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ANIMALS

Licensing of Boars

RULES, DATED 5TH AUGUST, 1965, 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.

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 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 Rules:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965, and shall come into operation on the 1st October, 1965.

Revocation

2. The Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1963(c) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Rules:—

"Act" means the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, as amended by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960, and applied to boars by the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 (Application to Boars) Order 1933(d).

"Boar" means any uncastrated male pig of the prescribed age.

"Pedigree" means entered, accepted for entry, or eligible for entry in the Herd Book of the appropriate approved breeding society.

"Approved Breeding Society" means the National Pig Breeders' Association, the British Landrace Pig Society or the Royal Dublin Society.

Prescribed Age of Boar

4. For the purposes of the Act and these Rules a boar shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age when it has attained the age of six months.

Application for Licence

5.—(1) An application for a licence to keep a boar born in Northern Ireland shall be made in the form set forth in the First Schedule and shall be lodged, with the Ministry, together with the prescribed inspection fee, at least fourteen days before the boar attains the prescribed age.

(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 12 (N.I.).
(b) 1960. c. 19.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 213.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1933, No. 70.

(2) An application for a licence to keep a boar brought into Northern Ireland shall be made in the same manner as in paragraph (1) save that in respect of a boar which at the date of its entry into Northern Ireland has attained the age of five and a half months, application shall be made within fourteen days of such date of entry.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) when an application has not been made by the prescribed time the Ministry may accept such application and undertake inspection for licence on receiving from the applicant the prescribed additional fee.

Fees

6.—(1) The inspection fee to accompany an application for licence lodged under either paragraph (1) or (2) of Rule 5 shall be ten shillings.

(2) The additional inspection fee payable in respect of an inspection undertaken under paragraph (3) of Rule 5 shall be ten shillings for each inspection whether this involves one or more than one boar and shall be additional to the inspection fee required under paragraph (1).

Conditions as to Inspection and Marking of Boars

7. The following shall be the conditions as to inspection and marking of a boar:

(1) The Ministry may refuse to inspect a boar earlier than one month before it attains the prescribed age.

(2) The boar shall be inspected by an authorised officer of the Ministry and for this purpose the Ministry may require the owner of a boar to make it available for inspection at any time or place that has been notified to the owner, and the owner shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the purpose of the inspection and marking of the boar.

(3) At the time of inspection a boar may, for the purpose of identification, be marked by an authorised officer of the Ministry on the right ear or, if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place, with such mark as may be determined by the Ministry for that purpose.

(4) A boar deemed by an authorised officer of the Ministry to be up to licensing standard shall be marked by tattooing on the right ear or other appropriate place a design consisting of a right hand or such other mark as may be determined by the Ministry for this purpose.

(5) In the case of a boar in respect of which a licence has been revoked, the mark prescribed in paragraph (4) shall, if the Ministry considers it advisable to do so, be obliterated by an authorised officer of the Ministry as soon as possible after the revocation of the licence has been confirmed.

Forms of Licence

8. A licence shall be in the form set forth in the Second or Third Schedule, whichever is appropriate.

Categories of Boars Eligible for Licence

9.—(1) Pedigree boars of the following breeds, that is to say:—

Large White

Landrace

Wessex Saddleback

shall be eligible for licensing for breeding purposes generally.

(2) Other pedigree boars possessing characteristics which appear to the Ministry to indicate that their progeny are likely to attain desirable standards shall be eligible for licence for such breeding purposes and on such conditions as the Ministry may determine.

Appeals

10. Where the Ministry refuses to grant or transfer a licence for breeding purposes generally in respect of any boar, or suspends or revokes any such licence, or requires the slaughtering or castration of any boar, the owner of the boar may, within a period of fourteen days from the date of service on him of notice of such refusal, suspension or revocation or order to slaughter or castrate, and on payment to the Ministry of a fee of three guineas lodge an application in the form set forth in the Fourth Schedule requiring the boar to be inspected by such member or members of the Panel of Referees constituted under the Act as may be selected by the Ministry.

Change of Ownership, Death or Castration of Boar

11. Notice of any sale or hiring or other change in ownership or control of a boar in respect of which a licence is in force, or has been applied for, or of its castration or death shall be given by the owner to the Ministry within seven days of such sale, hiring, change of ownership or control, castration or death. Such notice shall together with the licence in force be delivered at or forwarded by post to the Ministry.

Surrender of Licence

12. The owner of a boar in respect of which a licence was issued shall, in the event of the licence having expired or being revoked or suspended, return such licence (together with the certified copy, if any) to the Ministry within seven days from the date of expiry thereof, or within seven days from the date of service on him of notice of revocation or suspension of such licence.

Service of Notices and other Documents

13. Any notice required or authorised by these Rules shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if it is sent by post addressed to the person to be served at his last known place of abode or business.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 4th day of August, 1965.

(L.S.) *J. A. Young,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the fees prescribed in the foregoing Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 5th day of August, 1965.

(L.S.) *R. R. Butler,*
Assistant Secretary.