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ANIMALS

Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

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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:

PART I

INTRODUCTORY

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination of Cattle Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1988.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"approved" means approved by the Department in writing;

"approved bull" means a bull approved by the Department under regulation 10(1);

"artificial insemination service" means the provision, for reward, of the services of the holder of a commercial inseminator licence for the purposes of the artificial insemination of cows on farms for or on behalf of their owner;

"collect" means to obtain semen from a bull by any means but does not include the collection of semen by a veterinary surgeon for the purposes of assessing its suitability for use in artificial insemination;

"commercial inseminator licence" means a licence granted under regulation 3(1)(*a*);

"cow" includes heifer;

"distribution licence" means a licence granted under regulation 8(1)(*a*);

"farm inseminator licence" means a licence granted under regulation 3(1)(*b*);

"farm storage licence" means a licence granted under regulation 5(1)(*c*);

(a) S.I. 1975/1834 (N.I. 17)

"partially processed" means the partial processing of semen by means of one or more of the processes listed at (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) in the definition of "processing";

"processing" means the processing of semen by means of—

(*a*) dilution;

(*b*) the addition of any substance which is calculated to prolong its natural life;

(*c*) the addition of any antibiotic or antimicrobial substance for the purpose of promoting and safeguarding animal health;

(*d*) packaging it into straws;

(*e*) freezing; and

(*f*) storing it after freezing in a quarantine storage depot for 30 days, or such other period as the Department may direct in writing;

"processing centre" means premises specified in and approved for the purposes of a processing centre licence;

"processing centre licence" means a licence granted under regulation 7;

"quarantine storage depot" means premises specified in and approved for the purposes of a quarantine storage depot licence;

"quarantine storage depot licence" means a licence granted under regulation 6(1);

"raw semen" means semen which is neither processed nor partially processed;

"semen" means semen from a bull;

"semen shop" means premises specified in and approved for the purposes of a semen shop licence;

"semen shop licence" means a licence granted under regulation 5(1)(*b*);

"special movement licence" means a licence granted under regulation 8(1)(*b*) or (3)(*b*);

"storage centre" means premises, which may be a main store (whether operated by the holder of a supply licence or otherwise) or a supply centre store, and which are specified in and approved for the purposes of a storage centre licence;

"storage centre licence" means a licence granted under regulation 5(1)(*a*);

"supply licence" means a licence granted under regulation 4(1);

"the 1975 Order" means the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;

"the 1976 Regulations" means the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**a**); and

"veterinary surgeon" means a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons.

(**a**) S.R. 1976 No. 76 as amended by S.R. 1981 No. 396

PART II

LICENCES

Licences to practice artificial insemination

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (6), a person shall not artificially inseminate a cow with processed semen except under and in accordance with the conditions of—

(*a*) a commercial inseminator licence; or

(*b*) a farm inseminator licence,

granted by the Department.

(2) The Department shall not grant a commercial inseminator licence unless the applicant is properly trained to the satisfaction of the Department and is an employee of the holder of a supply licence.

(3) The Department shall not grant a farm inseminator licence unless the applicant has to the satisfaction of the Department completed an approved course in the practice of artificial insemination and is—

(*a*) the holder of a farm storage licence;

(*b*) a member of the immediate family of the holder of a farm storage licence and is normally resident with him; or

(*c*) a full-time employee of the holder of a farm storage licence.

(4) A farm inseminator licence—

(*a*) shall authorise the holder to perform artificial insemination on cows only in the herd specified in the licence; and

(*b*) shall not authorise the holder to artificially inseminate cows for reward.

(5) A person shall not be the holder concurrently of a commercial inseminator licence and a farm inseminator licence.

(6) The prohibition in paragraph (1) shall not apply to a veterinary surgeon who artificially inseminates a client's cow for therapeutic reasons.

Licence to provide an artificial insemination service

4.—(1) A person shall not provide an artificial insemination service except under and in accordance with the conditions of a supply licence granted by the Department.

(2) A supply licence shall authorise the holder to provide an artificial insemination service from premises specified in and approved for the purposes of that licence.

Licences to store semen

5.—(1) A person shall not store processed semen, or cause or permit processed semen to be stored, except under and in accordance with the conditions of—

(*a*) a storage centre licence;

(*b*) a semen shop licence;

(*c*) a farm storage licence; or

(*d*) a quarantine storage depot licence,

granted by the Department.

(2) A semen shop licence shall authorise the holder to store processed semen in premises specified in and approved for the purposes of that licence and to distribute such semen at those premises to a person who is the holder of a farm inseminator licence or a farm storage licence.

(3) A farm storage licence shall authorise the holder to store on a farm owned or occupied by him and specified in that licence processed semen which is to be used in the artificial insemination of cows owned by him.

(4) A storage centre licence shall authorise the holder to store processed semen in premises specified in and approved for the purposes of that licence.

Licence to operate a quarantine storage depot

6.—(1) A person shall not store frozen semen in quarantine except under and in accordance with the conditions of a quarantine storage depot licence granted by the Department.

(2) A quarantine storage depot licence shall authorise the holder in premises specified in and approved for the purposes of that licence—

(*a*) to store in quarantine for such period as the Department may direct in writing semen which is imported under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department under Article 6(1) of the 1975 Order; or

(*b*) to store in quarantine after freezing for 30 days or for such other period as the Department may direct in writing semen which is collected at a processing centre and which is processed by means of all the processes listed at (*a*) to (*e*) in the definition of ''processing''.

Licence to operate a processing centre

7. A person shall not—

(*a*) keep an approved bull for the purposes of collecting semen therefrom;

(*b*) collect semen for processing; or

(*c*) process semen,

for the purposes of using that semen in the artificial insemination of a cow except under and in accordance with the conditions of a processing centre licence granted by the Department.

PART III

DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF SEMEN

Distribution of semen

8.—(1) A person shall not distribute processed semen, or cause or permit processed semen to be distributed except under and in accordance with the conditions of—

(*a*) a distribution licence;

(*b*) a special movement licence; or