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AGRICULTURE

Artificial Insemination of Cattle

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH DECEMBER 1968, 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, 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 fees, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

INTRODUCTION

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January 1969.

Revocation

2. The Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1948(b) and the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(c) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations:—

"Artificial Insemination Centre" means a centre providing service of artificial insemination for cows;

"Cow" includes heifer;

"Semen" means bull semen.

PART I—CONTROL OF INSEMINATION

Artificial Insemination Service

4. Where the owner of a cow desires to enter the Artificial Insemination Service of the Ministry, he shall first complete a form of application as set out in the First Schedule.

Artificial Insemination Centres

5. No person shall distribute or sell bull 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 Second Schedule and such other conditions, if any, as may be specified in the licence.

(a) 1947. c. 17.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1948, No. 181.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 31.

Private sale of semen

6. The Ministry may, at its discretion, grant a licence authorising the distribution or sale of bull 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—PRIVATE COLLECTION OF SEMEN

Semen used in owner's herd

7. The Ministry may on behalf of the owner of a bull in Northern Ireland undertake the collection, processing and storage of semen for use in the herd subject to the payment of fees as prescribed in these Regulations and to the following conditions and to such other conditions, if any, as may be specified by the Ministry:

(*a*) the bull and breeding females in the herd of the owner shall be free from any transmissible disease;

(*b*) the collection of semen shall be made by a member of the Ministry's veterinary staff;

(*c*) the semen shall be stored in deep freeze at one of the Ministry's Centres and the Ministry shall be in no way responsible for any deterioration or loss of the semen or for any accident or injury caused by or due to the actual insemination;

(*d*) all inseminations shall be carried out by a member of the Ministry's veterinary staff.

Semen for sale

8. The Ministry may on behalf of the owner of a bull in Northern Ireland undertake the collection, processing and storage of semen from such bull for sale to other herdowners subject to payment of fees as prescribed in these Regulations and to the conditions of Regulation 7 and provided the bull is approved by the Ministry as suitable in all respects for use as a stock bull.

PART III—MOVEMENT OF SEMEN INTO NORTHERN IRELAND

Veterinary Certificate

9. Every consignment of semen brought into Northern Ireland shall be accompanied by one copy of a certificate in the form set out in the Third Schedule signed by a Veterinary Surgeon authorised by the Government of the country of origin, except that where the semen is obtained from a bull located at a recognised artificial insemination centre in Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland the certificate may be signed by the Veterinary Surgeon in charge of such centre. The authenticated copy of the certificate accompanying consignments of semen sent to Northern Ireland shall be affixed to the outside of the package and the original of the certificate shall be forwarded by post to the Ministry at Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB.

Disease Tests

10. Every consignment of semen to be brought into Northern Ireland shall, before being imported, be subject to such tests for disease as the Ministry may consider necessary.

Use in Herds

11. Semen which has been brought into Northern Ireland in accordance with Regulation 10 shall not be released for use until it has been stored for

a month in premises approved by the Ministry and may not be used in any herd other than the herd of the importer without the consent of the Ministry.

Identification Marks

12. (*a*) The licensee shall ensure that each cow artificially inseminated with imported semen, if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed ear-mark, is tattooed, at the first insemination, in one ear with such mark as will enable it to be identified.

(*b*) The licensee shall ensure that each calf resulting from an artificial insemination with imported semen is tattooed in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

Part IV—Fees and Charges for Services

Ordinary and Nominated Services

13. Where an artificial insemination service is provided at a Centre established and operated by the Ministry, the fee for insemination shall be as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
(*a*) In respect of a pedigree or non-pedigree cow	1	10	0
(*b*) In respect of a pedigree or non-pedigree cow inseminated with semen from a bull nominated by the owner of the cow	2	0	0

(*c*) The fees prescribed in sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) shall include such re-inseminations as the Ministry considers necessary provided that such re-inseminations are carried out within eight months from the date of the first insemination.

Certificate of Insemination

14. Where a certificate is required by the owner of a cow artificially inseminated with semen the property of the Ministry to enable the resulting progeny to be entered in any Herd Book or Register, the Ministry shall furnish such certificate on payment of a fee of five shillings.

Private Collection of Semen

15.—(1) Where, at the discretion of the Ministry, semen is collected by an officer of the Ministry either for use in the herd of the owner of the bull from which it is obtained or for sale to other herdowners, the charge for each collection of such semen shall be fifteen pounds, except that where the Ministry agrees that a first collection was not satisfactory a second collection may be made free of charge.

(2) Where artificial insemination is undertaken by an officer of the Ministry with semen collected as in paragraph (1), the fee for such insemination shall be one pound seven shillings and sixpence which shall include such re-inseminations as the Ministry considers necessary.

(3) Where semen which has been collected in accordance with paragraph (1) is intended for sale and is transferred from one Centre to another Centre for such purpose the charge for such transfer shall be one pound for each consignment so transferred.

(4) Where semen collected as in paragraph (1) is stored in deep freeze at a Centre established and operated by the Ministry, the charge for storage shall be five shillings per week for each fifty ampoules or part thereof.

Private Importation of Semen

16.—(1) Where imported semen is collected by the Ministry at an airport approved by the Ministry and conveyed to the Ballycraigy Centre, the charge shall be seven shillings and sixpence for each consignment.

(2) Where artificial insemination is undertaken by an officer of the Ministry with imported semen not being the property of the Ministry, the fee for such insemination shall be one pound seven shillings and sixpence which shall include such re-inseminations as the Ministry considers necessary.

(3) Where imported semen not being the property of the Ministry is stored in deep freeze at a Centre established and operated by the Ministry, the charge for storage shall be five shillings per week for each fifty ampoules or part thereof.

Semen purchased by Ministry

17. Where artificial insemination is undertaken by an officer of the Ministry with semen purchased or stored by the Ministry, the fee for such insemination shall be such amount as the Ministry may determine to be necessary to cover the cost of undertaking the insemination, together with the cost of purchasing, transporting and storing the semen, and the said charge shall also cover such re-inseminations as the Ministry may consider necessary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 17th day of December 1968.

(L.S.) *H. S. Oliver,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 18th day of December 1968.

(L.S.) *James V. Morrison,*
Assistant Secretary.