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Horses (Free Access to Competitions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made . . . . . 15th December 1992

Coming into operation . . 1st January 1993

The Department of Agriculture being designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy of the Economic Community, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said section 2(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Horses (Free Access to Competitions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1993.

Interpretation

2.—(1) Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

"competition" means any equestrian competition, including horse racing, show-jumping, eventing, dressage, events reserved for horse-drawn vehicles and showing classes; and

"horses" means domestic animals of the equine or asinine species or crossbreeds thereof.

Application

3.—(1) These Regulations apply to horses intended for competition and the conditions governing their participation therein.

(2) The Regulations do not apply to—

(*a*) competitions reserved for the purpose of permitting the improvement of the breed;

(*b*) regional competitions with a view to selecting horses; or

(*c*) historic or traditional events.

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**b**) 1972 c. 68
(**c**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)