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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 II**

**NOTIFICATION OF SUSPICION OF AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS**

**Notification requirements**

5.—(1) Any person who suspects that a horse or carcase is infected with African horse sickness virus shall immediately notify the Department.

(2) Any person who examines a sample taken from a horse or carcase and who—

(a) suspects that the horse or carcase is infected with African horse sickness virus; or

(b) detects evidence of antibodies to, or antigens of, that virus,

shall immediately notify the Department.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) are subject to paragraph (5).

(4) A veterinary inspector may serve a notice on any occupier of infected premises indicating that any further suspected cases of African horse sickness virus on those premises need not be notified to the Department for so long as the notice remains in force.

(5) Where a notice has been served under paragraph (4)—

(a) paragraph (1) does not apply in relation to any horse or carcase on the infected premises, and

(b) paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to any sample taken from a horse or carcase on the infected premises,

for so long as the notice remains in force.

(6) Unless earlier revoked by a veterinary inspector, a notice served under paragraph (4) ceases to be in force when the notice declaring the premises to be infected premises served under regulation 9(8) or 10(7) (as the case may be) is revoked by a veterinary inspector or by virtue of regulation 12(2).