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THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1981

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1. All species of the following orders of mammals except *Homo sapiens* (man)—
 1. Chiroptera.
 2. Carnivora.
 3. Dermoptera.
 4. Edentata.
 5. Hyracoidea.
 6. Insectivora.
 7. Lagomorpha.
 8. Marsupialia.
 9. Primates.
 10. Rodentia.
 11. Artiodactyla.
 12. Monotremata.
 13. Perissodactyla.
 14. Pholidota.
 15. Proboscidea.
 16. Tubulidentata.

PART II — POULTRY

Birds belonging to the following orders—

1. Anseriformes (including swans, geese and ducks).
2. Apodiformes (including swifts and humming birds).
3. Apterygiformes (kiwis).
4. Caprimulgiformes (including nightjars).
5. Casuariiformes (including emus and cassowaries).
6. Charadriiformes (including waders, gulls and snipes).
7. Ciconiiformes (including storks and flamingoes).
8. Coliiformes (mousebirds).
9. Columbiformes (including pigeons and doves).
10. Coraciiformes (including kingfishers and hornbills).
11. Cuculiformes (including cuckoos).
12. Falconiformes (including hawks and eagles).
13. Galliformes (including fowls, turkeys, pheasants, partridges and quails).
14. Gaviiformes (divers).

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15. Gruiformes (including cranes).
16. Passeriformes (including sparrows, finches and myna birds).
17. Pelecaniformes (including pelicans).
18. Piciformes (including toucans and woodpeckers).
19. Podicipitiiformes (grebes).
20. Procellariiformes (including petrels and albatrosses).
21. Psittaciformes (including parrots, budgerigars, love-birds, macaws and cockatoos).
22. Rheiformes (rheas).
23. Strigiformes (owls).
24. Struthioniformes (ostriches).
25. Sphenisciformes (penguins).
26. Tinamiformes (tinamous).
27. Trogoniformes (trogons).

PART III — DISEASES OF ANIMALS

1. Rinderpest (otherwise known as cattle plague).
2. Contagious pleuro-pneumonia (otherwise known as pleuro-pneumonia).
3. Foot-and-mouth disease.
4. Bovine tuberculosis.
5. Anthrax.
6. Warble fly infestation.
7. Brucellosis.
8. Bovine leucosis.
9. Johne's disease.
10. Lumpy skin disease.
11. Blue tongue.
12. Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis.
13. Sheep pox.
14. Sheep scab.
15. Teschen disease.
16. Swine fever.
17. African swine fever.
18. Atrophic rhinitis.
19. Swine vesicular disease.
20. Vesicular exanthema.
21. African horse sickness.
22. Infectious equine anaemia.
23. Dourine.
24. Equine encephalomyelitis.
25. Glanders.
26. Transmissible gastro-enteritis.
27. Rabies.
28. Influenza A infection.
29. Trichinosis.
Entry rep. by SR 1985/64
31. Epizootic lymphangitis.
32. Aujeszky's disease.
33. Visna-Maedi complex.
34. Jaagsiekte complex.
35. Contagious equine metritis.
36. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy.
37. Blue eared pig disease.
38. Vesicular stomatitis.

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39. Peste des petits ruminants.
 40. Rift valley fever.
 41. Viral haemorrhagic disease.
 42. Goat pox.
 43. Scrapie.
 44. Contagious agalactia.
 45. Porcine respiratory corona virus.
 46. Epizootic haemorrhagic disease.
 47. Spongiform encephalopathy.
 48. Caseous lymphadenitis.
 49. Equine viral arteritis.
- Article 10(1) (separation of diseased animals and notice of disease) shall not apply in the

PART IV — DISEASES OF POULTRY

1. Newcastle disease.
2. Fowl cholera.
3. Infectious bronchitis.
4. Infectious laryngo-tracheitis.
5. Fowl pox.
6. Ornithosis (including psittacosis).
7. Arizona disease.
8. Avian influenza.
9. Paramyxovirus 1 infection in pigeons.
10. Avian leucosis.
11. Marek's disease.
12. Goose hepatitis.
13. Infectious avian encephalomyelitis.
14. Mycoplasmosis.
15. Tuberculosis.
16. Duck plague (herpes virus infection).
17. Duck viral hepatitis.
18. Duck septicaemia (anatipestifer infection).
19. Infectious bursal disease (gumboro disease).
20. Salmonellosis.
21. Avian rhinotracheitis.
22. Spongiform encephalopathy.

