STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 35

ANIMALS

Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

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The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5(1) and (2) of the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination of Cattle (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 17th March 1997.

(2) In these Regulations "the 1988 Regulations" means the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988(**2**).

Amendment of Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

2. The 1988 Regulations shall be amended as provided in Regulations 3 to 12.

Interpretation

3.—(1) Regulation 2 shall be renumbered as regulation 2(1) and in that paragraph—

(a) after the definition of "artificial insemination service" there shall be inserted the following definition—

> ""centre veterinarian" means the veterinarian approved by the Department under regulation 7(4);";

(b) after the definition of "cow" there shall be inserted the following definition—

> ""the Directive" means Council Directive 88/407/EEC((**3**)**l**aying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of deep-

(**1**) S.I.1975/1834 (N.I. 17) as amended by S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I. 6) Arts. 17 and 18
(**2**) S.R. 1988 No. 339 as amended by S.R. 1990 No. 418
(**3**) O.J. No. L194, 22.7.88, p. 10

frozen semen of domestic animals of the bovine species, as amended by Council Directives 90/120/EEC(**4**), 90/425/EEC(**5**) and 93/60/EEC(**6**);";

(c) after the definition of "farm storage licence" there shall be inserted the following definition —

""Member State" means any member state of the European Communities other than the United Kingdom;";

(d) the definition of "partially processed" shall be deleted;

(e) for the definition of "processing" there shall be substituted—

""processing" means the processing of semen by means of—

(a) dilution;

(b) the addition of any substance which is calculated to prolong its natural life;

(c) the addition of any antibiotic or any antimicrobial substance for the purpose of promoting and safeguarding animal health;

(d) packaging it into straws;

(e) freezing; and

(f) storing it after freezing in a quarantine storage depot for 30 days, or such other period as the Department may direct in writing,

or by means of one or more of the processes listed at (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) of this definition;";

(f) for the definition of "raw semen" there shall be substituted the following definition—

""raw semen" means semen which is not processed;";

(g) for the definition of "special movement licence" there shall be substituted the following definition—

""special movement licence" means a licence granted under regulation 8(1)(*b*);"; and

(h) for the definition of "veterinary surgeon" there shall be substituted the following definition —

""veterinary surgeon" means a veterinary surgeon (or veterinary practitioner) registered or recognised under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**7**).".

(2) After regulation 2(1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(2) Any other expressions used in these Regulations have the meaning they bear in the Directive.".

Licences

4. After regulation 2 there shall be inserted the following regulation—

"**Licences**

2A. A licence granted under these Regulations—

(a) shall be in writing; and

(**4**) O.J. No. L71, 17.3.90, p. 37
(**5**) O.J. No. L224, 18.8.90, p. 29
(**6**) O.J. No. L186, 28.7.93, p. 28
(**7**) 1966 c. 36

(b) may be suspended or varied by a notice in writing served by the Department upon the holder thereof.".

Licences to store semen

5. In regulation 5—

(a) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"**5.**—(1) A person shall not store processed semen, or cause or permit processed semen to be stored, except under and in accordance with the conditions of—

(a) a storage centre licence;

(b) a semen shop licence;

(c) a farm storage licence; or

(d) a quarantine storage depot licence,

granted by the Department."; and

(b) after paragraph (4) there shall be inserted—

"(5) A storage centre licence or a quarantine storage depot licence shall not authorise the storage of processed semen intended for export to a Member State unless it meets the general conditions set out in Article 3(*a*) to (*c*) of the Directive.".

Licence to operate a quarantine storage depot

6. For regulation 6 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"**6.**—(1) A person shall not store frozen semen in quarantine except under and in accordance with the conditions of a quarantine storage depot licence granted by the Department.

(2) A quarantine storage depot licence shall authorise the holder, in premises specified in and approved for the purposes of that licence, to store in quarantine after freezing, for 30 days or for such other period as the Department may direct in writing, semen which—

(a) has been collected at a processing centre which complies with the requirements of the Directive; or

(b) which has been imported in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department under Article 6(1) of the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975 or Article 4 of the Landing of Carcases and Animal Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1985(**8**), and is processed by means of all the processes listed at (*a*) to (*e*) in the definition of "processing".".

Licence to operate a processing centre

7. For regulation 7 there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"**7.**—(1) A person shall not—

(a) keep an approved bull for the purposes of collecting semen therefrom;

(b) collect semen for processing; or

(c) process semen,

(**8**) S.R. 1985 No. 161 as amended by S.R. 1995 No. 315