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ANIMALS

**Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1981**

Made 14th December 1981
Coming into operation 18th January 1982

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5 of the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 18th January 1982.

Amendment of Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

2. The Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(b) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 2 after the definition of "semen" there shall be added—

"approved Ova Transplantation Centre" has the meaning assigned to it in the Transplantation of Ova (Animals) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(c);

"Semen Storage Centre" means premises in respect of which a person holds a licence issued by the Department for the storage of semen."

(2) For regulation 7 there shall be substituted—

"Storage of semen

7.—(1) Subject to the exceptions in paragraph (2) no person shall store semen other than at premises in respect of which a licence for the storage of semen has been issued by the Department and any such licence shall be subject to the conditions set out in the Third Schedule and to such other conditions as may be specified in the licence.

(2) The exceptions mentioned in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) storage on his own farm by a herdowner of semen collected from a bull in his own herd for use in cows in his own herd; or
- (b) storage at an approved Artificial Insemination Centre or an approved Ova Transplantation Centre; or
- (c) storage on a farm by a person licensed under these regulations to practise artificial insemination.

(3) The Department may undertake the storage of semen on behalf of the owner of a bull in Northern Ireland."

(a) S.I. 1975/1834 (N.I. 17)

(b) S.R. 1976 No. 76

(c) S.R. 1978 No. 368

(3) In regulation 8 after "Centre" there shall be added "or Semen Storage Centre".

(4) After the Second Schedule there shall be added the following Schedule—

"THIRD SCHEDULE

Conditions of a licence for the storage of semen

1. Only equipment and methods approved by the Department shall be used or employed for the storage of semen.

2. Only semen obtained in accordance with regulation 6 or semen imported under a licence issued by the Department under the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975(a) may be kept in a Semen Storage Centre.

3. All movement of semen into a Semen Storage Centre shall be in a cryogenic container of a type approved by the Department.

4. Semen stored in a Semen Storage Centre shall be kept in cryogenic containers of a type approved by the Department.

5. Semen stored in a Semen Storage Centre shall only be sold to a person licensed to practise artificial insemination under regulation 5 and shall only be moved out of a Semen Storage Centre by such person in a cryogenic container of a type approved by the Department and owned by such person.

6. Semen moved out of a Semen Storage Centre may not be returned to it or moved into another Semen Storage Centre.

7. A licence holder shall maintain or cause to be maintained a register of all movement of semen into and out of the Semen Storage Centre and record in that register in respect of each straw of semen—

- (a) the name and breed of the bull from which the semen was collected;
- (b) the date the semen was moved into the Semen Storage Centre;
- (c) the date the semen was moved out of the Semen Storage Centre;
- (d) the name and address of the person to whom the semen was sold;
- (e) if semen becomes unusable the name and breed of the bull from which the semen was collected and the date it became unusable.

8. A licence holder shall enter or cause to be entered in the artificial insemination licence of the purchaser of the semen the quantity of semen sold, the name and breed of the bull from which the semen was collected and the date on which the semen was moved out of the Semen Storage Centre.

9. A licence holder shall—

- (a) make the register referred to in paragraph 7 available at all reasonable times for inspection by an authorised officer of the Department and permit such an officer to take copies of or any entry in that register; and
- (b) permit an authorised officer of the Department at all reasonable times to inspect the Semen Storage Centre."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 14th December 1981.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 by providing for the licensing of premises at which semen may be stored.