STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 66

ANIMALS

Aujeszky's Disease Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - - 23rd February 2012

Coming into operation 19th March 2012

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(**1**) makes the following Scheme Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 8(1) and (2) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**2**) and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**3**).

In accordance with Article 8(1) of that Order, it has consulted with the bodies which appear to it to be substantially representative of the interests concerned.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Aujeszky's Disease Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 19th March 2012.

Aujeszky's Disease Scheme

2. For the purposes of maintaining freedom from Aujeszky's Disease as directed under Commission Decision 2008/185/EC(**4**) the Department makes the Scheme as set out in the Schedules.

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see the Departments Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/283 (N.I.1)) Article 3(4)
(**2**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22)
(**3**) Formerly the Department of Finance. see S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Article. 3
(**4**) O.J. No. L 59, 04.03.2008, p. 19

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 22nd February 2012

C. McMaster
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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 21st February 2012

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SCHEDULE 1 Article 2

Aujeszky's Disease Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2012

Citation

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Aujeszky's Disease Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2012.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Scheme:

"authorised officer" means an inspector or veterinary inspector who is authorised by the Department to exercise powers under this Scheme;

"authorised person" means slaughterhouse staff authorised by the Department to carry out specific sampling in respect of pigs;

"designated laboratory" means a laboratory designated by the Department for the purposes of testing Aujeszky's Disease samples;

"group" means an epidemiological unit;

"holding" means premises registered with the Department as required by the Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012(**5**);

"keeper" means any person having care and control of pigs, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, but does not include a person who only transports pigs;

"the Order" means the Aujeszky's Disease Order (Northern Ireland) 2012(**6**);

"samples" means samples taken from a pig or carcase;

"vaccinated" means vaccinated against Aujeszky's Disease;

(2) Other expressions in this Scheme which are also used in the Order shall have the same meaning as in the Order.

Pig health status

3.—(1) The Department shall allocate to each holding a pig health status in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) A holding shall be allocated the pig health status of—

(a) an Officially Aujeszky's Disease Free holding, if it contains only pigs which have not been vaccinated; or

(b) an Aujeszky's Disease Free holding, if it contains at least one pig which has been vaccinated either prior to the prohibition on vaccination implemented by the Order or under licence from the Department.

Routine sampling

4.—(1) The Department may, for the purpose of maintaining freedom from Aujeszky's Disease in Northern Ireland, select holdings for sampling and will notify the keeper of each selected holding in writing of—

(a) the number of samples required;

(b) the date by which the sampling must be completed;

(**5**) S.R. 2012 No. 67
(**6**) S.R. 2012 No. 65