
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2008 No. 275

The Bluetongue Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

Monitoring and Surveillance

17. An inspector or officer of the Department may enter any premises (whether or not in a control zone or restricted zone) for the purposes of monitoring or surveillance for the bluetongue virus or antibodies to the bluetongue virus or midges.

Obtaining vaccine

18. No person other than a holder of a marketing authorisation, a manufacturing authorisation or a wholesale dealer's authorisation granted by the Secretary of State under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2007 may obtain vaccine except under the authority of a licence granted by the Department.

Prohibition on vaccination

19. Except where regulation 20 applies, a person shall not vaccinate an animal against bluetongue except under the authority of a licence granted by the Department.

Compulsory vaccination

20.—(1) The Department may declare a vaccination zone in which any occupier of premises or keeper of animals must ensure the vaccination of their animals and comply with any other measures related to either vaccination or vaccine specified in that declaration.

(2) A veterinary inspector may serve a notice on the occupier of premises or the keeper of animals on premises requiring that occupier or keeper to ensure the vaccination of the animals at the premises.

Costs of compliance

21. Unless the Department directs otherwise in writing, the costs incurred by any person in taking any action required, or in refraining from taking action that is prohibited, by or under these Regulations must be met by that person.

Powers of inspectors in case of default

22. If any person fails to comply with a requirement in or under these Regulations, an inspector may take such steps as that inspector considers necessary to ensure the requirement is met at the expense of that person.

Offences and penalties

23. A person contravening any requirement or prohibition in or under these Regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to imprisonment not exceeding three months or both.

General powers of inspectors

24. An inspector or officer of the Department who enters premises under these Regulations may take with him—

- (a) a vehicle;
- (b) any equipment; and
- (c) such other person(s) as is appropriate.

Interference with traps and marks

25. A person shall not—

- (a) damage, interfere with or remove any traps set for midges under these Regulations; or
- (b) deface, obliterate or remove any mark made by any person under these Regulations.

Licences

26.—(1) A person moving any thing under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a specific licence granted by the Department under these Regulations must—

- (a) keep the licence or a copy of it with him at all times during the licensed movement;
- (b) on demand by a veterinary inspector or other officer of the Department or by an inspector, produce the licence or copy and allow a copy or extract to be taken.

(2) A person moving any thing under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a general licence granted by the Department under these Regulations shall—

- (a) carry, at all times during the movement, a consignment note that contains details of—
 - (i) what is being transported, including the quantity,
 - (ii) the date of the movement,
 - (iii) the name of the consignor,
 - (iv) the address of the premises from which the movement started,
 - (v) the name of the consignee,
 - (vi) the address of the premises of destination;
- (b) on demand by a veterinary inspector or other officer of the Department or by an inspector, produce the consignment note and allow a copy or extract to be taken.

Provision of assistance

27.—(1) Any person required to give assistance or information to a person acting under these Regulations must, unless he has reasonable cause, do so without delay.

(2) A person shall not provide information which he knows to be false or misleading to a person acting under these Regulations.

Exceptional circumstances

- 28.** The Department may for the purpose of ensuring the health or welfare of any animal—
- (a) license a person to carry out any action that is otherwise prohibited under these Regulations; or
 - (b) exempt a person, by notice, from any requirement under these Regulations.

Revocations

- 29.** The Bluetongue Order (Northern Ireland) 2008(1) is revoked.