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Racing Pigeons (Vaccination) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

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The Department of Agriculture, being a Department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the common agricultural policy of the European Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Title and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Racing Pigeons (Vaccination) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 29th May 1995.

Racing pigeons

2.—(1) An organiser of a pigeon show or race which takes place wholly or partly in Northern Ireland shall ensure that all racing pigeons entered for the race or show have been vaccinated with a suitable vaccine against avian paramyxovirus 1 in pigeons.

(2) In paragraph (1) "racing pigeon" means any pigeon transported or intended for transport from its pigeon house (that is, any installation used for keeping or breeding pigeons) to be released so that it may freely fly back to its pigeon house or to any other destination.

Offences

3. Any person who, without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall be on him, contravenes regulation 2(1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000).

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**b**) 1972 c. 68