Diseases of Animals

Atrophic Rhinitis

ORDER DATED 3RD JUNE, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1894 TO 1948 AND THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1953.

1954. No. 84

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Diseases of Animals Acts (Northern Ireland) 1894 to 1948 and the Diseases of Animals Acts (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1953, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby orders as follows:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Atrophic Rhinitis Order (Northern Ireland) 1954.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

"Veterinary Inspector" means a veterinary inspector appointed by the Ministry.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (a) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Extension of definition of "Disease"

3. For the purposes of Section 22 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 the definition of the expression "disease" contained in Section 59(1) of that Act is hereby extended so as to include the disease known as atrophic rhinitis and that disease shall also be a disease to which Sections 19 and 20 of the aforesaid Act apply.

Detention and Isolation of Swine and Precautions to be Adopted to Prevent the Spread of Infection

4.—(1) A veterinary inspector may by notice served on the owner or person in charge of any swine which are affected with the disease known as atrophic rhinitis or which he suspects to be so affected or to have been in any way exposed to the infection of that disease, require the owner or person in charge to detain the swine on the premises specified in the notice and to keep the swine isolated, as far as practicable, from other swine and with a view to preventing the spread of infection to adopt such other precautions as may be specified in the notice.

(2) A veterinary inspector may, by subsequent notice in writing to the owner or person in charge of the swine direct that:—

(a) 52 and 53 Vict. C. 63.

(*a*) such additional precautions as may be specified in such subsequent notice shall be adopted; or

(*b*) any requirement specified in any notice served under this Article shall cease to apply or shall be modified to the extent or in the manner specified in such subsequent notice.

(3) A copy of any notice served by a veterinary inspector under this Article shall, with all practicable speed, be sent by him to the local police station.

5. Swine shall not be permitted to enter any premises in respect of which a notice served under Article 4 of this Order is still in force except under the authority of a licence granted by a veterinary inspector and in accordance with such conditions as may be specified therein.

Cleansing and Disinfection

6.—(1) The occupier of any premises on which there are or have been any swine in respect of which any notice under Article 4 of this Order has been served shall if so required by notice in writing served by a veterinary inspector cleanse and disinfect in accordance with the provisions of the notice any premises in which the swine have been placed or kept, and any utensils, appliance or other thing used for or about the swine.

(2) If the occupier of any premises fails to cleanse and disinfect the premises, or any utensil, appliance or other thing, when required under this Article, it shall be lawful for the Ministry without prejudice to the recovery of any penalty for the infringement of this Article to cause such premises or utensil, appliance or other thing to be cleansed and disinfected, and in any case in which a notice provides that cleansing and disinfection shall be at the expense of the occupier to recover summarily as a civil debt the expenses of such cleansing and disinfection from the occupier.

Compensation for animals slaughtered

7. Where the Ministry has caused to be slaughtered any swine affected or suspected of being affected with the disease known as atrophic rhinitis, or which have been exposed to the infection of that disease, the compensation payable by the Ministry for any animal slaughtered shall be:—

(*a*) where the animal slaughtered was affected with atrophic rhinitis, one half the value of the animal immediately before it became so affected;

(*b*) in every other case, the value of the animal immediately before it was slaughtered.

IN WITNESS whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this third day of June nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

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Assistant Secretary.

Sheep Dipping

1954. No. 89.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as amended and adapted by any subsequent enactments and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Prescribed Dipping Periods

1. There shall be, in each year, two prescribed dipping periods as follows:—

(i) Fifteenth day of June to fifteenth day of August inclusive of both dates;

(ii) First day of October to thirtieth day of November inclusive of both dates.

Mode of Dipping Prescribed

2. Where under this Order it is provided that sheep are to be dipped, they shall be dipped by a thorough immersion of the whole body, including the head and ears, in a 'single-dipping' type sheep-dip approved by the Ministry for sheep scab by the Sheep Scab (Northern Ireland) Order of 1954. The immersion, except as regards the head and ears, shall be for a period of not less than one minute, in a bath approved by the Ministry.

Exceptions to Dipping Requirements

3. The provisions of this Order which require the dipping of sheep shall be subject to the following exceptions:—

(1) Sheep which it is impracticable or inexpedient to dip owing to their being intended for exhibition, or to any other special circumstances, may be exempted from being dipped during the dipping period by an exemption signed by an inspector, provided he is satisfied, after examination and enquiry in the case, that the sheep are free from disease and that the grounds on which the exemption is sought are satisfactory. The exemption may be granted subject to conditions as to subsequent dipping or otherwise. The exemption shall be in the Form A set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

(2) Sheep to be slaughtered during a dipping period need not be dipped within such period provided they are kept separate from sheep which have been already dipped in the same period.

