



## FOOD WASTE

### Disposal of Food Waste By Retailers Animal By-Products Regulations

### Where can I find out more?

For more information about the Animal By-Products Regulations, how they will affect your business, and the collection services available in your area, please contact your Local Authority's Environmental Health Department, local Animal Health Office or the animal by-products helpline on **08459 335577**.

Alternatively visit the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (DEFRA) website at **[www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/by-prods/default.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/by-prods/default.htm)**

For more information about how to reduce, reuse and recycle your business waste visit **[www.wasteawarebusiness.com](http://www.wasteawarebusiness.com)**



**How the Animal  
By-Product  
Regulations will  
affect your business.**

**Reduce Reuse Recycle**  
let's get it sorted  
[www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk](http://www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk)



## Will the Animal By-Product Regulations affect me?

If your business deals with raw meat and fish, the Animal By-Products legislation which was introduced in October 2003, will affect your business.



## Why have the Regulations been introduced?

Raw meat and other uncooked animal products can spread serious diseases such as Foot and Mouth. It is therefore not safe to feed any raw or cooked meat products to livestock. You must check with your local Environmental Health Department if you are asked to supply any food that is to be used as animal feed.

It is important that unsold raw meat products are disposed of properly in line with the regulations.

## What food waste can go in my normal waste bin?



- ✓ Cooked meat and fish
- ✓ Ready meals, lard and animal fats
- ✓ Bakery products
- ✓ Chocolate, pasta and cereals
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Honey in bulk (in sealed containers)

## What food waste can no longer be put in my normal bin?



- ✗ Raw meat and fish
- ✗ Rare cooked meat, parma ham, smoked salmon
- ✗ Raw eggs

These products cannot be disposed of to landfill and must be stored in a separate bin labelled 'Not for human consumption'.

These products must then be sent to a plant that is approved to receive and treat them, such as an incineration, rendering or composting plant. Local collection services are available that will dispose of this waste for you in line with the legislation.



If you are unsure about how to dispose of a particular item of food please contact your Local Authority's Environmental Health Department.