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ANIMALS

Licensing of Bulls

RULES, DATED 26TH SEPTEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1960 AND BY SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(**a**), as amended by section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960(**b**) and by section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**c**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance as to fees, hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Bulls) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 2nd December, 1974.

Revocation

2. The Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Bulls) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968(**d**), 1970(**e**) and 1973(**f**) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Rules—

"Act" means the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 as amended by section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 and section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967;

"authorised officer" means any person duly authorised in writing by the Department;

"bull" means any uncastrated male of the bovine species;

"Grading Register" means a register maintained by the appropriate breed society for successive generations of non-pedigree cattle sired by pedigree bulls of the breed concerned;

"non-pedigree Shorthorn" means an animal which is of Shorthorn type in all respects and shows no character indicative of cross-breeding but which is not entered in either the beef or dairy section of Coates' Herd Book of Shorthorn cattle;

"pedigree" means either entered, accepted for entry or eligible for entry in the herd book of the breed concerned;

"vasectomised" means sterilised following the surgical severance of the vase-deferentia.

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 12 (N.I.).
(b) 1960. c. 19.
(c) 1967. c. 15 (N.I.).
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 181.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 231.
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 254.

Prescribed age of bull

4. For the purpose of the Act and these Rules, a bull shall be deemed to be the prescribed age when it attains the age of twelve months.

Application for a general or restricted licence

5.—(1) An application for a licence to keep a bull born in Northern Ireland shall be made in the form set forth in Schedule 1 and shall be made to the Department at least two months before the bull reaches the prescribed age.

(2) An application for a licence to keep a bull brought into Northern Ireland shall be made in the same manner as in paragraph (1) save that in respect of a bull which at the date of its entry into Northern Ireland has attained the age of ten months, application shall be made within 14 days of such date of entry.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) where an application has not been made by the prescribed time the Department may accept such application and undertake inspection for licence on receiving from the applicant the prescribed additional inspection fee.

Application for a licence to keep a vasectomised bull

6. An application for a licence to keep a vasectomised bull shall be made in the form set forth in Schedule 2 and shall be made to the Department before the bull reaches the age of ten months accompanied by a certificate from a veterinary surgeon confirming that the bull has been vasectomised.

Application for permit to keep bulls for fattening

7. An application for a permit to keep a group of unlicensed bulls for the purpose of fattening them for slaughter shall be made on the form issued by the Department and shall be lodged with the Department before any of the bulls reaches the age of nine months, save in the case of a bull rejected for licence or where a licence has been revoked the application shall be made within 14 days of receipt by the owner of the bull of a notice from the Department refusing or revoking a licence.

Fees

8.—(1) The inspection fee to accompany an application for licence lodged under either paragraph (1) or (2) of rule 5 shall be £2.

(2) The additional inspection fee payable in respect of an inspection undertaken under paragraph (3) of rule 5 shall be £1 for each inspection whether this involves one or more than one bull and shall be additional to the inspection fee required under paragraph (1).

(3) The fee to accompany an application lodged under rule 6 or rule 7 for a licence to keep a vasectomised bull or a permit to keep an unlicensed bull shall be 25 pence, save that, where an inspection fee in respect of such bull has already been lodged under rule 5 no further fee shall be payable.

Forms of licence

9.—(1) A general licence shall be in the form set forth in Schedule 3.

(2) A restricted licence shall be in the form set forth in Schedule 3.

(3) A licence for a vasectomised bull shall be in the form set forth in Schedule 3.

Categories of bulls eligible for licence

10.—(1) Bulls as specified in rule 11 shall be eligible for a general licence.

(2) Such bulls as the Department may determine shall be eligible for a restricted licence.

(3) Bulls which have been vasectomised by a veterinary surgeon shall be eligible for a licence.

Licensing standards and prescribed categories of bulls

11.—(1)(*a*) A beef licence shall be granted in respect of a pedigree bull of any of the following breeds:

Aberdeen Angus	Lincoln Red
Charolais	Luing
Dun and Belted Galloway	Shorthorn
Galloway	Simmental
Hereford	South Devon
Irish Angus	Whitebred Shorthorn

(*b*) A beef licence shall also be granted for a Charolais bull which is the progeny of a pedigree Charolais Sire and a dam which has been entered in Class B, C or D of an approved Charolais Society's Grading Register and which has been certified as such by that Society.

