
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2013 No. 244

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

PART III N.I.

SUSPICION AND CONFIRMATION OF AFRICAN HORSE SICKNESS

Initial controls following notification N.I.

7.—(1) This regulation applies where the Department receives a notification under regulation 5(1) and a veterinary inspector considers that further investigation relating to the possible presence of African horse sickness virus is necessary.

(2) A veterinary inspector shall inform (orally or otherwise) the person who gave the notification that further investigation is necessary.

(3) Where that person has been so informed, the controls in paragraph (7) apply in relation to the premises where the notified horse or carcass (as the case may be) is located.

(4) Where those premises are not the premises where the notified horse is normally kept or, in the case of a notified carcass, the horse before it died was normally kept, a veterinary inspector may also inform (orally or otherwise) the occupier of those premises that further investigation is necessary.

(5) Where that occupier has been so informed, the controls in paragraph (7), other than in subparagraph (a)(i), apply in relation to those other premises.

(6) A veterinary inspector—

- (a) shall go to the premises where the notified horse or carcass is located and examine that horse or carcass, and may examine any other horse or carcass there;
- (b) where paragraph (4) applies, may go to those other premises and examine any horse or carcass there.

(7) The controls are that—

- (a) any person in possession or charge of a notified horse or carcass shall ensure that—
 - (i) the notified horse or carcass is not moved from the premises where it is located;
 - (ii) no thing is moved from the premises;
 - (iii) no other horse or carcass is moved from or to the premises, except that any horse normally kept at the premises may return there; and
- (b) if required by a veterinary inspector and to the extent that it is practicable to do so the occupier shall ensure that—
 - (i) all horses are moved away from any part of the premises where most vectors are likely to be present;
 - (ii) areas which may be breeding grounds for vectors are identified and any available vector control measures directed by a veterinary inspector are implemented.

- (8) The controls imposed under this regulation continue to apply until—
- (a) a veterinary inspector confirms (orally or otherwise) to any occupier of the premises that the presence of African horse sickness virus on the premises is not suspected; or
 - (b) the premises become suspect premises⁽¹⁾.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 7 in operation at 18.11.2013, see [reg. 1](#)

⁽¹⁾ At which point other measures have effect: see regulation 8(2).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The African Horse Sickness Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2013, Section 7.