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ANIMALS

Bovine Leucosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 14*th February* 1977
Coming into operation . . . 1*st March* 1977

The Department(**a**) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), 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 Bovine Leucosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1977.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"animal" means a live bovine animal;

"approved disinfectant" means a disinfectant for the time being approved by the Department under the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(**c**) for the purposes of general Orders;

"authorised" means authorised by the Department;

"carcase" means the carcase of an animal and includes part of a carcase and the meat, bones, hide, skin, hair, hooves, horns, offal or other part of an animal, separately or otherwise, or any portion thereof;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

"disease" means bovine leucosis;

"diseased" means affected with bovine leucosis;

"Divisional Veterinary Officer" means a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Department;

"infected place" means any land or premises declared by a veterinary inspector to be an infected place in accordance with Article 5;

"suspected" means suspected of being diseased;

"veterinary inspector" means a person appointed by the Department to be an inspector for the purposes of the Act, being either a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons or a veterinary practitioner qualified as approved by the Department;

"veterinary research laboratory" means the Veterinary Research Laboratory, Stormont, Belfast, or the Veterinary Investigation Laboratory, Omagh.

Notification of disease and isolation of animals and carcases

3.—(1) The provisions of section 4 of the Act shall be varied in the manner provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7).

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 16 (p. 55)

(2) Every person having in his possession or under his charge an animal or carcase which is diseased or suspected shall with all practicable speed give notice of the fact to a Divisional Veterinary Officer.

(3) Any person who examines or handles any animal or carcase on any land or premises and suspects that the animal or carcase is diseased shall, with all practicable speed, give notice of the fact to a Divisional Veterinary Officer.

(4) Where a veterinary surgeon or veterinary inspector carries out an examination of an animal or carcase and suspects that it is diseased he shall, in addition to giving notice to a Divisional Veterinary Officer, take such samples from the animal or carcase as may be necessary for diagnostic purposes, and shall forward them forthwith to a veterinary research laboratory together with a report on his examination of the animal or carcase.

(5) A notice required to be given under this Article shall include the ear number and description of the animal concerned and the name and address of the owner.

(6) A Divisional Veterinary Officer on receiving notice of a diseased or suspected animal or carcase shall, except where the notice is received from a veterinary surgeon or veterinary inspector, arrange for samples to be taken from the animal or carcase for diagnostic purposes.

(7) Where notice is given to a Divisional Veterinary Officer under this Article, the animal or carcase concerned shall be isolated by the owner or person in charge of it from all other animals and carcases on the premises until a notice is served under Article 4 or an alternative direction is given by the Divisional Veterinary Officer.

Isolation and prohibition of movement

4.—(1) Where a Divisional Veterinary Officer receives information under the preceding Article, or from any other source, that an animal or carcase is diseased or suspected, he may cause a notice in the Form A prescribed in Schedule 1 to be served on the owner or person in charge of the animal or carcase.

(2) On service of such notice in the Form A—

(*a*) the animal or carcase referred to therein shall be isolated and detained on the premises specified in the notice, and the said animal or carcase and any other animal or carcase, and any litter or dung which has or may have been in contact with the said animal or carcase, shall not be moved from the premises except under and in accordance with a licence granted by a veterinary inspector; and

(*b*) no vehicle, machinery or equipment which has or may have been in contact with any animal or carcase, litter or dung described in the preceding sub-paragraph, shall be moved from the premises until such vehicle, machinery or equipment has been thoroughly washed, cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant.

(3) The restrictions imposed by a notice served under this Article shall remain in force until withdrawn by a further notice in the Form B prescribed in Schedule 1.

Declaration of infected place

5.—(1) Where, as the result of laboratory tests carried out on an animal or carcase, disease is confirmed on any premises, a veterinary inspector may serve a notice in the Form C prescribed in Schedule 1 on the owner, occupier or person in charge of such premises declaring them to be an infected place for the purposes of the Act.

(2) Immediately on service of such notice the premises shall become an infected place within the limits specified by the notice and shall be subject to the Rules prescribed in Schedule 2.

(3) A veterinary inspector may serve a notice on the owner, occupier or person in charge of an infected place—

(*a*) altering the limits of the infected place;

(*b*) directing that any of the Rules prescribed in Schedule 2 shall cease to apply to the infected place or shall be modified to the extent or in the manner specified in the notice; or

(*c*) directing that such additional Rules as may be specified in the notice shall apply to the infected place.

(4) A notice served in accordance with paragraph (1) or (3) shall remain in force until withdrawn by a further notice in the Form D prescribed in Schedule 1.

Marking

6. An authorised officer may paint, stamp or clip any mark on any animal or may permanently mark an animal. No person shall remove, obliterate, deface or duplicate or attempt to remove, obliterate, deface or duplicate such a mark.

Cleansing and disinfection

7. An inspector may serve a notice on the owner or occupier of any place on which a diseased animal or carcase is or was kept requiring him at his own expense to carry out cleansing and disinfection as follows—

(*a*) all parts of any building or other area in which such animal or carcase is or was kept shall be thoroughly soaked with an approved disinfectant;

(*b*) the same parts of the building or other area shall then be thoroughly scraped and swept and all scrapings and sweepings and all manure, litter and other matter shall be removed;

(*c*) the same parts of the building or other area shall again be thoroughly disinfected with an approved disinfectant;

(*d*) all scrapings, sweepings, manure, litter and other matter shall be removed from the place and shall forthwith be buried or effectually destroyed;

(*e*) all vehicles, machinery, utensils, pens, hurdles, equipment or other thing used for or about the diseased animal or carcase shall be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant.

Offences

8. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the provisions of this Order or the Rules prescribed in Schedule 2.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 14th February 1977.

(L.S.) *J. C. Chalmers*
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE 1 Article 4

FORM A

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958

BOVINE LEUCOSIS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1977

Notice to owner or person in charge of animal/carcase requiring isolation and prohibiting movement

To .....

of .....

I, the undersigned, being a veterinary inspector of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, hereby require you to isolate the following animal/carcase,

namely .....

at .....

(here describe the premises where the animal/carcase is to be isolated).

In consequence of this notice and the provisions of the Bovine Leucosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 the above-mentioned premises become subject to the following restrictions:—

(*a*) the animal/carcase to which the notice relates and any other animal/carcase, and any litter or dung which has or may have been in contact with the said animal/carcase, shall not be moved from the premises except under and in accordance with a licence granted by a veterinary inspector; and

(*b*) any vehicle, machinery or equipment which has or may have been in contact with any animal/carcase, litter or dung described in the preceding paragraph, shall not be moved from the premises until such vehicle, machinery or equipment has been thoroughly washed, cleansed and disinfected with an approved disinfectant.

This notice remains in force until withdrawn by a subsequent notice in the Form B.

Signed ..... (Veterinary Inspector)

Date .....