(3) Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to affect the operation of the provisions in Article 6 of this Order.

Annual Dippings

4.—(1) All sheep during any part of a dipping period (unless those excepted by Article 3 of this Order) shall be caused to be dipped during that period, by the owner or person in charge thereof.

(2) For the purposes of enabling the Ministry to be represented at the dippings required by this Article, whenever it considers such a course desirable, the owner or person in charge of any sheep required to be dipped shall give such written notice of his intention to dip his sheep as is hereinafter provided:—

(i) The notice shall be delivered or sent by post or otherwise to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district in which the sheep referred to in such notice are located.

(ii) The notice shall be delivered or sent at such time as to be received by the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district at least five clear days before the intended time of dipping.

(iii) The notice shall state the time and place of the intended dipping, the approximate number of sheep intended to be dipped, and the place where such sheep are located at time of forwarding of the notice.

Provisions as to Scheduled Areas

5. The Ministry may at any time by Order declare any area in which, in the opinion of the Ministry, sheep scab is prevalent to be a scheduled area for the purposes of this Order and thereupon all sheep within such area shall, in addition to the dipping required by Article 4 of this Order, be dipped in accordance with such directions as the Ministry may in the Order or otherwise prescribe. In any area so scheduled the Ministry may, if it deems it advisable, make such regulations as may, in the opinion of the Ministry, be necessary in connection with the movement of sheep within, into or from the area.

Exposure at Fairs, Markets and Saleyards of Sheep other than Imported Sheep

6. It shall not be lawful in any dipping period to move any sheep into or expose them for sale in any fair, market or saleyard unless such sheep shall have been dipped as specified in Article 4 of this Order and are accompanied at time of such movement or exposure, by a declaration in respect of such dipping, signed by the owner of the sheep or his agent authorised in that behalf. Every such declaration shall be in the Form B set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

This Article shall not apply to any sheep moved within the first seven days of the said dipping period.

Imported Sheep

7.—(1) When sheep are brought into Northern Ireland the owner or person in charge shall, at the point of entry into Northern Ireland, complete a declaration in the Form C set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and shall hand same to the Authorised Officer at such point of entry.

(2) The owner or person in charge shall

(*a*) keep the sheep isolated from all other sheep until dealt with under this Article;

(*b*) cause such sheep to be dipped in an approved dip not later than 14 days after entry of the sheep into Northern Ireland, having previously given notice in writing of the proposed date of dipping to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district at least

five clear days before the date of dipping. Such notice shall be in the Form D set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect.

(3) This Article shall not apply in the case of sheep which are being moved from a place outside Northern Ireland to another place outside Northern Ireland provided that the sheep are not unloaded in Northern Ireland.

Clipping before dipping

8. A sheep shall not be deemed to have been dipped in accordance with the requirements of this Order in the summer dipping period unless it has been previously clipped in the current year, but this provision shall not apply to lambs less than nine months old.

Isolation of Sheep after Dipping

9. All sheep after having been dipped within a dipping period shall, during the remainder of such period, be kept isolated from sheep which have not been dipped.

Declarations by Occupiers of Farms, etc.

10. The occupier of a farm or holding on which sheep are kept shall personally, or by his agent authorised in that behalf, furnish not later than seven days after the expiration of a dipping period to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district in which the farm or holding is situate, a declaration in the Form E set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, as to the dipping of the sheep in a dipping period. This requirement shall not, however, apply in any case where an Inspector or other Authorised Officer shall have certified that the sheep were dipped as specified in Article 4 of this Order in his presence during such period.

Certificates of Dipping

11. Where under this Order sheep are dipped during a dipping period in the presence of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer, he shall give the owner or person in charge of the sheep a certificate to that effect in the Form F set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect. Where the circumstances so permit the Inspector or other Authorised Officer shall also give a further certificate indicating that it has been declared to him, by the owner or person in charge of the animals, that the sheep to which the first-mentioned certificate relates comprise all the sheep in possession of such owner at the time of such dipping.

Restriction on Movement of Sheep not Dipped as required

12. Where any sheep shall not have been dipped during a dipping period as required by this Order an Inspector or other Authorised Officer may, without prejudice to any proceedings for the offence, serve the owner or person in charge of the sheep and the owner or person in charge of any sheep then in contact with the undipped sheep, with a notice, in the Form G set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, requiring the dipping as specified in Article 4 of this Order of the sheep described in the notice and prohibiting their movement from the farm,