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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order revokes and remakes the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 ([S.R. 1972 No.16](#)).

Article 4 provides that a manufacturer of a disinfectant may apply to the Department to have that disinfectant approved for use when an order under the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 ([N.I.22](#)) or Regulations made or having effect under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 specifies that an approved disinfectant shall be used. Article 5 provides that an approved disinfectant may only be used in accordance with the conditions of the approval or as directed by an inspector.

Article 6 provides that an approval lasts for two years but may be renewed. Article 7 provides that the Department may amend, suspend or revoke an approval or refuse to renew an approval. Article 8 provides a procedure for a manufacturer to make representations against any such amendment, suspension or revocation or a refusal.

Article 9 provides that a manufacturer or supplier shall take reasonable steps to notify any person in Northern Ireland to whom it has supplied a disinfectant in the previous 6 months if its approval has been amended, suspended or revoked, or if a renewal of the approval has been refused.

Article 10 prohibits the placing of any disinfectant on the market that is labelled or otherwise represented as an approved disinfectant if it is not approved under this Order or if the formula for it has changed since approval was granted. Article 11 prohibits the mislabelling of a container.

Article 13 provides that the Department may at any time require information about a disinfectant, or samples of that disinfectant, to be provided to it. Article 14 provides for revocation.

Breach of the Order is an offence under Article 52 of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, punishable by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one month.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008.