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ANIMALS

Diseases of Poultry Order (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made	*5th December 1983*
Coming into operation . . .	*9th January 1984*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 10(6), 19(*e*) 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 Diseases of Poultry Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 9th January 1984.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"disease" means Infectious laryngo-tracheitis, Fowl pox, Ornithosis (including psittacosis), Arizona disease, Avian influenza A infection, Avian para influenza infection, Goose hepatitis, Duck plague (herpes virus infection), Duck viral hepatitis or Duck septicaemia (anatipestifer infection).

Revocation

3. The Scheduled Diseases (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Separation of diseased poultry and notice of disease

4.—(1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any poultry affected with disease shall—

(*a*) as far as practicable keep the affected poultry separate from poultry not so affected; and

(*b*) with all practicable speed give notice of the fact of the poultry being so affected to the Department or to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary stationed in the district in which the poultry so affected is.

(2) A veterinary surgeon who examines any bird or the carcase of any bird and is of the opinion or suspects that the bird is diseased or was diseased when it died or when it was slaughtered shall with all practicable speed give notice of the disease or suspicion of disease to the Department or to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary stationed in the district in which the bird or carcase is.

(3) The member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to whom notice is given shall immediately inform the Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Department in the area concerned.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 206

Prohibition of movement

5.—(1) If the Department has reasonable grounds for believing that the movement of any poultry, carcase, eggs or other thing from any premises may be attended with a risk of spread of disease, it may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease serve a notice in the Form A in the Schedule on the owner or occupier of such premises.

(2) On service of a notice under paragraph (1) the movement of poultry described in the notice to premises specified in the notice or the removal of such poultry, carcases, eggs or any other thing described in the notice from such premises shall be prohibited.

(3) A notice served under this Article shall remain in force until the date specified therein or, if no date is so specified, until it is withdrawn by a further notice in the Form B in the Schedule served on the owner or occupier of the premises.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 5th December 1983.

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