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PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES
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CONTAMINATION OF FOOD

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (No. 3) Order 1986

Made - - - -	3*rd July* 1986
Laid before Parliament	3*rd July* 1986
Coming into Operation	4*th July* 1986

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State are of the opinion, in accordance with section 1(1)*(a)* of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985(**a**) , that there has been or may have been an escape of substances of such descriptions and in such quantities as are likely to create a hazard to human health through human consumption of food;

And whereas the said Ministers are of the opinion, in accordance with section 1(1)*(b)* of the said Act, that in consequence of the said escape of substances food which is or may be in the future in the areas described in the Schedule to the following order, or which is derived or may be in the future derived from anything in those areas, is, or may be, or may become, unsuitable for human consumption;

Now, therefore, the said Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the said section 1(1) and section 24(3) of the said Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Title, commencement, duration and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (No. 3) Order 1986, shall come into operation on 4th July 1986 and shall cease to have effect 21 days thereafter.

(2) In this order—

(a) "designated area" means an area described in the Schedule to this order,

(b) "sheep" means an animal of the genus *Ovis* of whatever age or sex.

(**a**) 1985 c.48.

Designated incident

2. In the opinion of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, food in the areas described in the Schedule to this order, or which is derived or may be in the future derived from anything in those areas, is, or may be, or may become unsuitable for human consumption in consequence of the following escape of substances:—

the escape on or after 26th April 1986 of radioactive substances from a nuclear powered reactor situated at Chernobyl in the Ukraine, USSR.

Designated areas

3. The areas described in the Schedule to this order are hereby designated for the purposes of Part I of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985.

Activities prohibited in the designated areas

4. No person shall in any of the designated areas slaughter any sheep for human consumption or for use in the preparation of feeding stuffs.

Restrictions on movement

5. No person shall move any sheep from a farm, holding or agricultural premises situated in any of the designated areas.

Restrictions throughout the United Kingdom

6. No person shall, in the United Kingdom—

(a) slaughter for human consumption or for use in the preparation of feeding stuffs any sheep that was in a designated area at the time of coming into operation of this order; or

(b) supply, or have in possession for supply, any meat derived from a sheep, or any food which contains any such meat, if that sheep was in a designated area at the time of coming into operation of this order.

Revocation

7. The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order 1986 (**a**) is hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 3rd July 1986.

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Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

3rd July 1986.

(**a**) S.I. 1986/1027.

SCHEDULE Article 3

THE DESIGNATED AREAS

Cumbria

1. An area comprising those parts of the county of Cumbria which lie within the following boundary:—

From Mealsgate, east along the road B5299 to its junction with the minor road at Caldbeck; southeast along the minor road via Hesket Newmarket, Wood Hall, Calebreck, Mosedale, Mungrisdale to its junction with the road A66(T) (O.S. map ref. NY368274); east along the road A66(T) to its junction with the road A5091; south on the road A5091 to its junction with the road A592; south on the road A592 to its intersection with the road A591 near Windermere; northwest on the road A591 to its junction with the road A593 near Ambleside; southwest along the road A593 to its junction with the road B5286; south on the road B5286 to its junction with the road B5285 at Hawkshead; west on the road B5285 to its junction with the road A593 at Coniston; southwest on the road A593 to its junction with the road A595(T) at Broughton-in-Furness; southwest on the road A595(T) to Whicham; north on the road A595(T) to its intersection with the road A5086 north of Egremont; north on the road A5086 to its junction with the road A595 north of Cockermouth; northeast on the road A595 to Mealsgate.

The area excludes any part of a road or river by reference to which its boundary is defined.

Wales

2. An area comprising those parts of the counties of Gwynedd, Clwyd and Powys which lie within the following boundary:—

From the mouth of the River Clwyd, south-eastwards along the river to the bridge carrying the A547 road; westwards along the A547 road to its junction with the unclassified road leading from Kimmel Bay to Bodelwyddan; southwards along the unclassified road to its junction with the A55 Trunk Road; eastwards along the A55(T) road to the junction with the unclassified road from Bodelwyddan to Glascoed; southwards along the unclassified road to its junction with the B5381 road; eastwards along the B5381 road to St Asaph and then southwards along the same road to its junction with the A525 road; southwards along the A525 road to the junction with the B5428 road at Trefnant; south-westwards along the B5428 through Henllan to the junction of that road with the A543 road at Groes; crossing the A543 road and following minor roads in a south-easterly direction, crossing Afon Ystrad and then eastwards along a minor road to join the B4501 road and then north-eastwards along the B4501 road to the junction with the unclassified road from Denbigh to Llanrhaeadr; and south-eastwards along that road to its junction with A525 road at Llanrhaeadr; south-eastwards along the A525 road to its junction with the unclassified road at Bont-Garreg and southwards along that road to Bontuchel across the bridge over Afon Clwydd at Bontuchel and then southwards along the unclassified road to Clocaenog and south-eastwards along the unclassified road, crossing the B5105 road at Bryn-y-Ffynon and continuing to the junction with the A494 Trunk Road near Nantclwyd Hall; southwards along the A494 road to its junction with the unclassified road to Llanelidan and then along that unclassified road to its junction with the B5429 road; eastwards along the B5429 road to the junction with the unclassified road to Rhewel Wen and southwards along that road to Cefnybidwal; then south-westwards along the unclassified road from Cefnybidwal to its junction with the A5104 road; and south-westwards following the A5104 road to the junction with the A5(T) road, west of Corwen, and eastwards along the A5(T) road to the junction with the B4401 road and along the B4401 road, through Llandrillo, to join the B4402 road at Pale; following the B4402 road to the junction with the B4391 road and then generally south-eastwards along B4391 road to the junction with the B4393 road west of Llanfyllin, following the B4393 road to the junction with the B4395 road at Mynydd Brith and following the B4395 road to the junction with the A458(T) road north-west of Llangadfan; generally north-

westwards along the A458(T) road to the junction with the A470(T) road at Mallwyd and north-westwards along the A470(T) road to Dolgellau to the road bridge over Afon Mawddach then following the course of Afon Mawddach to the sea to Barmouth. In the north and west the boundary follows the B4411 road from Criccieth in the south, generally northwards to the junction with the A487(T) road and then northwards along the A487(T) road to the northern coast at Caernarfon.

The area includes that part of the Isle of Anglesey (Ynys Mon) to the north and east of the A5(T) road, but excluding Holy Island (Ynys Gybi).

The area excludes any part of a road or river by reference to which its boundary is defined.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order, which revokes and re-enacts with modifications the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) Order 1986 ("the preceding order"), contains emergency prohibitions restricting various activities in order to prevent human consumption of food which has been or which may have been rendered unsuitable for that purpose in consequence of the escape of radioactive substances from a nuclear reactor situated at Chernobyl in the USSR.

The order designates areas (the extent of which is less than the extent of the areas designated by virtue of the preceding order) affected by the escape from which the movement of sheep, and in which the slaughter of sheep, are prohibited (articles 3, 4 and 5 and the Schedule). Restrictions on the slaughter of sheep from the designated areas, and the supply of meat derived from such sheep, extend throughout the United Kingdom (article 6).

Under section 21 of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 the penalty for contravening an emergency prohibition is—

(a) on summary conviction, a fine of an amount not exceeding the statutory maximum (at present £2,000);

(b) on conviction on indictment, an unlimited fine, or imprisonment for a term of not more than two years or both.

Powers of enforcement in relation to emergency prohibitions are conferred by section 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 1985 Act. Obstruction of enforcement officers is an offence under paragraph 10 of that Schedule.

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