STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 405

WELFARE OF ANIMALS

Petshops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made - - - -	*21st December 2000*
Coming into operation	*5th February 2001*

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 11(1) of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(**2**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Petshops Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 5th February 2001.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

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

"enclosure" means any form of accommodation in which an animal is kept and includes a pen, cage, aviary, tank, or vivarium; and

"licence" means a licence to keep a petshop granted under section 8(1) of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Irerland) 1972.

(2) References in these Regulations to a "rodent" or an "insect" do not include any creatures (alive or dead) kept by the licence holder on the premises under controlled conditions for sale or for feeding to stock.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2), a rodent or insect is kept under controlled conditions where, in the case of a dead creature, it is kept in a refrigerator or freezer and in any other case is kept in an enclosure.

Conditions for keeping a petshop

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a licence holder shall, in relation to the premises on which he keeps a petshop, comply with the conditions laid down in the Schedule.

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Agriculture. *See*S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3
(**2**) 1972 c. 7 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Article 16 and S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I. 6) Article 12

(2) The Department may by notice in writing exempt any person from complying with any specified part of the conditions in paragraph 1 of the Schedule for such a period as shall be specified in the notice.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 21st December 2000.

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