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## the bovine offal (prohibition) (amendment) regulations 1994

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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

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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**

ministry of agriculture, fisheries and food

**4. Notification Number**

94/0183/UK

**5. Title**



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

basic text:

the bovine offal (prohibition) regulations 1989, si 1989/2061.

the bovine offal (prohibition) (amendment) regulations 1992, si 1992/306 (notification number 91/0295/uk)

#### **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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