
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Animal By-Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

PART III

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS AND THEIR USE

Access to animal by-products

9.—(1) A person shall not feed any animal by-product (other than liquid milk or colostrums used on the farm of origin) to any farmed animal, or any other ruminant animal, pig or poultry, unless it has been processed in an approved Category 3 processing plant.

(2) A person shall not allow any farmed animal, or any other ruminant animal, pig or poultry, to have access to any animal by-product (other than milk, colostrum or manure) unless it has been –

- (a) processed in an approved processing plant;
- (b) treated in an approved biogas or composting plant; or
- (c) (in the case of digestive tract content) applied to land at least three weeks before the access.

(3) A person shall not bring any animal by-product (other than milk, colostrum, manure or digestive tract content) on to any premises where any farmed animal, or any other ruminant animal, pig or poultry, is kept, unless it has been –

- (a) processed in an approved processing plant; or
- (b) treated in an approved biogas or composting plant.

(4) The preceding paragraph shall not apply to –

- (a) animal by-products brought on to premises in a vehicle which enters to collect other by-products providing the by-products brought onto the premises are not removed from the vehicle while on the premises; or
- (b) animal by-products brought onto collection centres, petfood plants, incinerators or other approved premises which are situated on the same premises as the animals specified in that paragraph and which were in operation on 1st November 2002 provided that the animals do not have access to the by-products.

(5) A person shall not allow any animals to have access to material in a biogas or composting plant, provided that wild birds may have access to the material during the secondary and subsequent phase of composting.

(6) In this regulation “animal by-product” includes catering waste of all kinds, including catering waste to which the Community Regulation does not apply because of Article 1(2)(e) of that Regulation.

(7) This regulation does not prohibit feeding animal by-products to animals under Article 23(2) of the Community Regulation as enforced by regulation 26(3).

(8) A person who contravenes any provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.