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Artificial Insemination (Pigs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

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The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5 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:

Title and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination (Pigs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1978.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"Artificial Insemination Centre" means a centre from which a service of artificial insemination for sows is provided;

"approved Artificial Insemination Centre" means an Artificial Insemination Centre operated by or licensed by the Department;

"herd owner" means a person who owns one or more female pigs;

"licensed operator" means the person to whom a licence to operate a Private Artificial Insemination Centre has been issued by the Department;

"Private Artificial Insemination Centre" means an Artificial Insemination Centre which is not operated by the Department;

"semen" means boar semen;

"sow" includes gilt.

Control of Private Artificial Insemination

Private Artificial Insemination Centres

3. A person shall not operate a Private Artificial Insemination Centre in Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence issued by the Department and subject to the conditions set out in the First Schedule and to such other conditions as may be specified in the licence.

Licence to practice Artificial Insemination

4. A person other than a person employed at an Artificial Insemination Centre operated by the Department shall not artificially inseminate a sow unless—

(*a*) he has been issued by the Department with a licence to practice artificial insemination; or

(*b*) the sow is being artificially inseminated with semen collected from a boar in the same herd; or

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(*c*) he is a private veterinary practitioner and he is artificially inseminating a client's sow for therapeutic reasons.

5.—(1) A person shall not be issued with a licence to practice artificial insemination unless he has received such instruction in artificial insemination as is acceptable to the Department.

(2) Only persons employed by a Private Artificial Insemination Centre licensed under Regulation 3 or a herd owner or a whole-time employee nominated by him may be issued with a licence to practice artificial insemination. A licence issued to a herd owner or a whole-time employee nominated by him 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 sale of semen

6.—(1) The collection of semen for sale is prohibited, except in an approved Artificial Insemination Centre.

(2) Where semen is to be collected for sale in Northern Ireland only a boar approved by the Department shall be used. The Department may limit sales from any such boar while there is insufficient evidence to assess its breeding merit. If a boar is approved for this purpose it shall remain continuously at an approved Artificial Insemination Centre for a period immediately preceding the date of the first collection of semen of 28 days or such time as it takes for the boar to pass all veterinary and other tests required by the Department whichever is the longer. No semen collected from such boar shall be sold unless the boar has passed all such veterinary and other tests required by the Department.

(3) Where semen is to be collected for sale outside Northern Ireland the boar shall remain continuously at an approved Artificial Insemination Centre for a period immediately preceding the first collection of semen of 28 days or such other period as is required by the licensing authority of the country of destination, whichever is the longer. No semen collected from such boar shall be sold unless the boar has passed all veterinary and other tests required by the Department.

(4) The Department may undertake the collection of semen on behalf of the owner of a boar in Northern Ireland.

Storage of semen

7.—(1) Storage of semen, other than the storage on his own premises of semen collected by a herd owner from a boar in his own herd for use in sows in the same herd, is prohibited except at an approved Artificial Insemination Centre or on the premises of a person licensed to practice artificial insemination under these Regulations.

(2) All storage facilities shall be approved by the Department.

(3) The Department may undertake the storage of semen on behalf of the owner of a boar in Northern Ireland.

Distribution and sale of semen

8. The distribution and sale of semen is prohibited except from an approved Artificial Insemination Centre.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 23rd October 1978.

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