STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 205

ANIMALS

ANIMAL HEALTH

The Control of Salmonella in Broiler Flocks Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made - - - -	*20th May 2009*
Coming into operation	*17th June 2009*

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

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

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Control of Salmonella in Broiler Flocks Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 and comes into operation on 17th June 2009.

Control of salmonella in broiler flocks scheme

2. For the purposes of keeping broiler flocks, so far as is practicable, free from Salmonella and controlling and, so far as practicable, reducing the incidence of Salmonella, the Department makes the Scheme set out in the Schedule to this Order.

(**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) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Article 17, S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I. 6) Article 22

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 20th May 2009.

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C. McMaster
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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 20th May 2009.

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SCHEDULE Article 2

CONTROL OF SALMONELLA IN BROILER FLOCKS SCHEME (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2009

Citation

1. This Scheme may be cited as The Control of Salmonella in Broiler Flocks Scheme (Northern Ireland) 2009 and comes into operation on 17th June 2009.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme—

"approved laboratory" means a laboratory approved by the Department for the purposes of this Order;

"broiler flock" means a flock kept for the production of meat intended for human consumption;

"the Department" means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

"flock" means all chickens of the same health status kept on the same premises or in the same enclosure and constituting a single epidemiological unit and, in the case of housed chickens, includes all birds sharing the same airspace;

"holding" means any holding on which one or more broiler flocks of chickens are kept or are intended to be kept;

"occupier" means, in relation to any holding, the person in charge of the holding;

"chickens" means birds of the species *Gallus gallus*.

Competent authority

3. The Department is the competent authority for the purposes of—

(a) Commission Regulation (EC) No 646/2007(**3**) implementing Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 as regards a Community target for the reduction of the prevalence of *Salmonella enteridis* and *Salmonella typhimurium* in broilers and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1091/2005; and

(b) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1177/2006 implementing Regulation (EC) No 2160/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards requirements for the use of specific control methods in the framework of the national programmes for the control of salmonella in chickens(**4**).

Notification of broiler flocks

4.—(1) The occupier of the holding on which one or more broiler flocks are kept must notify the Department of the information in paragraph (4) of this article—

(a) within three months of the coming into operation of this Order; or

(b) in the case of such a holding established after the date this Order comes into operation, within three months of the establishment of the holding.

(2) The occupier must notify the Department of any change or addition to that information within three months of the change or addition.

(**3**) OJ No L 151, 13.6.2007, p 21
(**4**) OJ No L 212, 2.8.2006, p 3.