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ANIMALS

**Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977**

*Made* . . . . . 4th January 1977  
*Coming into operation* . . . . . 31st January 1977

The Department(a) of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as “the Department”), in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 18 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) (as extended in the case of section 18 by Article 3 of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(c)), 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 Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 31st January 1977.

*Amendment of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964*

2. The Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(d), as amended(e), is hereby further amended as follows:—

(1) In paragraph (2) of Article 5 after the words “official test” there shall be added the words “or for any examination carried out by the Department for the purposes of this Order.”;

(2) In paragraph (3) of Article 5 after the words “official test” where they first occur there shall be inserted the words “and shall sign a statement presented to him by an authorised officer that all animals in his possession have been submitted for testing.”;

(3) For Article 13 there shall be substituted:—

“13—(1) No animal shall be imported from the Republic of Ireland unless it is an animal from an attested herd being a herd which has been subjected to regular tuberculin tests by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Republic of Ireland and is accompanied by a valid movement permit, or other document, issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Republic of Ireland and acceptable to the Department; and

(a) in the case of an animal destined for immediate slaughter, the Department has agreed to permit its importation, has granted a specific authorisation allowing such importation and is satisfied that such importation is in accordance with the terms and conditions of such authorisation; or

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5, para. 8(1)

(b) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)

(c) S.I. 1975/1307 (N.I. 12)

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 31 (p. 118)

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 236 (p. 1018); S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 76 (I, p. 348); S.R. 1975 No. 298 (II, p. 1426); S.R. 1976 No. 85

- (b) in the case of a castrated male animal, other than an animal referred to in sub-paragraph (a), it has passed a tuberculin test acceptable to the Department not more than 30 days prior to the date of importation and is accompanied by a certificate issued by a veterinary surgeon or the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Republic of Ireland and acceptable to the Department certifying that the animal has passed such a test within the said period; or
- (c) in the case of any animal other than an animal referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b), it has passed a tuberculin test acceptable to the Department not more than 30 days prior to the date of importation and is accompanied by a certificate issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Republic of Ireland certifying that the animal has passed such a test within the said period.

(2) No animal imported from the Republic of Ireland shall proceed either to its destination in Northern Ireland or to a port of shipment in Northern Ireland unless under and in accordance with the conditions of a permit issued at the point of entry into Northern Ireland by an authorised officer.”;

(4) After Article 23 there shall be inserted:—

*“Notice of the presence of disease*

**23A.** Nothing in this Order shall prevent the Department from notifying any veterinary surgeon or herd owner of the results of any official test or examination carried out in any herd by the Department for the purposes of this Order.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 4th January 1977.

(L.S.)

*J. C. Chalmers*

Assistant Secretary

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order amends the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964, in particular revising restrictions on the importation of cattle into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland, so that in future no animal shall be imported, unless it is an attested animal which is accompanied by a valid movement permit or other document acceptable to the Department of Agriculture issued by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Republic of Ireland, and it has passed a tuberculin test within 30 days prior to importation.

The Department may, in appropriate cases, grant a specific authorisation for the importation of animals which have not passed the pre-export test providing such animals are destined for immediate slaughter in Northern Ireland.

A permit issued at the point of entry must accompany an animal to its destination in Northern Ireland, or in the case of animals in through transit, to the port of shipment.

The Order also enables the Department to require the occupier of any premises on which an official test is carried out to sign a certificate that he has presented all animals in his possession for testing, and extends the requirements of Article 5(2) of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964 to any examination carried out by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of that Order.