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ANIMALS

The Salmonella in Turkey Flocks and Herds of Slaughter Pigs (Survey Powers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

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Coming into operation	*22nd December 2006*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, being designated(**1**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**2**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Salmonella in Turkey Flocks and Herds of Slaughter Pigs (Survey Powers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 22nd December 2006.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"Commission Decision 2006/662/EC" means Commission Decision 2006/662/EC concerning a financial contribution from the Community towards a baseline survey on the prevalence of *Salmonella* in turkeys to be carried out in the member States(**3**);

"Commission Decision 2006/668/EC" means Commission Decision 2006/668/EC concerning a financial contribution from the Community towards a baseline survey on the prevalence of *Salmonella* in slaughter pigs to be carried out in the member States(**4**);

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

"inspector" means any person appointed to be an inspector for the purposes of these Regulations by the Department;

(**1**) S.I. 2000/2812
(**2**) 1972 c 68.
(**3**) O.J. No L 272, 3.10.2006, p. 22
(**4**) O.J. No L 275, 6.10.2006, p. 51

"slaughterhouse" means a facility used for the killing of pigs;

"turkey holding" means a facility used for the breeding, rearing or fattening of turkeys.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**5**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

The competent authority

3. The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is the competent authority for the purposes of Commission Decision 2006/668/EC and Commission Decision 2006/662/EC.

Information in respect of a turkey holding

4. The occupier or person in charge of a turkey holding (or any employee or agent of the occupier or person in charge of a turkey holding) must, within 7 days of receipt of a written notice from the Department, provide the information requested in that notice in respect of the survey required by Commission Decision 2006/662/EC.

Information in respect of a slaughterhouse

5. The occupier or person in charge of a slaughterhouse (or any employee or agent of the occupier or person in charge of a slaughterhouse) must, within 7 days of receipt of a written notice from the Department, provide the information requested in that notice in respect of the survey required by Commission Decision 2006/668/EC.

Powers of inspectors

6.—(1) An inspector shall, on producing some duly authenticated document showing his authority, have the right at all reasonable hours to enter any turkey holding selected in accordance with Commission Decision 2006/662/EC or any slaughterhouse selected in accordance with Commission Decision 2006/668/EC for the purposes of—

(a) ascertaining in accordance with Commission Decision 2006/662/EC or Commission Decision 2006/668/EC —

(i) whether *Salmonella* spp. exists or has existed there;

(ii) whether anti-microbials have been used*;* and

(iii) in the case of a turkey holding, the *Salmonella* vaccination status of the turkeys; and

(b) the enforcement of these Regulations.

(2) On entering any turkey holding in accordance with paragraph (1) an inspector may require the occupier or person in charge of a slaughterhouse (or any employee or agent of the occupier or person in charge of a slaughterhouse)—

(a) to afford him such assistance as he may reasonably require for the purposes of these Regulations;

(b) to produce or allow access to any record held in whatever form, including computerised records, he may reasonably require for the purposes of these Regulations.

(3) When he has entered a turkey holding in accordance with paragraph (1) an inspector may—

(a) take samples of faecal material;

(b) examine any records in whatever form, including computerised records, and take copies of those records; and

(**5**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)