
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Specified Risk Material Regulations 1997

PART VI

TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIED RISK MATERIAL

Procedure for bringing in specified risk material from Northern Ireland

20.—(1) No person shall bring specified risk material into Great Britain from Northern Ireland unless—

- (a) it is stained in accordance with legislation having effect in Northern Ireland and corresponding to the provisions of these Regulations relating to staining;
- (b) it is exempt from the requirement to stain under that legislation by virtue of provisions corresponding to regulation 5 of these Regulations; or
- (c) it is transported in a sealed vehicle in accordance with the provisions of legislation having effect in Northern Ireland corresponding to the provisions of regulation 17 of these Regulations.

(2) Any person bringing specified risk material into Great Britain from Northern Ireland shall immediately transport it to one of the destinations specified in regulations 15(1)(a) above or 21(1) below.

Consignment of specified risk material

21.—(1) Once specified risk material has been removed from the carcase and treated in accordance with these regulations, or, in the case of specified solid waste, recovered from the drainage system, the person responsible for its removal or recovery shall, without unreasonable delay, send it directly to—

- (a) an approved collection centre;
- (b) an approved rendering plant;
- (c) premises referred to in regulation 5(3)(a) above;
- (d) an approved incinerator; or
- (e) premises approved under article 10 of the Specified Risk Material Order 1997.

(2) Any person consigning specified risk material from the place where it was removed from the carcase or recovered from a drainage system shall keep a consignment record for two years from the date of consignment.

Approved collection centres

22.—(1) Any person delivering specified risk material to an approved collection centre shall state in writing to the operator of the collection centre concerned the place from which that specified risk material was collected for delivery to that collection centre.

(2) No person shall take delivery of specified risk material at a collection centre, or operate a collection centre for specified risk material, unless it has been approved and has sufficient facilities for storing and handling specified risk material in a manner which keeps it separate from other animal material.

(3) The operator of an approved collection centre shall make a consignment record on arrival of specified risk material at the collection centre and shall keep that record for two years from the date of arrival.

(4) The operator of an approved collection centre shall ensure that—

- (a) without prejudice to the storage requirements of regulation 28 below, all specified risk material in the collection centre is kept separate from all other animal material; and
- (b) all equipment used in relation to the collection or storage of specified risk material that comes into contact with such material is thoroughly washed and disinfected before he uses the equipment or allows it to be used in relation to the collection or storage of any other material.

(5) No person shall consign specified risk material from an approved collection centre except to an approved incinerator or an approved rendering plant.

(6) Any person who consigns specified risk material in accordance with paragraph (5) above shall keep a consignment record for two years from the date of consignment.

Approved incinerators

23.—(1) Any person delivering specified risk material to an approved incinerator shall state in writing to the operator of the incinerator concerned the place from which that specified risk material was collected for delivery to that incinerator.

(2) No person shall operate an incinerator incinerating specified risk material unless—

- (a) the incinerator has been approved as having suitable facilities to incinerate specified risk material in accordance with paragraph (4) below;
- (b) he disposes of the ash in a way that does not pose a risk to human or animal health; and
- (c) the incinerator is equipped with a refractory lining.

(3) The operator of an approved incinerator shall make a consignment record on the arrival of specified risk material at the premises and shall keep that record for two years from the date of arrival.

(4) The operator of an approved incinerator shall incinerate all specified risk material delivered to him to a standard specified in the approval and in such a way that all moisture is removed, the material is reduced to ash and the ash is disposed of in accordance with the terms of the approval.

(5) No person shall remove specified risk material from an approved incinerator unless it has been completely incinerated.

Approved rendering plants

24.—(1) Any person delivering specified risk material to an approved rendering plant shall state in writing to the operator of the rendering plant concerned the place from which that specified risk material was collected for delivery to that rendering plant.

(2) No person shall take delivery of specified risk material at a rendering plant, or operate a rendering plant for specified risk material, unless it has been approved as having the facilities specified in Part I of Schedule 1 to these Regulations sufficient to enable it to separate the specified risk material into protein and tallow by one of the methods specified in Part II of that Schedule.

(3) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall make a consignment record on the arrival of specified risk material at the premises and shall keep that record for two years from the date of arrival.

(4) Without prejudice to the storage requirements of regulation 28 below, the operator of an approved rendering plant shall ensure that all specified risk material in the rendering plant is kept and stored separately from all other material, handled separately from other material and rendered separately from other material.

(5) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall ensure that specified risk material is processed without undue delay and in any event within seven days of delivery using one of the methods described in Part II of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(6) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall ensure (except as provided by paragraph (7) below) that any equipment used for processing specified risk material is used only for that purpose.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8) below, the Minister may, on application by the operator of an approved rendering plant, consent to the use for other purposes of equipment previously used for processing specified risk material.

(8) No consent given pursuant to paragraph (7) above shall be effective until the Minister has indicated in writing that he is satisfied that the equipment concerned has been cleaned in accordance with any conditions specified in that consent.

