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## **the bovine offal (prohibition) (amendment) regulations (northern ireland) 1994**

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End of Standstill : Closed  
Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

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FRISTERNE INDLEDES IKKE -KEIN FRISTBEGINN - DOES NOT OPEN THE  
DELAYS - NO ABRE EL PLAZO - N'OUVRE PAS DE DELAIS - NON FA  
DECORRERE LA MORA - GEEN TERMIJNBEGIN - NAO INICIA O PRAZO

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

united kingdom

**3. Department Responsible**

department of trade and industry: standards policy unit

**3. Originating Department**

department of agriculture northern ireland

**4. Notification Number**

94/0185/UK



## 5. Title

the bovine offal (prohibition) (amendment) regulations  
(northern ireland) 1994

## 6. Products Concerned

the intestines and thymus of bovine calves under the age of  
six months

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

a) the amendment in article 3 of the bovine offal  
(prohibition) (amendment) regulations (northern ireland)  
1994 by re-defining 'specified bovine offal' (sbo), extends  
the scope of the existing ban on the use of sbo with  
respect to material for human consumption to the intestines  
and thymus of calves under the age of six months.

recognition of equivalent standards and testing in notified  
draft is not provided as it is not applicable in this case.

b) the united kingdom would like to be informed by other  
member states of their own standards or regulations  
offering an equivalent level of safety and security.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

late in june a pathogenesis experiment produced evidence for  
the first time of bse infectivity outside the brain and spinal  
cord, namely in the small intestine (distal ileum) of calves.  
these results have been assessed by the independent advisory  
committee chaired by dr tyrrell and by the governments chief  
medical officer, dr calman. as a precautionary measure the  
uk is to extend the present ban on the use of sbo to include  
the intestines and thymus of calves under the age of six  
months.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

draft text:

the bovine offal (prohibition) (amendment) regulations  
(northern ireland) 1994.

basic text:

the bovine offal (prohibition) regulations (northern ireland)  
1990 sr 1990/30

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure



yes

### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

ministers, having considered the advice of the independent advisory committee and the chief medical officer, are to take immediate action. although the theoretical risk of infection of man from food from infected calves is minuscule the uk policy of extreme caution requires action to ensure that the tissues in which significant infectivity might be present are removed from the human and animal food chain. continuing results of the experiment will be carefully monitored.

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