SCHEDULE 2 — FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN RELATION TO SLAUGHTER

PART I — POWER TO SLAUGHTER

1. Cattle Plague:
2. Pleuro-pneumonia:
3. Foot-and-mouth Disease:
- 3A This paragraph applies to any premises which are declared by the Department to be infected
- 3B The Department may cause to be slaughtered any animal which has been treated with vaccine
4. Bovine tuberculosis
5. Brucellosis:
6. Sheep-pox:
7. Swine-fever:
8. Glanders:
9. Rabies:

10. Lumpy skin disease, Blue tongue, Teschen disease, African swine
Para. 10A rep. by SR 2002/225
- 10B Bovine leucosis:
Para. 10C rep. by SR 2002/225
11. Diseases of Poultry:
PART II — COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE SLAUGHTER OF
ANIMALS AND POULTRY
 1. Cattle Plague:
 2. Pleuro-pneumonia:
 3. Foot-and-mouth Disease:
 4. Bovine Tuberculosis:
 5. Brucellosis:
 6. Sheep-pox:
 7. Swine-fever:
 8. Glanders:
 9. Rabies:
Para. 10 rep. by SR 1996/399
11. Swine vesicular disease:
12. Bovine leucosis, Lumpy skin disease, Blue tongue, Teschen disease,
African swine-fever, Vesicular exanthema, African horse
The compensation shall—where the animal slaughtered was affected with
any of the above diseases be
Para. 12A rep. by SR 2002/225
- 12B Peste des petits ruminants, Vesicular stomatitis, Rift valley fever, Epizootic
haemorrhagic disease:
Para. 12C rep. by SR 2002/225
13. Diseases of poultry:

SCHEDULE 3 — IMPORTED ANIMALS

PART I — Slaughter at landing place

1. The animals shall be landed only at a landing place as defined by this
Order.
2. The animals shall be landed in such manner, at such times, and subject to
such
3. The animals shall not be moved alive out of the landing place.

PART II — Quarantine

1. The animals shall be landed only at a landing place as defined by this
Order.
2. The animals shall be landed in such manner, at such times, and subject to
such
3. When landed the animals shall immediately be conveyed in such manner
and subject to such
4. The animals shall not be moved out of the quarantine station except on
conditions prescribed
5. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Part the
provisions of this Order relating
6. The provisions of this Order relating to compensation or other payments in
respect of animals
7. Without prejudice to paragraph 5, the Department may—cause to be
slaughtered any imported animals or

PART III — Ancillary provisions

1. The Department may by order make such further or other provision as the
Department thinks

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2. In this Schedule, a “quarantine station” means—premises or accommodation approved by the Department for quarantine

SCHEDULE 4 — SUBSTANCES TO WHICH PART III APPLIES

4. Any of the following substances to be administered to swine: -Para-aminophenylarsonic acid. Sodium Para-aminophenylarsonic acid. 4-Hydroxy-3-Nitrophenylarsonic acid. 4-Nitrophenylarsonic acid. 4-Ureidophenylarsonic
5. Any substance containing any proportion of any of the substance specified in paragraph 4 if
6. The prohibition in Article 33 shall not apply to any person who has in his

— Schedule 5—Amendments

SCHEDULE 6 — TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

1. For the purposes of an order under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958...
2. Without prejudice to section 17 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 an order under...

— Schedule 7—Repeals

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