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ANIMALS

Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made	*14th May 1987*
Coming into operation . .	*14th June 1987*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1), 19 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 Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 14th June 1987.

Amendment of the Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970

2. The Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970(**b**) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in Article 3 after the definition of ''constable'' there shall be inserted—

''dipping period'' means each of the dipping periods prescribed in Article 12;

''dipped'' means dipped in accordance with the provisions of Article 13;'';

(*b*) for paragraph (1) of Article 12 there shall be substituted—

''**12.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) the owner or person in charge of any sheep shall cause all sheep in his possession to be dipped each year during the following periods—

(*a*) 14th June to 15th August; and

(*b*) 14th September to 15th November.'';

(*c*) for Article 14 there shall be substituted—

''*Restrictions on movement of sheep during a dipping period*

14.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5) a person shall not in the period 17th June to 15th August or the period 17th September to 15th November move any sheep—

(*a*) away from the land on which they are normally kept; or

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Art. 17
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 240 as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 247 and S.R. 1981 No. 311

(*b*) into any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale

unless such sheep are accompanied by a declaration signed by the owner or agent authorised in his behalf in the Form H in the Schedule.

(2) Sheep which are purchased at a fair, market, saleyard or private sale during the period 14th June to 17th June or the period 14th September to 17th September other than for the purpose of immediate slaughter and which are not accompanied by a declaration in the Form H in the Schedule shall be dipped by the purchaser within 7 days of purchase and shall until they are so dipped be isolated by the purchaser from all other sheep.

(3) Where during a dipping period, sheep purchased at a fair, market, saleyard or private sale have already been dipped such sheep shall not be permitted to come into contact with any undipped sheep on the purchaser's premises, and if such contact should occur the sheep purchased shall be deemed to be undipped and the owner shall be required to have them dipped together with the undipped sheep.

(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to sheep which are being moved away from the land on which they are normally kept directly to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter.

(5) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to fat sheep which are being moved into any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale during the period 17th June to 28th June or the period 17th September to 28th September.

(6) The provisions of paragraph (2) shall apply to fat sheep purchased during the period 17th June to 28th June or the period 17th September to 28th September as they apply to sheep not intended for immediate slaughter which are purchased during the period 14th June to 17th June or the period 14th September to 17th September.

(7) During the period 17th June to 28th June and period 17th September to 28th September—

(*a*) the owner, occupier or person in charge of any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale shall provide suitable facilities for the separation of undipped fat sheep and dipped sheep moved into or exposed for sale in that fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale; and

(*b*) where any undipped fat sheep and dipped sheep use the same passageway or sale ring in that place the owner, occupier or person in charge of that place shall after each occasion on which it is used by undipped fat sheep and before it is used by dipped sheep cleanse and disinfect that passageway or sale ring with an approved sheep dip.

(8) The owner or person in charge of any undipped fat sheep which are moved into or exposed for sale in any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale shall not permit such sheep to come into contact with any dipped sheep in that place.

(9) Where any contact as is mentioned in paragraph (8) occurs between undipped fat sheep and dipped sheep, the dipped sheep shall be deemed to be undipped and the owner of such sheep shall be required to have them dipped.''.