(9) After the specified risk material has been processed and separated into protein and tallow the operator of the plant shall ensure that—

- (a) all protein is placed in a container labelled “specified risk material” and disposed of—
 - (i) by burial at a landfill site for which there exists a current waste management licence granted under section 35 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990⁽¹⁾;
 - (ii) as specified in the approval; or
 - (iii) by sending to an approved incinerator; and
- (b) all tallow is placed in a container labelled “specified risk material” and—
 - (i) disposed of by burial at a landfill site for which there exists a current waste management licence granted under section 35 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990;
 - (ii) in the case of tallow derived from class II specified risk material, sent to premises approved under article 10 of the Specified Risk Material Order 1997 either for treatment by thermal hydrolysis at hyperbaric pressure or for use in such other process as is specified in the approval of those premises;
 - (iii) disposed of as specified in the approval; or
 - (iv) sent to an approved incinerator.

(10) Protein and tallow produced from animal material, other than specified risk material, from scheme animals shall be disposed of by burning in a manner which has been authorised under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

(11) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall keep a consignment record for two years in relation to all protein and tallow consigned for disposal pursuant to paragraph (9) or (10) above.

(12) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall ensure that all containers, receptacles and vehicles which have been used for the transport of specified risk material are cleaned, washed and disinfected before they leave the premises.

(1) 1990 c. 43.

(13) No person shall move from the unclean section of an approved rendering plant (as specified by the occupier in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 1 to these Regulations) into the clean section without first changing his working clothes and footwear or disinfecting the latter.

(14) No person shall take equipment or utensils from the unclean section into the clean section of an approved rendering plant unless the equipment or utensils are first washed and disinfected.

(15) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall ensure that systematic measures are taken to control birds, rodents, insects and other vermin on the premises.

(16) The operator of an approved rendering plant shall ensure that the premises and equipment are kept in a good state of repair and that measuring equipment is calibrated at regular intervals.

Veterinary or laboratory premises, etc.

25.—(1) No person shall transport specified risk material to premises referred to in regulation 5(3)(a) above unless the specified risk material is in a container marked with—

- (a) the words “specified risk material”;
- (b) its place of destination; and
- (c) the name of the person to whom it is being sent.

(2) Any person delivering specified risk material to such premises shall state in writing to the consignee the place from which the specified risk material was collected for delivery.

(3) The consignee shall make a consignment record on the arrival of specified risk material at the premises and shall keep that record for two years from the date of arrival.

(4) The consignee shall not dispose of or consign that material except to other premises referred to in regulation 5(3)(a) above or to premises referred to in regulation 21 above, in which case he shall keep a consignment record for two years.

(5) When the specified risk material is no longer needed, the consignee shall—

- (a) ensure that any residual specified risk material is destroyed on the premises by incineration or is consigned to premises specified in regulation 21 above for destruction;
- (b) ensure (where specified risk material is consigned for destruction in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) above) that the residual specified risk material is stained blue before consignment; and
- (c) keep a record for two years of the place and method of destruction.

(6) For the purposes of this regulation, the “consignee” is the occupier of premises specified in regulation 5(3)(a) above to which specified risk material is delivered.

Power to give directions

26.—(1) If the Minister is satisfied that specified risk material cannot be disposed of under the provisions of these Regulations, whether for reasons of mechanical breakdown of equipment or otherwise, he may give written directions to the owner or person in control of the specified risk material for its disposal in a safe manner.

(2) In the event of any person not complying with those directions, the Minister may make arrangements for the disposal of the specified risk material at the expense of the owner.

Transport

27.—(1) The person in control of a vehicle transporting specified risk material shall ensure that it is conveyed either in an impervious container which contains nothing but specified risk material or in a part of the vehicle which is impervious and contains nothing but specified risk material and

which in either case is kept covered at all times except when necessary for loading or unloading or examination by an authorised officer of an enforcement authority.

(2) Any person transporting specified risk material shall ensure that the part of the vehicle in which specified risk material has been conveyed is thoroughly washed and disinfected before any food is subsequently placed in that part of the vehicle.

(3) In this regulation the expression “vehicle” means, in any case in which specified risk material is conveyed in a bulk container, that container.

(4) This regulation shall not apply to the carcase of a sheep or goat transported in accordance with regulation 17 above.

Storage

28.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, no person shall store specified risk material in the same room as any food.

(2) The requirement in paragraph (1) above shall not apply where an official veterinary surgeon, inspector or an authorised officer of an enforcement authority has approved the storage of specified risk material in the same room as any food, on being satisfied that the arrangements for storage will ensure the adequate separation of the specified risk material from the food.

(3) No person shall store specified risk material otherwise than in an impervious container which—

- (a) contains nothing but specified risk material;
- (b) is labelled as containing specified risk material;
- (c) is not left uncovered when containing specified risk material; and
- (d) after use for such storage is thoroughly washed and disinfected before being used for any purpose in relation to the storage of food.