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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**

**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).

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

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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  
(2) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

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**Commencement Information**

**II** [Reg. 2](#) in operation at 18.11.2013, see [reg. 1](#)

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