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The Specified Risk Material Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

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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

97/0869/UK

5. Title

The Specified Risk Material Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

6. Products Concerned

Specified Risk Material (SRM), as defined in Commission Decision 97/534/EC.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This legislation will introduce in Northern Ireland controls on the import of specified risk material (SRM) and certain food products and feeding stuffs containing SRM. It will also re-make, with some changes, provisions formerly contained in the Specified Bovine Material Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 (which came into force on 1 May 1997) and the Heads of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 (which came into force on 16 September 1996). In particular the legislation is extended to cover a much wider class of sheep and goat SRM (formerly it only related to the heads of those animals) and applies the same controls in relation to such SRM as in the case of bovine SRM.

The controls on the import of specified risk materials, and certain imported food and feeding stuffs containing them, will include a requirement for certification by the veterinary authorities in the place from which they were despatched to Northern Ireland. The certificate would confirm the absence of SRM. Materials from animals which died or were slaughtered outside the UK before 1 January and those from animals born, reared and slaughtered in Australia and New Zealand would not be affected.

The Order will prohibit the sale of specified risk material from ruminant animals slaughtered in the United Kingdom, and products derived therefrom, for use in the manufacture of cosmetic, pharmaceutical and medical products and the use of all specified risk material in feeding stuffs for any creature, subject to an exemption for research purposes. It will also provide for the approval of premises as suitable to process specified risk material in a manufacturing process not producing any food, feeding stuff, cosmetic, pharmaceutical or medical product or any product likely to



come into contact with any of them.

The Order will contain provisions on storage and transport and will make provision for the recall and disposal of specified risk material and feeding stuffs containing specified risk material imported, produced or sold in contravention of the Order.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The introduction of this legislation follows a recommendation earlier this year by the UK Government's independent scientific advisors (the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (SEAC)), that early action be taken to introduce tighter controls on use of SRM (i.e. those parts of cattle, sheep and goats which are considered to pose a significant risk of infection by a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy), preferably on an EU-wide basis. Commission Decision but introduction of controls may be deferred following failure to agree on a new proposal designed to overcome a number of problems identified since July. (These concerned the effect of the decision on trade with third countries in pharmaceutical and cosmetic products, its effect on certain industries using SRM in processes posing no risk to public health, and the fact that it may cause shortages of essential pharmaceutical products.) The UK considers that, pending the implementation of any replacement Decision, it is necessary for health reasons to implement controls on the lines of the original Decision (though taking into account the Commission's more recent proposals) by the prescribed date. This is partially achieved in this Order.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. A copy of the draft Statutory Rule, the Specified Risk Material Order (Northern Ireland) 1997, is attached.

ii. Not applicable.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

Yes

12. Grounds for the Emergency

This measure has been introduced under the emergency procedure in the interest of public health.

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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