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DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Warble Fly

ORDER, DATED 11TH AUGUST 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 3B OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 3B of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 (as added by Section 2 of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b)), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having consulted with the bodies which appear to it to be substantially representative of the interests concerned and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance by Order hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and Commencement

1. The Scheme may be cited as the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966, and shall come into operation on the 31st August 1966.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"Animal" means a live bovine animal.

"Approved Dressing" means a systemic insecticide approved by the Ministry for the destruction of the larvae of the Warble Fly.

"Dressing" means the application to an animal of an approved dressing.

"Dressing Certificate" in respect of any animal means a certificate in the form A in the schedule bearing the signature of a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry, that such animal has been dressed in accordance with the requirements of this Scheme.

"Dressing Officer" means a person appointed by the Ministry to carry out under the control of a Veterinary Inspector the dressing of cattle in accordance with this Scheme.

"Dressing Period" means the period commencing on 1st September 1966 and ending on 30th November 1966.

"Eligible Cattle" means all bovine animals born on or before 15th August 1966 but excluding:—

(*a*) animals which have already been dressed in accordance with this Scheme or in accordance with the Warble Fly Eradication Scheme 1966, in the Republic of Ireland and are accompanied by the appropriate dressing certificate;

(*b*) fat cattle which will definitely be slaughtered before 31st December 1966.

Exemption Certificate" in respect of any animal means a certificate in the form B in the schedule bearing the signature of a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry, that such animal has been exempted from dressing.

(a) 1958. c. 13. (b) 1966. c. 23 (N.I.).

Warble Fly Dressing

3. Every animal owner, at a date and time notified to him by the Ministry, shall:—

(1) have all his eligible cattle earmarked and assembled for identification and for the dressing of appropriate animals;

(2) indicate to the Dressing Officer any animals which are sick, are under veterinary treatment or have been dosed for Liver Fluke, Worms or Hoose within the preceding 7 days, and cows and heifers in the last month of pregnancy;

(3) have all his calves born after 15th August 1966 earmarked and assembled for identification;

(4) provide assistance for the Dressing Officer by controlling the animals while they are being dressed or being identified; and

(5) inform the Dressing Officer as to which animals have already been dressed under this Scheme or under the Warble Fly Eradication Scheme 1966, operating in the Republic of Ireland and produce them for identification with the dressing certificates.

Fees

4. Animal owners shall on receiving a written demand pay to the Ministry a fee of 2s. 0d. in respect of each animal which has been dressed in accordance with this Scheme.

Dressing Certificates

5. When the fees due in accordance with the preceding Article have been paid the Ministry shall issue in respect of each animal dressed a certificate to this effect bearing the ear number of the animal.

Exemption Certificates

6.—(1) Certificates of exemption from dressing will normally be issued at the end of the dressing period provided the owner has paid the fees due in respect of animals which have been dressed.

(2) A separate exemption certificate will be issued in respect of each animal and will show thereon the ear number of the animal and date up to which the exemption is valid, that is the date before which the animal will have to be dressed.

(3) Every herd owner who has purchased an animal in respect of which an exemption certificate has been issued shall at least 6 weeks before the expiry thereof notify the Ministry as to the earmark of the animal and the date of expiry of the exemption certificate.

(4) When an animal in respect of which an exemption certificate has been issued is purchased within 6 weeks of the expiry of such certificate, the purchaser shall forthwith notify the Ministry of the earmark of the animal unless the animal is to be slaughtered before the expiry of the exemption certificate.

(5) The Ministry may on and after 1st March 1967 dress any animal in respect of which an exemption certificate has been issued. When such animal has been dressed a dressing certificate shall be issued after the fee of 2s. 0d. has been paid by the owner.