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WELFARE OF ANIMALS

Welfare of Pigs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *3rd September 1991*

Coming into operation . . . . . *1st October 1991*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2(1) of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after consultation with such persons appearing to it to represent any interests concerned as it has considered appropriate, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Welfare of Pigs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1991.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"pen or stall" includes any form of accommodation in which a pig is kept;

"pig" means any livestock belonging to the porcine species; and

"tethered" in relation to a pig, means so secured or harnessed by any chain, rope, webbing or other material as to restrict its movement.

Requirements as to pens or stalls

3.—(1) Subject to regulation 6 and to paragraphs (2) and (3), a pig (whether or not on its own) shall not be kept in a pen or stall on agricultural land unless—

(*a*) it is free at all times to turn round without difficulty;

(*b*) the area of the pen or stall is not less than the square of the length of the pig; and

(*c*) every side of the pen or stall has a length which is not less than seventy-five per cent of the length of the pig.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply in relation to any pig while—

(*a*) it is undergoing any examination, test, treatment or operation carried out for veterinary purposes;

(**a**) 1972 c.7 (N.I.)