
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that where the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has grounds for suspecting that foot-and-mouth disease exists in Northern Ireland or in such part of the Republic of Ireland as may entail the risk of its spread into Northern Ireland it may by notice in writing declare any area in Northern Ireland to be an infected area. Such a notice must be published and must specify the date on which it comes into operation. A notice may be revoked or varied.

Where an area is declared to be an infected area then the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order (Northern Ireland) 1962 (insofar as they are applicable) shall have effect in relation to that area. The main restrictions imposed are prohibitions on the movement of animals out of, into or within an infected area except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence.