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Artificial Insemination of Pigs (EEC) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993

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The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5(1) and (2) of The Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination of Pigs (EEC) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993 and shall come into operation on 5th July 1993.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations:—

"the Directive" means Council Directive 90/429/EEC(**b**) laying down the animal health requirements applicable to intra-Community trade in and imports of semen of domestic animals of the porcine species;

"Member State" means any member state of the European Communities other than the United Kingdom; and

"veterinary surgeon" means a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner registered or recognised under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**c**).

(2) Other expressions used in these Regulations have the same meaning as in the Directive.

Intra-Community trade in porcine semen

3.—(1) A person shall not collect, process, store or transport, for the purpose of export to a Member State, any semen unless it complies with Article 3 of the Directive.

(2) The Department, upon being satisfied that a semen collection centre complies with the provisions of the Directive (and in particular Annex A thereof) shall—

(**a**) S.I. 1975/1834 (N.I. 17)
(**b**) O.J. No. L224, 18.8.90, p. 62
(**c**) 1966 c. 36