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ANIMALS

Transplantation of Ova (Animals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . *29th November 1982*

Coming into operation . . . *1st January 1983*

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:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Transplantation of Ova (Animals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1983.

Revocation

2. The Transplantation of Ova (Animals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(b) and the Transplantation of Ova (Animals) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(c) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these regulations—

"animals" mean cattle, sheep, goats, swine and horses;

"approved" means approved by the Department;

"Artificial Insemination Centre" means a centre either operated or licensed by the Department from which a service of artificial insemination for animals is provided;

"donor animal" means a female animal from which ova are removed for implantation in other animals;

"full-time employee" means a person normally engaged in work for not less than 30 hours per week;

"ova" means ova, whether fertilised or unfertilised, at any stage of development;

"ova transplantation" means the removal of ova from a donor animal or the implantation thereof in recipient animals or both the removal and the implantation;

"Ova Transplantation Centre" means a centre from which a service of ova transplantation and associated procedures including the fertilisation of donor animals, processing and storage of ova and preparation of recipient animals for implantation of ova are provided;

"recipient animal" means the female animal into which ova removed from a donor animal are implanted;

"semen" means semen from a male animal of the same species as the donor animal;

(a) S.I. 1975/1834 (N.I. 17)
(b) S.R. 1978 No. 368
(c) S.R. 1979 No. 326

"sire" means the male animal from which the semen is obtained;

"veterinary surgeon" means a person lawfully qualified to practise veterinary surgery.

Control of Ova Transplantation Centres

4. A person shall not operate an Ova Transplantation Centre in Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence granted by the Department and in accordance with the conditions set out in the First Schedule and such other conditions as may be specified in the licence.

Control of ova transplantation

5.—(1) A person shall not practise ova transplantation on animals unless:—

(*a*) he has been granted in accordance with regulation 6 a licence to undertake such practice; or

(*b*) he is the owner of a herd or flock or the full-time employee of such an owner and the ova transplantation is restricted to donor and recipient animals which have been in that herd or flock for a minimum period of 30 days prior to ova transplantation.

(2) Where ova transplantation has taken place in the circumstances set out in paragraph 1(*b*), the donor and recipient animals shall not be moved out of the herd or flock in the 30 days following ova transplantation.

Licences to practise ova transplantation

6.—(1) A licence to practise ova transplantation shall not be granted other than to a person:—

(*a*) who has been granted a licence under regulation 4 to operate an Ova Transplantation Centre; or

(*b*) who is employed in a licensed Ova Transplantation Centre; or

(*c*) who is the owner of a herd or flock; or

(*d*) who is a full-time employee of and nominated by a person who is the owner of a herd or flock.

(2) A person who applies for a licence to practise ova transplantation shall satisfy the Department that he has received approved instruction regarding ova transplantation and unless he shall so satisfy the Department it shall not grant such a licence to him.

(3) A licence granted to a person referred to in:—

(*a*) paragraph 1(*a*) or 1(*b*) shall only be valid for the practice of ova transplantation at the Ova Transplantation Centre stated in the licence and shall be subject to such other conditions as may be specified in the licence;

(*b*) paragraph 1(*c*) or 1(*d*) shall be subject to the conditions set out in the Second Schedule and to such other conditions as may be specified in the licence.

Collection and processing of ova for sale

7. The collection and processing of ova for sale are prohibited except in a licensed Ova Transplantation Centre.

Storage of ova

8. Storage of ova is prohibited except at a licensed Ova Transplantation Centre, an Artificial Insemination Centre or at the premises of an owner of a herd or flock who has been granted a licence under regulation 6(1)(*c*) or whose full-time employee has been granted a licence under regulation 6(1)(*d*).

Distribution and sale of ova

9. The distribution and sale of ova in Northern Ireland is prohibited except from a licensed Ova Transplantation Centre or an Artificial Insemination Centre.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 29th November 1982.

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