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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 IV**

**SLAUGHTERHOUSES**

**Actions following examination**

**14.**—(1) This regulation applies where a veterinary inspector has acted under regulation 13(3).

(2) If the veterinary inspector is satisfied that African horse sickness virus does not exist in any horse or carcase at the slaughterhouse, the veterinary inspector shall confirm this (orally or otherwise) to the person in charge of the slaughterhouse.

(3) If the presence of African horse sickness virus cannot be ruled out, a veterinary inspector—

- (a) may by notice served on the person in charge of the slaughterhouse vary the controls applicable under regulation 13(2) or imposed by notice under regulation 13(4),
- (b) may take samples and test them to establish the presence of that virus at the slaughterhouse<sup>(1)</sup>.

(4) If the Department is satisfied that tests carried out under this regulation demonstrate that African horse sickness virus is not present in the slaughterhouse, a veterinary inspector shall confirm this (orally or otherwise) to the person in charge of the slaughterhouse.

(5) Paragraph (6) applies where the Department is satisfied as a result of—

- (a) any test carried out under this regulation; or
- (b) any clinical signs in any horse at the slaughterhouse or any other premises where any horse at the slaughterhouse has recently been,

that African horse sickness virus is present in a horse or carcase at the slaughterhouse.

(6) Where this paragraph applies, the Department shall ensure that all carcasses of infected horses are disposed of in such a way as to avoid the risk of spread of African horse sickness virus<sup>(2)</sup>.

(7) Where confirmation is given under paragraph (2) or (4), or following the disposal of carcasses under paragraph (6)—

- (a) any controls applicable under regulation 13(2) (and, where applicable, as varied under paragraph (3)(a)) cease to have effect,
- (b) any notice served under regulation 13(4) (and, where applicable, as varied under paragraph (3)(a)) is revoked.

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(1) See also the power of the Department under regulation 16 to declare a temporary control zone.

(2) See also the power of the Department under regulation 17 to declare a control zone, protection zone and surveillance zone.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The African Horse Sickness Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, Section 14. (See end of Document for details)

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**Commencement Information**

**II** [Reg. 14](#) in operation at 18.11.2013, see [reg. 1](#)

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