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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2013 No. 244**

**The African Horse Sickness  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013**

**PART I  
INTRODUCTION**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the African Horse Sickness Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013 and come into operation on 18th November 2013.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“carcase” means a carcase or part of a carcase of a horse, but does not include a sample taken from a carcase;

“contact premises” means premises that have an epidemiological connection with infected premises, including those that due to their proximity to infected premises the Department considers have an epidemiological connection with infected premises;

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

“horse” means any animal of the family Equidae and includes crossings of those animals;

“infected premises” means premises that have been declared to be infected premises under regulation 9(8) or 10(7);

“inspector” means a person appointed to be an inspector for the purposes of these Regulations by the Department and includes a veterinary inspector;

“the Order” means the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(1) as amended;

“premises” includes any place;

“suspect premises” means premises that have been designated as suspect premises under regulation 8(2);

“thing” means any thing by or by means of which African horse sickness virus might be carried or transmitted and includes manure, bedding, feed, equipment, vehicles and genetic material;

“vector” means an insect of the genus *Culicoides* or any other species of arthropod capable of transmitting African horse sickness virus.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference to a notified horse or carcase is a reference to a horse or a carcase (as the case may be) which is the subject of a notification given under regulation 5(1).

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(1) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I.2) Article 17, S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I.6) Articles 20 and 23, S.R. 1994 No. 11, S.R. 2004 No. 362 and S.R. 2006 No. 41 and the Diseases of Animals Act (N.I.) 2010 c. 1

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(2)</sup> applies to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

### **References to occupier**

**3.—**(1) In these Regulations a reference to an occupier of premises includes a reference to a person who has ownership or charge of a horse on the premises.

(2) Any notice required or authorised under these Regulations to be served on the occupier of premises may be served on any person appearing to the person serving the notice to be the occupier.

(3) Where a notice has been served on a person referred to in paragraph (2), any reference in these Regulations to the occupier or, as the case may be, any other occupier of the premises includes a reference to that person.

(4) Where the occupier of premises is required to comply with any obligation under or by virtue of these Regulations, any other occupier of the premises shall give the occupier such assistance as is reasonably required to enable such compliance.

(5) Where the occupier of premises has been served with a notice under these Regulations, the occupier shall take reasonable steps to inform (orally or otherwise) any other occupier of the premises and any other person entering the premises of any restrictions on the movement to or from the premises of any horse, carcase or thing arising from the service of the notice.

(6) A notice required or authorised under these Regulations to be served on the occupier of premises may (in addition to it being served on the occupier) be served on any other occupier of the premises.

### **Exemptions**

**4.** These Regulations do not apply—

- (a) to anything done under the terms of a licence granted under the Specified Animal Pathogens Order (Northern Ireland) 2008<sup>(3)</sup>; or
- (b) at any border inspection post within the meaning of, and for so long as it remains approved for the purposes of, regulation 11 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011<sup>(4)</sup>.

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<sup>(2)</sup> 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 2008 No. 336, as amended by S.R. 2010 No. 24

<sup>(4)</sup> S.R. 2011 No. 438