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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2097**

**The Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) Regulations 1996**

**Prohibition of sale of meat from older bovine animals**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation, no person shall sell for human consumption any meat derived from a bovine animal slaughtered on or after 29th March 1996 in which, at the time of slaughter, there were more than two permanent incisors erupted, unless it can be shown by reference to a national administrative document, cattle birth record document or cattle passport relating to the animal that at the time of slaughter the animal was no more than two years and six months old.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall not apply to meat derived from a bovine animal—

- (a) which was accompanied, at the time of slaughter, by a slaughter certificate issued under the Beef Assurance Scheme set out in Schedule 1;
- (b) which was admitted to a slaughterhouse in accordance with regulation 18(2) of the Fresh Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) Regulations 1995(1) and accompanied by a veterinary certificate issued under the Beef Assurance Scheme, or
- (c) which was born, reared and slaughtered in any of the countries specified in Schedule 2.