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FOOD SAFETY

**The Specified Risk Material
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

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**THE SPECIFIED RISK MATERIAL
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Part IV

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SCHEDULE 1 Rendering requirements

- Part I — Requirements to be met where specified risk material is rendered
1. The premises shall be adequately separated from the public highway...
 2. Unauthorised persons and animals shall not be permitted to have...
 3. The premises or part of the premises used to process...
 4. The premises shall have sufficient capacity of hot water and...
 5. The equipment used to render specified risk material shall include —...
 6. To prevent recontamination of processed specified risk material by incoming...

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7. The premises must have adequate facilities for cleaning and disinfecting...
8. Adequate facilities must be provided for disinfecting the wheels, immediately...

Part II — Methods of rendering

Method 1

Natural fat batch atmospheric (150 mm particle size)

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Cooking
4. Separation and storage of final products
5. Records

Method 2

Natural fat batch atmospheric (30 mm particle size)

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Cooking
4. Separation and storage of final products
5. Records

Method 3

Added fat batch atmospheric (30 mm particle size)

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Cooking
4. Separation and storage of final products
5. Records

Method 4

Natural fat batch (Batch Pressure)

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Cooking
4. Separation and storage of final products
5. Records

Method 5

Natural fat continuous atmospheric

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Cooking
4. Separation and storage of final products
5. Records

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Method 6

Added fat continuous atmospheric

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Cooking
4. Separation and storage of final products
5. Records

Method 7

Defatted continuous atmospheric

1. Equipment
2. Crushing
3. Pre-heating
4. Pressing
5. Drying
6. Storage of final products
7. Records

SCHEDULE Application of the Order to Scheme animals

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Explanatory Note