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Importation of Semen, Embryos and Ova Order (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made . . . . . 17th December 1993

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The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 24(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Semen, Embryos and Ova Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 24th January 1994.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"general licence" means a licence granted under Article 3(1) which applies in relation to all persons, or any class of persons, who bring or cause to be brought into Northern Ireland from third countries the semen, embryos or ova of animals;

"specific licence" means a licence granted under Article 3(1) which only applies in relation to the applicant therefor; and

"third country" means any country other than a Member State of the European Communities.

Import of semen, embryos or ova into Northern Ireland

3.—(1) A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into Northern Ireland from a third country the semen, embryos or ova of any animal except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department.

(2) A licence granted under paragraph (1) may be either a general licence or a specific licence.

(3) A general licence shall be granted by the Department by publication of the provisions thereof in the Belfast Gazette.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Art. 17