

GUERNSEY STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

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GREFFE
ROYAL COURT

- 4 APR 1996

The Food and Drugs (Slaughter and Deboning of Beef) Order 1996

GUERNSEY

Made 3rd April 1996

Laid before the States

Coming into operation 3rd April 1996

THE STATES BOARD OF HEALTH, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4 (1) of the Food and Drugs (Guernsey) Law, 1970 as amended (a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders:-

Interpretation

1. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:-

“authorised deboning plant” means any premises approved by the Board for the deboning of older beef;

“authorised officer” has the meaning given in section 54 (1) of the Law;

“the Board” means the States Board of Health;

“intestine” means any part of the digestive tract from the junction of the abomasum and the duodenum to (and including) the rectum;

“the Law” means the Food and Drugs (Guernsey) Law 1970, as amended (a);

“older beef” means any bone-in meat derived from bovine animals slaughtered in the islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm or Jethou which, at the time of slaughter, showed signs of more than one pair of permanent incisors;

“premises” has the meaning given in section 54 (1) of the Law.

(a) Ordres en Conseil, Vol. XXII, p.412; Vol. XXV, p. 378; Vol. XXIX p.329,
Order in Council No. X of 1995

Sale and Possession of, and Operations on, Beef and Older Beef

2.(1) Subject to the provisions of this section:-

- (a) a person shall not sell, offer for sale or expose for sale any older beef or beef derived from older beef;
- (b) a person shall not have in his possession for the purpose of sale any older beef or beef derived from older beef other than in a slaughterhouse or authorised deboning plant.

(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to older beef or beef derived from older beef which has:-

- (a) been deboned in an authorised deboning plant, under the supervision of an authorised officer, and
- (b) under the supervision of an authorised officer had the following lymph nodes removed: popliteal, ischiatic, superficial inguinal, deep inguinal, medial and lateral iliac, renal, prefemoral, lumbar, costocervical, sternal, prescapular, axillary and caudal deep cervical, and
- (c) been inspected and approved by an authorised officer.

Removal of Specified Material

3. Any person carrying out any cutting or deboning operations in a slaughterhouse or authorised deboning plant shall ensure that in the case of bovine animals the head excluding the tongue, the intestines, all trimmings resulting from deboning operations, and all obvious nervous and lymphatic tissue, are removed and not used for human consumption.

Offence

4. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Order shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalties

5. Any person guilty of an offence under this Order shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the uniform scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Defence

6. In any proceedings for an offence under this Order it shall be a defence for the defendant to prove that he had taken possession of the older beef or beef derived from older beef prior to the commencement of this Order.

Extent

7. This Order shall have effect in the Islands of Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Jethou.

Citation

8. This Order may be cited as the Food and Drugs (Slaughter and Deboning of Beef) Order 1996.

Commencement

9. This Order shall come into force on the 3rd day of April, 1996



S M PLANT
President of the States Board of Health
for and on behalf of the Board.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 1996.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(THIS NOTE DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE ORDER)

The purpose of this Order is to ensure that beef derived from "older beef" is not released onto the market for sale for human consumption unless it has undergone specified processes to ensure the removal of all material which may be infected with the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy agent.

This Order makes it illegal to sell offer for sale or possess for sale beef which has not been processed in accordance with the requirements of this Order.