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## The Heads of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

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End of Standstill : Closed

Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

### Message

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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 and Technical Regulations Directorate

**3. Originating Department**

Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland

**4. Notification Number**

96/0358/UK

**5. Title**

The Heads of Sheep and Goats Order (Northern Ireland) 1996.

**6. Products Concerned**

Sheep and goats heads and whole sheep and goat carcass

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

This legislation requires that heads removed from sheep or goats to be consigned to certain specified premises and disposal of. It also regulates the rendering of whole carcass of sheep and goats and the importation of sheep and goat heads from Great Britain.

**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 Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 has been sent by fax today 13 September 1996.

(ii) -

(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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