine, ovine caprine and porcine animals (regulation 4);
- (c) the dispatch of meat products, milk and dairy products (regulations 5, 6 and 7);
- (d) the dispatch of semen, ova or embryos of animals of the bovine, ovine, caprine and porcine species and other biungulates (regulation 8);
- (e) the dispatch of hides and skins (regulation 9); and
- (f) the dispatch of various other animal products (regulation 10).

They provide powers for enforcement (regulations 13 and 14 ) and create offences of obstruction and provision of false or misleading information (regulations 15 and 16).

Breach of the Regulations is an offence, punishable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (currently £5,000) or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or to both;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both.