

## **What is the purpose of legislation controlling the movement of animal derived material?**

The purpose of legislation to control the movement of animal by-products through the European Community is primarily to protect human and animal health within the Community.

The legislation also requires full traceability of animal derived material which is not for human or animal consumption in order to prevent material imported into the EU from re-entering the human or animal food chain.

Following the 1986 outbreak of Mad Cow Disease (Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis, BSE) in the UK and a dioxin contamination event in Belgium in 1992, new regulations were devised by the European Union in an attempt to control the import of potentially diseased or otherwise contaminated animal derived material. This Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 was rushed into existence and subsequently required numerous amendments or derogations.

In 2009 a new Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 passed into European law with the intention of clarifying some of the issues raised by Regulation (EC) No1774/2002 and its derogations, and to give a clear framework based on a risk assessment philosophy. Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 has been developed to provide clarity and detailed provisions for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.