1960. No. 78 **[NC]**

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

Eradication of Bovine Tuberculosis

ORDER, DATED 11TH MAY, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 3, 13 AND 18 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections three, thirteen and eighteen 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 Tuberculosis (Movement of Cattle) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation on the 16th day of May, 1960.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:—

"Act" means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958;

"animal" means bovine animal;

"attested animal" means an animal moved under the conditions of a permit from a herd accepted as attested or accredited in a certificate issued in accordance with the requirements of the Tuberculosis (Attested Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1959(b), or of the Accredited Herds Scheme of the Government of the Republic of Ireland or from any herd of equivalent status;

"authorised officer" means a person appointed by the Ministry in writing to be an authorised officer for the purposes of this Order;

"market clearance certificate" means a certificate in the form specified in the First Schedule;

"once-tested" means in relation to an animal—

(*a*) that it has been tested with tuberculin *not more than fourteen days before the date of importation* into Northern Ireland or shipment from Northern Ireland; and

(*b*) that such test has been carried out—

(i) in the Republic of Ireland in accordance with the Bovine Tuberculosis (14 Day Test) Order, 1958, or

(ii) in Northern Ireland as directed by the Ministry; and

(*c*) that the animal has not reacted to the test;

"tuberculin test certificate" means a certificate in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule or an equivalent certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture of the Republic of Ireland and approved by the Ministry;

"twice-tested" means in relation to an animal—

(*a*) that it comes from a herd in the Republic of Ireland which has had two clear tuberculin tests in accordance with the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Eradication) Scheme, and

(a) 1958. c. 13. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 54.

(*b*) that it is accompanied by a valid movement licence issued in accordance with that Scheme.

Importation of Animals from the Republic of Ireland

3.—(1) No untested animal shall be imported into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland.

(2) No once-tested or twice-tested animals shall be imported into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland unless they are accompanied by a valid certificate showing them to be once-tested or twice-tested animals and signed by a person authorised for that purpose by the Department of Agriculture of the Republic of Ireland.

(3) No attested animals shall be imported into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland unless they are accompanied by a valid certificate showing them to be attested animals and signed by a person authorised for that purpose by the Department of Agriculture of the Republic of Ireland.

Restriction on Shipment

4.—(1) An animal shall not be shipped to Great Britain unless:—

(*a*) it is accompanied by—

(i) a movement permit issued in accordance with the conditions of the Tuberculosis Attested Herds (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1959, or of the Accredited Herds (Republic of Ireland) Scheme, or

(ii) a movement licence issued in accordance with the conditions of the Bovine Tuberculosis (Eradication) Scheme of the Republic of Ireland, or

(iii) a tuberculin test certificate signed by the veterinary surgeon who made the test or a market clearance certificate relating to that test signed by an authorised officer; and

(*b*) it is suitably marked, for identification purposes, in such manner as the Ministry may from time to time direct.

(2) This Article shall not apply to any cattle of Northern Ireland origin sent to Great Britain for slaughter at an abattoir approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Movement into Counties Antrim and Londonderry

5.—(1) It shall be an offence to move animals not accompanied by a movement licence or permit issued under and subject to the provisions of either the Tuberculosis (Area Eradication) Order (Northern Ireland), 1959(a), or the Tuberculosis (Attested Herds) (Northern Ireland) Scheme, 1959, into the Eradication Area consisting of the Counties of Antrim and Londonderry and the County Borough of Londonderry.

(2) This Article shall not apply to the movement of an animal in either direction on the main road or railway between Belfast and Lurgan provided that during its movement through the said eradication area the animal is not permitted to come into contact with any animal other than an animal which was in contact with it immediately before it entered the eradication area or with any goats or swine.

Offences

6.—(1) It shall be an offence against the Act for any person, not being a veterinary surgeon, to issue a tuberculin test certificate.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1959, No. 146.