1983 No. 309

WELFARE OF ANIMALS

Welfare of Animals (Scheduled Operations) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made . . . . . *3rd October 1983*

Coming into operation . . . *14th November 1983*

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 14(3) of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(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 Welfare of Animals (Scheduled Operations) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 14th November 1983.

Amendment of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972

2. In Schedule 1 to the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (operations which may be performed without an anaesthetic):—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph 6(ii) (tail docking of pigs) for the words "fourth day" there shall be substituted "eighth day";

(*b*) in paragraph 7 (castration) for sub-paragraph (ii) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(ii) by any other means—

(*a*) in the case of a calf, goat or pig before the age of two months; and

(*b*) in the case of a lamb, before the age of three months."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 3rd October 1983.

(L.S.) *S. R. Armstrong*
Assistant Secretary

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