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AGRICULTURE

Artificial Insemination of Pigs

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD DECEMBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 2 and 3 of the Artificial Insemination of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance as to charges hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination (Pigs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January 1972.

Revocation

2. The Artificial Insemination (Pigs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**) are hereby revoked.

3. In these Regulations:—

"approved" means approved by the Ministry;

"Artificial Insemination Centre" means a centre providing an artificial insemination service for sows;

"breeder" means a breeder of pigs;

"Inseminator Service" means a service provided by the Ministry for the artificial insemination of sows;

"semen" means boar semen;

"Semen Delivery Service" means a service provided by the Ministry for the supply of semen for use by any breeder in Northern Ireland;

"sow" includes gilt.

PART I

CONTROL OF INSEMINATION

Artificial Insemination Service

4. Where the owner of a sow desires to use the Inseminator Service or the Semen Delivery Service he shall first apply in the form set out in the First Schedule.

Semen Delivery Service

5.—(1) The Ministry may supply semen by public transport for use by any breeder in Northern Ireland.

(a) 1947. c. 17. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 101.

(2) The insemination shall be carried out by the breeder or a person appointed by him or an approved inseminator.

Inseminator Service

6. The Ministry may provide an Inseminator Service for the areas set out in the Second Schedule and only breeders resident in these areas may use such Inseminator Service.

7. The Ministry shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury of any kind arising from the use of the Inseminator Service or the Semen Delivery Service or in any way be held responsible for damage resulting from the use of such services or if the use of such services fail to produce progeny.

Artificial Insemination Centres

8. No person shall distribute or sell semen from an Artificial Insemination Centre except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and in accordance with the conditions set out in the Third Schedule and such other conditions if any as may be specified in the licence.

9. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 8 shall ensure that each pig artificially inseminated with semen supplied by the Artificial Insemination Centre if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed ear mark or any other recognised form of earmarking is tattooed or earmarked at the first insemination, in one ear with such a mark as will enable it to be identified.

10. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 8 shall ensure that each pig resulting from an artificial insemination with semen supplied by the Artificial Insemination Centre is tattooed or earmarked in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

11. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 8 shall keep a record showing:—

(*a*) the date and place of each artificial insemination of a sow with semen supplied by the Artificial Insemination Centre;

(*b*) the name and address of the owner of the sow;

(*c*) the breed and name or other sufficient identification of the sow;

(*d*) such other matter as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

All such records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised officer of the Ministry who shall be at liberty to make any copy thereof or extracts therefrom.

Private sale of semen

12. The Ministry may grant a licence authorising the distribution or sale of semen other than from an Artificial Insemination Centre for any purpose approved by it subject to such conditions if any as may be specified in the licence.

PART II

MOVEMENT OF SEMEN INTO NORTHERN IRELAND

Application

13. No person shall bring semen into Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and such licence shall be in such form as the Ministry may determine.

Veterinary certificate

14. Every consignment of semen brought into Northern Ireland shall be accompanied by one copy of a certificate in such form as the Ministry may determine signed by a veterinary surgeon authorised by the Government of the country of origin but if the semen is obtained from a boar located at a recognised Artificial Insemination Centre in Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland such certificate will be accepted if signed by the veterinary surgeon in charge of such a centre. The authenticated copy of the certificate accompanying consignments of semen sent to Northern Ireland shall be affixed to the outside of the package containing the consignment and the original of the certificate shall be forwarded by post to the Ministry at Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SB.

Records

15. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 13 shall keep a record showing:—

(*a*) the place of origin of the imported semen;

(*b*) the breed name and other information sufficient for the identification of the boar from which such semen was obtained;

(*c*) the date on which the collection of such semen was made;

(*d*) the date and place of each artificial insemination of a sow with a part or the whole of such semen;

(*e*) the breed, name and other information sufficient for the identification of each sow inseminated;

(*f*) the date of birth and number of the resultant progeny;

(*g*) such other matters as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

All such records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by any authorised officer of the Ministry who shall be at liberty to make any copy thereof or extracts therefrom.

Use in herds

16. Semen which has been brought into Northern Ireland in accordance with Regulation 13 may not be used in any herd other than the herd of the importer without the written consent of the Ministry.

Identification marks

17.—(1) The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 13 shall ensure that each sow artificially inseminated with imported semen if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed earmark is tattooed at the first insemination in one ear with such mark as will enable it to be identified.

(2) The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 13 shall ensure that each pig resulting from an artificial insemination with imported semen is tattooed in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

PART III

MOVEMENT OF SEMEN OUT OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Application

18. No person shall take semen out of Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and in accordance with the conditions set out in the Fourth Schedule and such other conditions if any as may be specified in the licence. Such licence shall be in such form as the Ministry may determine.