(2)(*a*) A dairy licence shall be granted in respect of a pedigree bull of the following breeds whose dam and dam of sire have attained the standards laid down in Schedule 4:

Ayrshire	Irish Moiled
Dairy Shorthorn	Jersey
British Friesian	Kerry
Guernsey	Red Poll

(*b*) A dairy licence shall also be granted for a non-pedigree Shorthorn bull which is the progeny of a pedigree Dairy Shorthorn bull whose dam has attained the standards laid down in Schedule 4 and a non-pedigree Shorthorn dam which has attained the standards laid down in Schedule 4.

(3) The Department may refuse to grant a licence in respect of any bull which is not of a standard which conforms with the provisions of the Act.

Conditions as to inspection and marking of bulls for licensing

12.—(1) A bull shall be inspected by an authorised officer and for this purpose the Department may require the owner of a bull to make it available for inspection at any time and place that has been notified to the owner and the owner shall provide reasonable facilities and assistance for the purpose of inspecting and marking the bull.

(2) At the time of inspection, a bull may, for the purpose of identification, be marked on the right ear by an authorised officer or, if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place with such mark as may be determined by the Department for this purpose.

(3) A bull deemed by an authorised officer to be suitable for a licence shall, in addition to any mark determined as in paragraph (2), also be marked with such mark as may be registered by the Department for this purpose.

(4) In the case of a bull in respect of which a licence has been revoked, the mark prescribed in paragraph (3) shall, if the Department considers it advisable to do so, be obliterated by an authorised officer as soon as possible after the revocation of the licence has been confirmed.

Appeals: General licences

13. Where the Department refuses to grant or transfer a licence in respect of any bull or revokes or suspends any licence, or requires the slaughtering or castration of any bull the owner of the bull may, within a period of fourteen days from the date of service on him of notice of such refusal, revocation or suspension or order to slaughter or castrate, and on payment to the Department of a fee of £5.25 lodge an application in the form set forth in the Schedule 5 requiring the bull to be inspected by such member or members of the panel of referees constituted under the Act as may be selected by the Department.

Change of ownership, death or castration of bull

14. Notice of any sale or hiring or other change in the ownership or control of a bull in respect of which a licence is in force, or has been applied for, or of its castration or death shall be given by the owner to the Department within seven days of such sale, hiring, change of ownership or control, castration or death. Such notice shall together with the licence in force be sent to the Department.

Surrender of licence or permit

15. The owner of a bull in respect of which a licence or permit was issued shall, in the event of the licence or permit having expired or being revoked or suspended return such licence or permit to the Department within seven days from the date of expiry thereof, or within seven days from the date of service on him of notice of revocation or suspension of such licence or permit.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 26th September 1974.

(L.S.) *A. J. Kissock,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Department of Finance hereby approves of the fees prescribed in the foregoing Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland this 1st October 1974.

(L.S.) *A. J. Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE 1 APP No.

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 (as amended)

Form of Application for a Licence to keep a Bull

In pursuance of the above Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Bulls) Rules, I HEREBY APPLY for a Licence in respect of the under-mentioned Bull.

Name and Address of Applicant .....

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Name of Bull..... Breed.....

Date of birth..... Ear Tattoo Marks.....

Colour..... Herd Book No.....

Breeder's Name and Address .....

Sire..... Herd Book No.....

Dam..... Herd Book No.....

Dam of Sire..... Herd Book No.....

MILK AND BUTTERFAT YIELDS OF DAM AND SIRE'S DAM

	Department's Registered Number	*Calving date before lactation*	*Age at Calving*	*Yield in first 305 days of lactation*			
				(lb) Milk	*Butterfat*		*Solids not Fat*
					%	*lb*	
Dam							
Dam of Sire							

Bull will stand for inspection at .....

Nearest Post Office..... Distance therefrom.....miles

If imported, state date of importation.....

At which Show or Sale is bull to be exhibited? .....