
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order 1988 (“the principal Order”) contains emergency prohibitions restricting various activities in order to prevent human consumption of food which has been or which may have been rendered unsuitable for that purpose in consequence of the escape of radioactive substances from a nuclear reactor situated at Chernobyl in the Ukraine, USSR. The principal Order made certain exceptions to the following prohibitions imposed by articles 4, 5 and 6 of that Order:—

- (a) the prohibition on slaughter of sheep in any of the designated areas;
- (b) the prohibition on movement of sheep;
- (c) the prohibition applying throughout the United Kingdom on the slaughter of, and the supply of meat derived from, any sheep which has been in the designated areas.

This Order revises the exceptions as follows—to except from the prohibitions on slaughter and from the said prohibition on the supply of meat, any sheep which has been marked (in accordance with a consent given under section 2(1) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985) with a blue paint mark on or before 10th January 1988 without the necessity of such sheep having been examined and marked with an ear-tag by a person authorised by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for Scotland or Wales, or the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (article 3(1) and (3)).

The exceptions from the said prohibition on movement of any sheep which has been so marked with an apricot or green paint mark remain unchanged.

The exceptions from the said prohibitions on slaughter of sheep, and from the said prohibition on the supply of meat, where any such sheep has been moved in accordance with such consent given on or after 11th January 1988 which consent was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with an apricot paint mark, and where any such sheep has been examined and marked with an ear-tag by a person authorised by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for Scotland or Wales, or the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, also remain unchanged.