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POULTRY

Mycoplasma gallisepticum Control Scheme

SCHEME*, DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE POULTRY IMPROVEMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 1 of the Poultry Improvement Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and after such consultation as is required by Section 12(1) of the said Act hereby makes the following Scheme.

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Mycoplasma gallisepticum Control Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st March 1971.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:

"Blood test" means a test for the presence or absence of Mycoplasma gallisepticum antibodies in the blood.

"Certificate of clearance" means a certificate issued by the Ministry under Article 9(1).

"Certified flock" means a flock of poultry in respect of which a certificate of clearance has been issued.

"Commercial chicks" means chicks intended for the production of eggs for consumption or of poultry meat or poults intended for the production of turkeys for consumption.

"Commercial hatchery" means any hatchery which may be registered as a commercial hatchery in accordance with Article 5(3).

"Commercial stock" means commercial chicks and hatching eggs intended for the production of commercial chicks.

"Elite stock" means poultry breeding stock maintained for the production and distribution of grandparent stock or parent stock whether as hatching eggs or chicks.

"Grandparent stock" means poultry breeding stock maintained for the production and distribution of parent stock whether as hatching eggs or chicks.

"Mycoplasma" mean Mycoplasma gallisepticum.

"Parent hatchery" means any hatchery which may be registered as a parent hatchery in accordance with Article 5(6).

(a) 1968. c. 12 (N.I.).

*This Order was approved by a Resolution of the Senate on 25th February 1971 and by a Resolution of the House of Commons on 25th February 1971.

"Parent stock" means poultry breeding stock or hatching eggs intended for the production of poultry breeding stock maintained primarily for the production and distribution of commercial stock.

"Registered" means entered in the register of hatcheries to be maintained by the Ministry in accordance with Article 4.

"Supervised flock" means a flock of poultry on which testing for the purposes of determining the presence or absence of Mycoplasma infection is currently being carried out by the Ministry.

Purpose

3. The Ministry shall in accordance with this Scheme provide facilities for the testing of elite stock, grandparent stock and parent stock to determine the presence or absence of Mycoplasma.

Register

4. The Ministry shall in accordance with this Scheme maintain a Register of Hatcheries (hereinafter called "the Register"). A hatchery may be registered as a commercial hatchery or a parent hatchery.

5.—(1) Any person operating a hatchery may apply to have such hatchery registered.

(2) The Ministry may publish the register or any extract therefrom in such manner as it sees fit.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) the Ministry may register a hatchery as a commercial hatchery where, but only where, it is satisfied that all necessary arrangements have been made for the supply to that hatchery of hatching eggs from parent stock in certified flocks which are the progeny of elite stock or grandparent stock in certified flocks and that only hatching eggs from such parent stock in certified flocks (or from parent stock in certified flocks which are the progeny of elite stock or grandparent stock in respect of which such certificate as is mentioned in paragraph 4 has been issued) are brought into that hatchery.

(4) The Ministry may register a hatchery as a commercial hatchery where it is satisfied that all necessary arrangements have been made for the supply to that hatchery of hatching eggs from parent stock in certified flocks which are the progeny of elite and grandparent stock in respect of which a certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Irish Republic stating that the stock has been tested for Mycoplasma gallisepticum with negative results has been lodged with the Ministry and that only hatching eggs from such parent stock in certified flocks or from parent stock which are the progeny of elite stock or grandparent stock in certified flocks are brought in to that hatchery.

(5) A commercial hatchery shall sell, supply or distribute only commercial chicks which have been taken from certified flocks and which are the progeny of parent stock in certified flocks.

(6) The Ministry may register a hatchery as a parent hatchery where, but only where, it is satisfied that all necessary arrangements have been made for the supply to that hatchery of hatching eggs from elite stock or grandparent stock in certified flocks and that only hatching eggs from elite stock or grandparent stock in certified flocks are brought in to that hatchery.

(7) A parent hatchery shall sell, supply or distribute only parent stock which are the progeny of elite stock or grandparent stock in certified flocks and in the case of chicks which have been taken from a certified flock.