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ANIMALS

Welfare of Livestock (Cattle and Poultry) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . 13*th May* 1975

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The Department of Agriculture(a), after consultation with such persons appearing to it to represent any interests concerned as it has considered appropriate, and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 2 of the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(b), 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 Welfare of Livestock (Cattle and Poultry) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 30th June 1975.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"blinkers" means any appliance for limiting vision;

"cattle" means all bovine animals;

"docking" means the removal of any bone or any part of a bone of the tail;

"operation" includes mutilation but not feather-clipping;

"poultry" means domestic poultry.

Prohibited operations

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), each of the following operations is prohibited where the cattle or poultry in question are for the time being situated on agricultural land:

(*a*) the docking of the tails of cattle;

(*b*) the castration of poultry by a method involving surgery;

(*c*) any operation on poultry with the object or effect of impeding flight;

(*d*) the fitting of blinkers to poultry by a method involving the penetration or other mutilation of the nasal septum.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) applies to any act lawfully done under the Cruelty to Animals Act 1876(c) and nothing in sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) of that paragraph affects the rendering, in emergency, of first aid for the purpose of saving life or relieving pain, or the performance by a veterinary surgeon of an operation which is in his opinion necessary for reasons of health.

(a) Formerly the Ministry of Agriculture: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5, para. 8
(b) 1972 c. 7 (N.I.)
(c) 1876 c. 77