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PUBLIC HEALTH

Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made . . . . . 28th September 1990

Coming into operation . . 1st October 1990

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 1(1) and 24(3) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985(**a**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, being of the opinion in accordance with section 1(1) of that Act that there exist or may exist circumstances which are likely to create a hazard to human health through human consumption of food and that in consequence food which is or may be in the future in the areas described in the Schedule to the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**) or which is derived or may be in the future derived from anything in those areas, is, or may be, or may become, unsuitable for human consumption, hereby makes the following Order:—

Title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1990.

Amendment

2. For Article 6(2) of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**) there shall be substituted:—

"(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of—

(*a*) any sheep which was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under section 2(1) of the Act which did not require that the sheep to which it applies should be marked in a manner specified therein;

(*b*) any sheep which was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under the said section 2(1) on or before 1st October 1989 which was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with a green mark;

(*c*) any sheep which was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under the said section 2(1) on or before 14th January 1990 which was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with a blue mark;

(**a**) 1985 c. 48 as amended by the Food Safety Act 1990 (c. 16). *See also* section 25(2) 1985 c. 48

(**b**) S.R. 1987 No. 367 as amended by S.R. 1988 No. 194 and S.R. 1990 No. 283

(*d*) any sheep which was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under the said section 2(1) on or before 29th July 1990 which was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with an apricot mark; or

(*e*) any sheep which—

(i) was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under the said section 2(1) which was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with a red mark;

(ii) was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under the said section 2(1) on or after 30th July 1990 which was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with a green mark; or

(iii) was moved from any place in accordance with a consent given under the said section 2(1) on or after 1st October 1990 which was subject to the condition that the sheep to which it applies should be marked with a blue mark;

and which has been examined and marked with an ear tag by a person authorised in that behalf by the Department.''.

Revocation

3. The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990(**a**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 28th September 1990.

(L.S.) *D. A. J. Hirrell*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.R. 1990 No. 283

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 (as amended) (''the principal order'') contains emergency prohibitions on various activities in order to prevent human consumption of food which has been or which may have been rendered unsuitable for that purpose in consequence of the escape of radioactive substances from a nuclear reactor situated at Chernobyl in the USSR.

This Order further amends the principal order by—

(*a*) exempting from the prohibition on slaughter throughout the United Kingdom any sheep identified by a blue paint mark on or after 1st October 1990 which has been examined and subsequently marked with an ear tag by a person authorised by the Department of Agriculture and from the prohibition on the supply, throughout the United Kingdom of any meat derived from such sheep; and

(*b*) removing the requirement that sheep identified by an apricot paint mark on or before 29th July 1990 must be examined and marked with an ear tag before being exempt from the prohibition on slaughter throughout the United Kingdom and the prohibition on the supply throughout the United Kingdom of any meat derived from such sheep.

This Order also revokes the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990.