1969 No. 334 [NC]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Importation of Exotic Animals

ORDER, DATED THE 12TH DECEMBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 1, 21 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 1, 21 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Exotic Animals (Importation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969 shall come into operation on 15th December 1969.

PART I

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order:—

"the Act" means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

"approved research establishment" means any establishment from time to time approved by the Ministry in writing for the purposes of this Order, being an establishment used for the carrying out in relation to imported exotic animals of medical or veterinary research, or for the manufacture or testing in connection with such animals of vaccine or serum or other pharmaceutical products;

"approved zoological establishment" means a zoological gardens or other establishment from time to time approved by the Ministry in writing for the purposes of this Order, being gardens or an establishment used for the exhibition of exotic animals;

"exotic animal" means in relation to the Orders of Mammals mentioned in Column 1 of the Schedule, animals of the families mentioned in Column 2 of the Schedule;

"landing place" means the port of Belfast or Belfast (Aldergrove) Airport;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

(2) An approved research establishment and an approved zoological establishment may be approved either unconditionally or subject to such conditions concerning the retention in isolation and the disposal of imported exotic animals as may be specified in the document of approval.

Amendment of First Schedule of the Act

3. For the purposes of the Act and of this Order Part I of the First Schedule to the Act shall be amended by adding at the end thereof:—

"10. Exotic animals (as defined by the Exotic Animals (Importation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969)".

(a) 1958. c. 13.

PART II

4. This part shall apply to exotic animals which the Ministry is satisfied are being brought into Northern Ireland for the purposes of exhibition or research.

5. Subject to the provisions of this part an exotic animal which is landed in Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions of this part shall not be subject to the provisions of Part I of the Third Schedule of the Act (which requires animals to be slaughtered on landing) and accordingly Part II of the Third Schedule (which requires animals to be kept in quarantine) and Part III of that Schedule (which contains ancillary provisions) shall apply to any animal so landed.

6. An exotic animal shall be landed in Northern Ireland from any place other than the Republic of Ireland only in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Ministry.

Conditions Governing Issue of Licence

7.—(1) A licence shall be issued only to permit the landing at a landing place of exotic animals for direct movement to an approved research establishment or an approved zoological establishment and for their retention therein under the conditions specified in the approval.

(2) A licence shall contain such conditions as in the opinion of the Ministry are necessary or expedient for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spread of any disease to which the Act applies.

(3) Any breach of or failure to observe any condition of a licence shall be an offence against the Act.

Transhipment in Ports and Airports

8. Nothing in this Order shall operate to prevent the transhipment in a port or airport in Northern Ireland of an exotic animal brought from outside Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland where such transhipment takes place with the written authority of the Ministry or an Officer of Customs and Excise and subject to such conditions (if any) as may be specified in such authority.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 12th day of December 1969.

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W. G. Malcolm,
Assistant Secretary.