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# DISEASES OF ANIMALS

## Brucellosis

ORDER, DATED 7TH DAY OF JULY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 4, 10, 12, 13 and 53 and the Second Schedule of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

*Title and commencement*

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 7) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on the 19th day of July 1971.

*Amendment of the 1966 Order*

**2.** The Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) as amended by the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(c), the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(d), the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970(e), the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970(f), and the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971(g) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) In Article 15 after the words "Northern Ireland" there shall be added the following words:—

"at an abattoir specified by the Ministry in the permit".

(2) In Article 16 the following sentence shall be added to paragraph (3):—

"Provided that any sum to which the owner of the animal might have become entitled under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme shall not be taken into account in assessing the market value but such sum (if any) shall be assessed by the Ministry after slaughter and added to the market value before calculation of the amount of compensation payable."

(3) In Article 22 for paragraph (3) the following paragraph shall be substituted:—

"(3) Where a reactor is found, as a result of an official test, in any herd the Ministry may, by notice in writing, prohibit for a period not exceeding three months, the use for grazing by eligible animals of any part of the holding on which the reactor, or any other animal which has been exposed to the possibility of infection by being in contact with the reactor, had been grazing immediately before the said official test."

(a) 1958. c. 13.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 227.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 237.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 269.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 37.
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 190.
(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 27.

(4) For Article 24 the following Article shall be substituted:—

"**24.**—(1) Any herdowner shall forthwith notify a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry if—

(*a*) any animal in his herd aborts; or

(*b*) any animal in his herd on calving retains the afterbirth for a period in excess of 24 hours; or

(*c*) he knows or suspects that any animal in his herd has been exposed to the possibility of infection by being in contact with an animal infected with brucellosis other than an animal in his own herd or by having been on premises other than his own premises on which brucellosis existed within the preceding three months.

(2) Any Veterinary Surgeon shall forthwith notify a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry if in his opinion—

(i) an animal in any herd has aborted; or

(ii) an animal in any herd has on calving retained the afterbirth for a period in excess of 24 hours.

(3) The Ministry may notify any Veterinary Surgeon or herdowner of the presence or suspected presence of brucellosis in any herd.

(4) In the event of an animal in any herd aborting, the owner shall immediately house the animal in isolation and with all practicable speed:—

(*a*) bury the foetus and cleansings within ground; and

(*b*) (i) either liberally spray the immediate area where the abortion took place with an approved disinfectant; or

(ii) cover with straw and burn it over the immediate area where the abortion took place.

(5) An animal which has aborted shall be retained in isolation until the Ministry has tested it and has informed the owner that it may re-join the herd.

(6) Manure containing discharges or fluids from an animal which has aborted shall be stacked away from access by cattle and shall not be spread on grazing fields for a period of at least six months.

(7) The provisions of paragraphs (5) to (7) above shall apply also in the case of an animal which, on calving, retains the afterbirth for a period in excess of twenty-four hours."

(5) For paragraph (7) of Article 25 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(7) The Ministry may serve—

(*a*) on the owner of a herd in which a reactor has been found as a result of an official test; or

(*b*) on the owner of any herd to which a reactor found as a result of an official test in another herd had access at any time within 28 days prior to the commencement of such official test or from which such a reactor was moved under the authority of a permit which expired not more than 28 days prior to the commencement of such official test; or