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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2011 No. 440**

The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet  
Animals Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

PART 1  
GENERAL

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Non Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Order (Northern Ireland) 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2012.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Order—

“carrier” means any undertaking carrying goods or passengers for hire by land, sea or air;

“Decision [2003/459/EC](#)” means Commission Decision [2003/459/EC](#) on certain protection measures with regard to monkey pox virus<sup>(1)</sup>;

“Decision [2006/146/EC](#)” means Commission Decision [2006/146/EC](#) on certain protection measures with regard to certain fruit bats, dogs and cats coming from Malaysia (Peninsula) and Australia<sup>(2)</sup>;

“Decision [2007/25/EC](#)” means Commission Decision [2007/25/EC](#) as regards certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza and movements of pet birds accompanying their owners into the EU<sup>(3)</sup>;

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

“health certificate” means a certificate issued in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Pets Regulation;

“inspector” means a person appointed by the Department for the purposes of this Order or the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and includes a veterinary inspector;

“pet bird” has the same meaning as in Decision [2007/25/EC](#);

“the Pets Regulation” means Regulation (EC) No [998/2003](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the animal health requirements applicable to the non-commercial movement of pet animals and amending Council Directive [92/65/EEC](#)<sup>(4)</sup>;

“premises” means—

(a) any land, building, shed, pen or other place;

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(1) O.J. No L 154, 21.6.2003, p112.

(2) O.J. No. L 55, 25.2.2006, p.44

(3) O.J. No. L 8, 13.1.2007, p.29, which was last amended by Commission Decision [2009/818/EC](#) (O.J. No. L 291, 7.11.2009, p.27)

(4) O.J. No. L 146, 13.6.2003, p.1 which was last amended by Regulation (EU) No. 438/2010 (O.J. No. L 132, 29.5.2010, p.3)

(b) any receptacle or container;

(c) any ship, vessel, boat, aircraft, hovercraft or vehicle of any other description;

“the supplementary Regulation” means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 1152/2011 supplementing Regulation (EC) No 998/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards preventive health measures for the control of *Echinococcus multilocularis* infection in dogs<sup>(5)</sup>.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(6)</sup> shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(3) Terms and expressions used in this Order and in the Pets Regulation have the same meaning as in the Pets Regulation.

(4) In this Order—

(a) any reference to Decision 2007/25/EC is a reference to that Decision as amended from time to time, and

(b) any reference to Annex I or II to the Pets Regulation is a reference to that Annex to that Regulation as amended from time to time.

### **Designation**

3. The Department is the competent authority for the purposes of—

(a) Article 5(1)(b) and Article 12 of the Pets Regulation; and

(b) Article 2(1) of Decision 2007/25/EC.

### **Notices**

4. Any notice issued by the Department under this Order—

(a) shall be in writing;

(b) may be made subject to conditions; and,

(c) may be amended, suspended or revoked at any time.

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<sup>(5)</sup> O.J. No. L 296, 15.11.2011, p.6

<sup>(6)</sup> 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)