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The Heads of Sheep and Goats (Treatment and Disposal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland

4. Notification Number

96/0357/UK

5. Title

The Heads of Sheep and Goats (Treatment and Disposal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996.

6. Products Concerned

Sheep and goats heads and any food containing any part of a sheep or goat head or anything derived therefrom. The Regulation exempt, however, any tongue removed from the head immediately after slaughter of the animal.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This legislation prohibits the sale for human consumption of any part of the head of a sheep or goat (excluding the tongue) and of food containing any part of such heads. It also prohibits the sale of any part of such heads (excluding the tongue) for use in the preparation of food for sale for human consumption and the use of any part of such heads in the preparation of such food. It also requires sheep and goat heads to be removed from the carcass immediately after slaughter, stained and consigned to certain specified premises for disposal.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Recent advice from the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC) indicates that BSE could have become established in the sheep flock. Experiments have shown that BSE can be transmitted to sheep by the oral route and the possibility that some sheep have been exposed to contaminated feed cannot be ruled out. The brains of sheep have been shown to have the highest levels of infectivity. It is not considered to be practical to remove the brain from the skull without leaving residual contamination so the removal of the whole head (other than the tongue) is recommended.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. A draft copy of the statutory Rule, 'The Heads of Sheep and Goats (Treatment and disposal) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 has been sent by fax today 13



September 1996.

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- iii. -

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

For the reasons given above, the urgent introduction of legislation is necessary for the protection of public health generally and in particular to strengthen safeguards against the transmission of BSE to humans.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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