1993 No. 307

ANIMALS

Animals (Post-Import Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993

Made . . . . . *5th July 1993*

Coming into operation . . *23rd August 1993*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 19(*e*) and (*k*), 29, 44(*b*) 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:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Animals (Post-Import Control) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 23rd August 1993.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

''Divisional Veterinary Officer'' means a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Department;

''health certification'' in relation to any animal means the health certificate required to accompany that animal under the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(**b**) or under the conditions of a licence granted in relation to it under the Importation of Animals Order (Northern Ireland) 1986(**c**);

''imported'' means landed in Northern Ireland by any means whatsoever; and

''place of destination'' in relation to any animals means the place to which they have been consigned as specified in the accompanying health certification.

Importation of bovine animals from areas not free from warble fly

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the owner or person in charge of imported bovine animals which are not for immediate slaughter shall—

(*a*) within 24 hours of their arrival at the place of destination, ensure that they are treated with an approved specified warble fly preparation as

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Art. 17
(**b**) S.R. 1993 No. 305
(**c**) S.R. 1986 No. 253

defined in Council Directive 81/851/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to veterinary medicinal products(**a**) and Council Directive 81/852/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the analytical, pharmaco-toxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of veterinary medicinal products(**b**); and

(*b*) within 5 working days of their arrival at their place of destination, send to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the area in which that place is located, a written declaration that they have been treated as required by this paragraph.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in relation to bovine animals imported from Great Britain or from a country or region of a country recognised by the Commission of the European Economic Community as being free from warble fly infestation.

Importation of bovine animals from Canada

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the owner or person in charge of a consignment of bovine animals imported from Canada in pursuance of Commission Decision 83/494/EEC concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certification for the importation of domestic animals of the bovine and porcine species from Canada(**c**) shall, in accordance with the conditions set out in Schedule 1, move the animals comprising that consignment directly from the point of landing in Northern Ireland to isolation premises and shall keep them or cause them to be kept in isolation for six months or such longer period as that Schedule may require.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in relation to any consignment of bovine animals which have originated in Canadian Health Accredited Herds and have not come into contact or shared airspace with other bovine animals imported from Canada in pursuance of Commission Decision 83/494/EEC.

Importation of bovine animals for meat production from specified countries

5.—(1) The owner or person in charge of bovine animals imported for meat production under a provision specified in Schedule 2 from a country referred to in that Schedule, shall ensure that they do not come into contact with other bovine animals, either during transportation to, or after arrival at, their place of destination.

(2) A person shall not move bovine animals to which paragraph (1) relates, or cause or permit them to be moved, from their place of destination except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department.

(3) A licence granted under paragraph (2) in relation to any bovine animals shall only authorize their movement directly to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter.

(**a**) O.J. No. L317, 6.11.81, p. 1 as amended by Council Directive 90/676/EEC, O.J. No. L373, 31.12.90, p. 15

(**b**) O.J. No. L317, 6.11.81, p. 16 as amended by Council Directive 87/20/EEC, O.J. No. L15, 17.1.87, p. 34 and Council Directive 92/18/EEC, O.J. No. L97, 10.4.92, p. 1

(**c**) O.J. No. L273, 6.10.83, p. 37 as amended by Commission Decision 84/421 EEC, O.J. No. L237, 5.9.84, p. 14 and Commission Decision 88/212 EEC, O.J. No. L95, 13.4.88. p. 21

Importation of bovine animals for slaughter from specified countries

6. The owner or person in charge of bovine animals imported for slaughter under a provision specified in Schedule 2 from a country referred to in that Schedule, shall transport them directly from the point of landing in Northern Ireland to the slaughterhouse specified in the health certification accompanying the animals, and shall ensure that they are slaughtered there within 72 hours of their landing.

Action in default

7. If any person on whom a duty is placed by this Order fails to comply with such duty the Department may, without prejudice to any proceedings for an offence arising out of such default, take such action as may be necessary to ensure compliance with that duty.

Revocation

8. Article 5 of the Warble Fly Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(**a**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 5th July 1993.

(L.S.) *P. T. Toal*

Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.R. 1976 No. 33

SCHEDULE 1 Article 4

Conditions applicable to post-import isolation premises for bovine animals

1. The bovine animals shall be kept—

(*a*) in a building meeting the requirements of paragraph 2 or a field meeting the requirements of paragraph 3;

(*b*) isolated separately from one another unless there are facilities on the isolation premises for isolating individual animals in the event of their being injured or affected with disease.

2. Where a building is used for the isolation of the bovine animals—

(*a*) it shall be enclosed securely and must be cleansed and disinfected prior to such use;

(*b*) drainage from it shall not flow into any area, or on to any land, accessible to other animals.

3. Where any field is used for the isolation of the bovine animals—

(*a*) it must be enclosed by boundary fences in the form of double fencing 3 metres apart so as to prevent contact with any other animals;

(*b*) it shall give access to a suitable building meeting the requirements of paragraph 2.

4. While the bovine animals are being moved to the isolation premises they shall not have contact or share airspace with any animals except other imported bovine animals.

5. While the bovine animals are held on the isolation premises, the only other animals which shall be moved onto or kept on those premises are—

(*a*) other imported bovine animals; or

(*b*) male teasers.

6. A person who attends the bovine animals shall wear suitable protective clothing (including boots, overalls and gloves) and this clothing shall be cleansed and disinfected immediately thereafter.

7. Where the bovine animals—

(*a*) have contact or share airspace with other imported bovine animals;

(*b*) use any building, yard, shed, field or other place used by any other imported bovine animals before it has been cleansed and disinfected,

the six months isolation period for the bovine animals shall begin when the latest of the other imported bovine animals was moved onto the isolation premises.

8. Where any of the bovine animals are affected with disease, or are suspected of being so affected, then the fact shall be reported to a veterinary officer and any such animals shall be kept in isolation separately from any other animal.

9.—(1) Until the end of the period of isolation, the bovine animals shall not be moved from the isolation premises except—

(*a*) directly to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter; or