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DISEASES OF ANIMALS**Vaccination of Poultry**

ORDER, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 3B OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958:

The Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 3B of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having consulted with the bodies which appear to it to be substantially representative of the interests concerned and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance by Order hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Newcastle Disease Vaccination) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 29th November 1973.

Interpretation

2. "Act" means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;
"authorised officer" means an inspector or any other person authorised by the Ministry for the purposes of this Scheme;
"vaccination area" means any area from time to time declared by the Ministry to be a vaccination area.

Vaccination

3. Every person owning or having under his charge any poultry within a vaccination area shall at a date and time notified to him by the Ministry—

- (a) present all such poultry for vaccination against Newcastle disease;
(b) comply with all reasonable requirements of an authorised officer for the purpose of vaccination, including collection and penning of the poultry.

4. If any person fails to comply with any reasonable requirement of an authorised officer made in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, the Ministry may, without prejudice to any proceedings for an offence arising out of such default, take or cause to be taken all such steps as may be necessary to facilitate the vaccination of poultry and make a charge in respect of any expenses thereby incurred, and such charge may be recoverable by the Ministry as a civil debt from the person in default.

Records

5. The owner or person having charge of any poultry which have been vaccinated shall keep a record of the movement of all poultry, eggs and equipment on to or out of the premises for a period of 6 months from the date of such vaccination. Such records shall be produced on demand to an authorised officer who shall be entitled to make copies.