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# ANIMALS

## The Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994

*Made* . . . . . *21st October 1994*

*Coming into operation* . . *18th November 1994*

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 29(1) and (2), 60(1) and (2), and 62(2) and paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 18th November 1994.

*Amendment to the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977*

**2.** The Rabies (Importation of Dogs, Cats and Other Mammals) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977(**b**) shall be amended as provided in Articles 3 to 6.

**3.** In Article 3(1) (Interpretation) there shall be inserted the following definitions:—

"Divisional Veterinary Officer" means the veterinary inspector appointed for the time being by the Department to receive information about the anticipated date of arrival of animals for the area in which the place of destination in Northern Ireland is situated;

"member State" means any member State of the European Communities other than the United Kingdom and does not include the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands;

"World Health Organisation" means the organisation of that name founded in New York, United States of America, on 22nd July 1946 and currently having its headquarters at Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva, Switzerland and the standard and specifications in relation to the World Health Organisation are those described in the World Health Organisation Expert Committee on Rabies Eighth Report (WHO Technical Report Series 824).

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(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Article 17 and S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I. 6) Article 23

(**b**) S.R. 1977 No. 113 as amended by S.R. 1977 No. 256

**4.** In Article 4(1), (Prohibition on landing of animals) for sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(*c*) any animal brought from the Republic of Ireland which has been previously brought to the Republic of Ireland from a place other than Great Britain, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man or Northern Ireland, unless—

(i) it is a dog or cat which was subject to a commercial transaction and was brought into the Republic of Ireland from another member State and placed on the market in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.3 of Council Directive 92/65/EEC(**a**); or

(ii) in any other case it has been detained and isolated in quarantine for a period of at least six months before being landed in Northern Ireland;

(*d*) a dog or cat brought from Great Britain, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man which has previously been brought to those countries from a place outside those countries (other than Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland) unless—

(i) it was subject to a commercial transaction and was imported into one of those countries from another member State and placed on the market in accordance with the provisions of Article 10.3 of Council Directive 92/65/EEC; or

(ii) it has been detained and isolated in quarantine for at least six months before being landed in Northern Ireland.".

**5.** After Article 4A (Animals dying while in transit to Northern Ireland) there shall be inserted the following Article:—

"*Importation of dogs and cats from a member State other than the Republic of Ireland*

4B.—(1) The prohibition and restrictions on landing contained in Article 4(1), (7) and (8) shall not apply in the case of the importation from another member State (other than the Republic of Ireland) of dogs and cats which—

(*a*) are the subject of a commercial transaction;

(*b*) come from a holding registered in that member State for the purposes of Article 10.3 of Council Directive 92/65/EEC;

(*c*) have been born on the holding and have been maintained in captivity there since birth with no contact with wild animals susceptible to rabies;

(*d*) have been vaccinated against rabies after the age of 3 months and at least 6 months before dispatch by injection of an inactivated vaccine of at least 1 international antigenic unit (World Health Organsation standard) measured in accordance with the activity

(**a**) O.J. No. L268, 14.9.92, p. 54