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## The Heads of Sheep and Goats Order 1996

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End of Standstill : Closed

Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

### Message

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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  
MÄÄRÄAIKA EI ALA TÄSTÄ - INLEDER INGEN FRIST.

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

United Kingdom

**3. Department Responsible**



Departement of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate 2.

**3. Originating Department**

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Animal Health (BSE 1) Division.

**4. Notification Number**

96/327/UK

**5. Title**

The Heads of Sheep and Goats Order 1996

**6. Products Concerned**

Sheep and Goats Heads

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

N/A

**8. Main Content**

This Order prohibits sale for human consumption of any part of the head of a sheep or a goat and of food containing any part of such heads. It also prohibits the sale of any such heads for use in the preparation of food for sale for human consumption and the use of any such heads in the preparation of such food.

The heads are required to be removed immediatly after slaughter, stained and disposed of in accordance with the Order except in certain specified premises and disposed of as if they were specified bovine material. To this end various provisions of the Specified Bovine Material (No.3) Order 1996 (notified under 96/0285/UK) are applied in relation to the heads of Sheep and Goats as they apply to specified bovine material (No.3). Order 1996 are applied in relation to the heads of Sheep and Goats as they apply to specified bovine material. Conditions are also laid down for the rendering of whole carcasses.

**8.**

N/A

**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 the BSE can be transmitted to sheep by the oral route and the possibility that some sheep have been exposed to contaminated feed cannot be rules out. The brains of sheep have been shown th 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 is necessary.



#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

- i. Heads of Sheep and Goats Order 1996  
The Zoonoses Order 1988
- ii. Specified Bovine Material (No.3) Order 1996  
The Animal Health Act 1981  
The Food Safety Act 1990(a)
- iii. N/A

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

Yes

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

The UK Government is committed to implementing the recommendations of SEAC at the earliest possible opportunity, given that the Committee provides the necessary advice to the UK Government on matters relating to spongiform encephalopathies, including the risks to human and animal health.

#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

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