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ANIMALS

Licensing of Boars

RULES, DATED 11TH JUNE 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1960 AND BY SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(**a**) as amended by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960(**b**) and by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969.

(2) These Rules shall be construed as one with the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968(**d**) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Rules").

(3) These Rules shall come into operation on 1st July 1969.

Revocation

2. The Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1969(**e**) are hereby revoked.

Amendment of the Principal Rules

3. For Part III of the Fifth Schedule of the Principal Rules (which sets out the standards required for the classification of a sow as a qualified dam) there shall be substituted the following Part:—

"PART III

Standards required for the Classification of a Sow as a Qualified Dam

(Rule 9(2)(*c*))

To be classified as a qualified dam the progeny of a sow graded under the Ministry's Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme 1968, shall reach the following standards:—

(i) average age at slaughter shall be not more than 185 days;

(ii) not less than 55 per cent. of the carcases slaughtered shall have maximum backfat measurements of 44 millimetres at the shoulder and 24 millimetres at the loin and not less than 15 millimetres at mid-back; and

(iii) average carcase length shall be not less than 790 millimetres; or such standards as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

(**a**) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 12 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1960. c. 19.
(**c**) 1967. c. 15 (N.I.).
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 183.
(**e**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 20.