

S.I. No. 31 of 2001

Diseases of Animals (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy)  
(Specified Risk Material) Order, 2001

I, Joe Walsh, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 3, 13 and 27 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1966 (No. 6 of 1966), as adapted by the Agriculture and Food (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order, 1999 (S.I. No. 307 of 1999) hereby order as follows:-

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) (Specified Risk Material) Order, 2001.
  - (2) This Order shall come into operation on the 8th day of February, 2001.
  - (3) The Diseases of Animals (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Orders, 1989 to 2000, and this Order may be cited together as the Diseases of Animals (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) Orders, 1989 to 2001.
2. The Diseases of Animals (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) (Specified Risk Material) Order, 2000 (S.I. No. 331 of 2000) is hereby amended -

By the substitution in Article 2 of the following definition for the definition entitled “specified risk material” -

“ “specified risk material” means -

- (a) the skull including the brain and eyes, the tonsils, the spinal cord of bovine animals aged over 12 months, and the intestines from the duodenum to the rectum of bovine animals of all ages,
- (b) the skull including the brain and eyes, the tonsils and the spinal cord of caprine and ovine animals aged over 12 months or which have a permanent incisor tooth erupted through the gum, and
- (c) the spleen of a caprine or ovine animal,

and includes anything left attached to such material after dissection of the carcass and any animal matter which comes into contact with the material after it has been removed from the carcass;”.

**GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
this 7th day of February, 2001.**

**L.S.**

**Joe Walsh,  
Minister for Agriculture, Food  
and Rural Development.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

This Order amends the Diseases of Animals (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) (Specified Risk Material) Order, 2000 (S.I. No. 331 of 2000) by setting out a revised definition of specified risk material which includes the entire bovine intestine.

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