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ANIMALS

Aujeszky's Disease Order (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*25th May 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*1st September 1994*

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 4, 5(1), 10(6), 12(1), 14, 19, 44 and 60(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Aujeszky's Disease Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1994.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"approved disinfectant" means a disinfectant approved for the time being by the Department under the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(**b**);

"breeding pig" means any sow, boar or gilt which is at least 6 months of age;

"carcase" means the carcase of any pig;

"disease" means Aujeszky's Disease and "diseased" means showing clinical, pathological or serological evidence of disease;

"feedingstuff" means any feedingstuff whatsoever its derivation and includes any ingredient used in the preparation of a feedingstuff;

"individual number" in relation to any pig means the individual number marked on it in accordance with paragraph 1(*b*) of Schedule 1;

"infected place" means a place declared by the Department to be infected with disease in accordance with Article 8;

"product" means any meat, offal, dung or other substance directly derived from a pig, whether mixed with any other substance or not and includes any bedding used by pigs;

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Article 17 and by S.R. 1993 No. 43
(**b**) S.R. & O (N.I.) 1972 No. 16 as amended by S.R. 1975 No. 69

"suspected" in relation to any pig means suspected of being affected with disease.

(2) Other expressions used in this Order which are also used in the Aujeszky's Disease Scheme Order (Northern Ireland) 1994(**a**) shall have the same meaning as in that Scheme.

PART II

IDENTIFICATION OF PIGS AND MOVEMENT CONTROL

Identification of pigs

3.—(1) The owner of each pig kept on a registered holding shall identify it in accordance with Schedule 1 when it attains the age of six months or before it is moved from the holding, whichever is sooner.

(2) A person shall not alter, remove, obliterate, deface or duplicate or attempt to alter, remove, obliterate, deface or duplicate any holding number or individual number marked on a pig in accordance with paragraph (1).

Eradication area

4. It is hereby declared that Northern Ireland, being an area in respect of which the Department is satisfied that a substantial majority of the pigs therein are free from disease, is an eradication area for the purposes of Article 4 of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

Movement controls

5.—(1) A person shall not move any pig or cause or permit it to be moved—

(*a*) from or onto any holding except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department; or

(*b*) from or onto any premises used for a market, fair, exhibition or sale of pigs except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department.

(2) Where it is a condition of any licence issued under paragraph (1)(*a*) that any pig the movement of which is authorised by that licence be accompanied by any particular document—

(*a*) the consignor of the pig shall retain a copy of that document for a period of a year from the date of the movement and shall submit a further copy to the Department as soon as possible; and

(*b*) the consignee of the pig shall retain the document for a period of a year from the date of the movement and shall on demand make it available for inspection by an inspector and permit him to take a copy of any such document.

(**a**) S.R. 1994 No. 199

(3) Where it is a condition of any licence issued under paragraph (1)(*b*) that any pig the movement of which is authorised by that licence be accompanied by any particular document the person in charge of any premises used for a market, fair, exhibition or sale of pigs shall submit to the Department—

(*a*) where the pig is being moved onto the premises, the original of that document; or

(*b*) where the pig is being moved from the premises a copy of that document;

as soon as practicable after the movement is complete.

PART III

ANIMAL HEALTH CONTROLS

Notification of disease

6.—(1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge a pig or carcase which is diseased or suspected shall with all practicable speed give notice thereof to a Divisional Veterinary Officer.

(2) Any person who examines or handles any pig or carcase and suspects that the pig or carcase is diseased shall, with all practicable speed give notice thereof to a Divisional Veterinary Officer.

(3) A notice required to be given under paragraph (1) or (2) shall include—

(*a*) the address of the premises on which was kept the pig or carcase to which it relates;

(*b*) the name and address of the occupier of those premises; and

(*c*) where it relates to a breeding pig or the carcase of a breeding pig, the individual number of that pig.

Movement of diseased or suspected pigs and removal of carcases

7.—(1) Where the Department knows or suspects that a pig or carcase is diseased it may serve a notice on the occupier of the premises on which it is kept informing him of the fact.

(2) The person on whom a notice is served under paragraph (1) shall:—

(*a*) detain the pig or carcase to which it relates on the premises or such part thereof as may be specified in the notice;

(*b*) not move any carcase or any feedingstuff, litter or dung which has or may have been in contact with the diseased or suspected pig or carcase, from the premises except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department; and

(*c*) not move any vehicle, machinery or equipment which has or may have been in contact with any pig or carcase, feedingstuff, litter or dung described in sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) from the premises until it has been thoroughly washed, cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant.