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ANIMALS

The Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made . . . . . *18th February 1986*

Coming into operation . . . *1st June 1986*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1)(*b*), 44(*a*) and (*b*) 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, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1986.

(2) In this Order "the principal Order" means the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**).

Amendment of the principal Order

2. The principal Order shall be amended as follows:—

(1) in Article 2—

(*a*) after the definition of "authorised officer" there shall be inserted—

" "check letter" means a letter allocated by the Department as part of the identification number;";

(*b*) after the definition of "ear tag" there shall be inserted—

" "ear tag notice" means a notice furnished to the Department by a herd-owner in the form specified in Schedule 3;";

(*c*) after the definition of "herd" there shall be inserted—

" "herd number" means the number allocated by the Department to the herd in which an animal is identified in accordance with Article 14;";

(*d*) for the definition of "identification number" there shall be substituted—

" "identification number" means a number allocated by the Department which comprises an animal's herd number, its individual number and in respect of an identification number included in an ear tag notice a check letter;";

(*e*) after the definition "identification number" there shall be inserted—

" "individual number" means a number between 1 and 9999 allocated to an animal in the herd in which it is identified in accordance with Article 14;".

(2) in Article 14 for paragraph (*b*) there shall be substituted—

"(*b*) on the ear tag there shall be an identification number.".

(a) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22); Article 5(1)(*b*) was amended by Article 17 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2))

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 31; the relevant amending orders are S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 236, S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 76, S.R. 1981 No. 348 and S.R. 1981 No. 412

(3) after Article 14 the following Articles shall be inserted—

"**14A.**—(1) A herd-owner shall furnish to the Department by 31st July 1986 a return in the form specified in Schedule 2.

(2) The return required under paragraph (1) shall state—

(*a*) the name and address of the herd-owner,

(*b*) the herd number allocated by the Department to his herd, and

(*c*) the identification numbers of all ear tags—

(i) which have been applied to the ears of animals in his herd between 1st June 1986 and 30th June 1986; and

(ii) the herd-owner has in his possession on 30th June 1986 but has not applied to the ears of animals.

14B.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) on or after 1st July 1986 a person shall not apply to the ear of an animal an ear tag unless the identification number of the ear tag—

(*a*) includes a check letter allocated by the Department; and

(*b*) is included in an ear tag notice which has been furnished to the Department by the herd-owner of the herd in which the animal is being kept.

(2) An ear tag notice shall be in the form specified in Schedule 3 and shall state—

(*a*) the name and address of the herd-owner;

(*b*) the number allocated by the Department to his herd;

(*c*) the name and address of the supplier or manufacturer of the ear tags;

(*d*) the identification numbers of the ear tags which the herd-owner will be applying to the ears of animals in his herd;

(*e*) the quantity of ear tags the herd-owner intends to apply to the ears of animals in his herd; and

(*f*) the brand name of the ear tags.

(3) Until 31st December 1986 paragraph (1) shall not apply if the identification number of the ear tag applied to the ear of the animal is included in the return required under Article 14A.".

(4) the Schedule to the principal Order shall be renumbered as Schedule 1.

(5) after Schedule 1 to the principal Order there shall be inserted the following Schedules—