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WELFARE OF ANIMALS

**Welfare of Farmed Animals
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

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REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2000**

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SCHEDULE General conditions under which farmed animals must be kept

1. Staffing
2. Inspection
3. Where animals are kept in a building adequate lighting (whether...

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4. Where any animals (other than poultry) are kept in a...
 5. Any animals which appear to be ill or injured—
 6. Where necessary, sick or injured animals shall be isolated in...
 7. Record keeping
 8. The record referred to in paragraph 7 shall be retained...
 9. Freedom of movement
 10. Where animals are continuously or regularly tethered or confined, they...
 11. Buildings and accommodation
 12. Accommodation and fittings for securing animals shall be constructed and...
 13. Air circulation, dust levels, temperature, relative air humidity and gas...
 14. Animals kept in buildings shall not be kept in permanent...
 15. Where the natural light available in a building is insufficient...
 16. Animals kept in buildings shall not be kept without an...
 17. Animals not kept in buildings
 18. Automatic or mechanical equipment
 19. Where defects or worn parts in automated or mechanical equipment...
 20. Where the health and well-being of the animals is dependent...
 21. The back-up system referred to in paragraph 20(a) shall be...
 22. Feed, water and other substances
 23. Animals shall not be provided with food or liquid in...
 24. All animals shall have access to feed at intervals appropriate...
 25. All animals shall have access to a suitable water supply...
 26. Feeding and watering equipment shall be designed, constructed, placed and...
 27. No other substance, with the exception of those given for...
 28. Breeding procedures
 29. Animals shall not be kept for farming purposes unless it...
 30. Electrical immobilisation
- SCHEDULE 2 **Additional conditions under which laying hens kept in battery cages must be kept**
1. All cages shall comply with the following requirements—
 2. Battery cages shall be designed, constructed and maintained in such...
 3. The design and size of the cage opening must be...
 4. The cages must be suitably equipped and maintained to prevent...
 5. Except where therapeutic or prophylactic treatment demands otherwise, all laying...
 6. The laying hens shall be cared for by personnel with...
 7. The flock or group of laying hens shall be inspected...
 8. Accommodation comprising more than three tiers of cages shall not...
 9. (1) When laying hens do not appear to be in...
 10. (1) Every time all the cages housed together are emptied...
- SCHEDULE 3 **Additional conditions under which poultry other than laying hens kept in battery cages must be kept**
- SCHEDULE 4 **Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of calves confined for rearing and fattening**
1. Accommodation
 2. Transitional provisions for accommodation

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3. Inspection
 4. Calves that are kept outside shall be inspected by the...
 5. Where necessary, sick or injured calves shall be isolated in...
 6. Tethering
 7. Artificially lit buildings
 8. Cleansing and disinfection
 9. Floors
 10. Bedding and lying area
 11. Bovine colostrum
 12. Additional dietary requirements
 13. Muzzling
 14. Feeding
 15. Drinking water
- SCHEDULE 5 **Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of cattle**
1. Where any lactating dairy cows or any cows that are...
 2. Where any cows that are calving are kept in a...
- SCHEDULE 6 **Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of pigs**
- Part I
 1. Interpretation
 - Part II — General additional conditions
 2. Inspection
 3. Where necessary, sick or injured pigs shall be isolated in...
 4. Tethering
 5. (1) Where the use of tethers is permitted in accordance...
 6. Accommodation
 7. (1) The dimension of any stall or pen shall be...
 8. Artificially lit buildings
 9. Prevention of fighting
 10. Cleansing and disinfection
 11. Lying area
 12. Floors
 13. Feeding
 14. Drinking water
 15. Environmental enrichment
 16. Prohibition on the use of the sweat-box system
 - Part III — Boars
 17. Boar pens shall be sited and constructed so as to...
 18. The lying area for boars shall be dry and comfortable....
 19. The minimum pen size for an adult boar shall be...
 - Part IV — Sows and Gilts
 20. Gilts and sows between weaning their piglets and the perinatal...
 21. If they are placed in farrowing crates, pregnant sows and...
 22. Gilts and sows between weaning their piglets and the perinatal...
 23. During farrowing, an unobstructed area behind the sow or gilt...
 24. Farrowing pens where sows are kept loose must have some...
 - Part V — Piglets
 25. Piglets shall, where necessary, be provided with a source of...
 26. Where a farrowing crate is used, the piglets shall have...
 27. Tail docking or tooth clipping shall not be carried out...
 28. Where tooth clipping appears to be necessary, this procedure shall...
 29. Piglets shall not be weaned from the sow at an...

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Part VI — Weaners and Rearing Pigs

- 30. Pigs shall be placed in groups as soon as possible...
- 31. The unobstructed floor area available to each weaner or rearing...

SCHEDULE

Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of rabbits

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- 1. Any hutches or cages in which any rabbits are kept...
- 2. Where any rabbits are kept in any accommodation that is...

Explanatory Note