1968. No. 269 [C]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Brucellosis

ORDER, DATED 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 18 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 18 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January 1969.

Amendment of the 1966 *Order*

2. The Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) as amended by the Brucellosis (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(c) and the Brucellosis (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(d) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) In Article 2—

(i) for the definition of "approved sale" there shall be substituted the following definition:—

"approved sale" means a sale approved by the Department for the exposure of cattle from certified herds in an area designated by the Department to be a disease free area by Order under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 passed by the legislature of the Republic of Ireland (hereinafter in this Order referred to as the Diseases of Animals Act 1966) and in respect of which the Department has certified that calves up to the age of six weeks from uncertified herds are excluded.

(ii) there shall be included the following definitions:—

"a holding" means all land on which the owner of a herd is entitled to keep the herd whether as owner, tenant, licensee or under a letting in conacre or otherwise howsoever;

"multiple holding" means a holding of two or more non-adjacent areas of land.

(2) In Article 11 after paragraph (2) there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(3) The owner of a herd which is neither a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd nor a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall notify the Ministry if he acquires breeding stock."

(a) 1958. c. 13.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 227.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 62.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 237.

(3) For Article 22 the following Article shall be substituted:—

"**22.**—(1) The owner of a herd shall immediately isolate any animal when required to do so, in accordance with the conditions of a notice issued by the Ministry in writing and shall detain such animal in isolation on his premises until informed otherwise by the Ministry in writing.

(2) Where a herd is maintained on two or more non-adjacent areas comprised in a multiple holding the Ministry may serve on the owner of the herd a notice in writing requiring that any animals which have been exposed to the possibility of infection with brucellosis by contact with a reactor shall be:—

(*a*) detained on the area on which they were at the time when the reactor was found; and

(*b*) segregated from all other eligible animals in the herd.

(3) Where a reactor is found, as a result of an official test, in a herd maintained on a multiple holding the Minstry 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 multiple holding on which the reactor, or any other animal which has been exposed to the possibility of infection with brucellosis by being in contact with the reactor, had been grazing immediately before the said official test."

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

"**24.**—(1) In the event of an animal in a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd aborting, the owner shall immediately isolate and, where possible, house the animal and with all practicable speed:—

(*a*) notify the Ministry of the circumstances;

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

(*c*) (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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) The provisions of paragraphs (1) to (3) 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) In Article 26 for paragraphs (3) and (4) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

"(3) Save as is provided in paragraphs (5) and (6) no person shall import an eligible animal unless:—

(*a*) it is a certified animal which has been moved under the authority of a permit issued by the Department direct to the point of entry from—

(i) a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd under the Brucellosis (Certified) Herds Scheme made under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966; or