

Order made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, laid before Parliament under section 1(8) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament within twenty-eight days beginning with the day on which the Order was made, subject to extension for periods of dissolution, prorogation or adjournment for more than four days.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1990 No. 1789

**PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES
PUBLIC HEALTH, SCOTLAND
PUBLIC HEALTH, NORTHERN IRELAND
CONTAMINATION OF FOOD**

**The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Copper
or Other Metal Poisoning) (England) Order 1990**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>30th August 1990</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>31st August 1990</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st August 1990</i>

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1(1) and (2) and section 24(1) and (3) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, being of the opinion that there exist or may exist circumstances which are likely to create a hazard to human health through human consumption of food and that in consequence food which is derived or may be in the future derived from sheep in the area described in the Schedule to the following Order, is, or may be, or may become, unsuitable for human consumption, hereby makes the following Order:

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Copper or Other Metal Poisoning) (England) Order 1990 and shall come into force on 31st August 1990.

(1) 1985 c. 48; section 1 was amended by section 51 of the Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16), and section 24 was amended by paragraph 29 of Schedule 3 to that Act.

Designated circumstances

2. In the opinion of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, sheep in the area designated in article 3 below may have eaten copper or other poisonous metal and are likely to create a hazard to human health if their meat is consumed.

Designated area

3. The area described in the schedule to this Order is hereby designated for the purposes of Part I of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985.

Prohibitions on movement

4.—(1) No person shall move from the designated area any sheep bearing an ear tag described in paragraph (3).

(2) No person shall move from the designated area anything derived from any such sheep.

(3) The ear tags referred to in paragraph (1) are ear tags bearing the following numbers—

13

49

49 (in green)

50 (in green)

175 (in red)

687

818 (in red)

918 (in red)

996 (in red)

999

1000

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on

L.S.

30th August 1990.

Trumpington
Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

SCHEDULE

Article 3

THE DESIGNATED AREA

SHIRLEYHURST FARM
BODLE STREET
RUSHLAKE GREEN
HEATHFIELD
SUSSEX

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits the movement of certain sheep and anything derived from them from a designated area (articles 3 and 4 and the Schedule). They are likely to create a hazard to human health because they may be contaminated (article 2).

Under section 21 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 the penalty for contravening an emergency prohibition is—

- (a) on summary conviction, a fine of an amount not exceeding the statutory maximum (at present £2,000);
- (b) on conviction on indictment, an unlimited fine, or imprisonment for a term of not more than two years, or both.

Powers of enforcement in relation to emergency prohibitions are conferred by section 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 1985 Act. Obstruction of enforcement officers is an offence under paragraph 10 of that Schedule.