
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 282

**The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals
(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

Insertion of Part 2A (Microchipping of pet animals)

8. After article 10 (Controls on highly pathogenic avian influenza), insert the following Part—

“PART 2A

Microchipping of Pet Animals

Minimum qualifications for microchipping of pet animals

10A.—(1) No person may implant a microchip in an animal of the species listed in Part A of Annex I to the Pets Regulation for the purposes of a non-commercial movement unless—

- (a) they are a veterinary surgeon or a veterinary nurse acting under the direction of a veterinary surgeon,
- (b) they are a student of veterinary surgery or student veterinary nurse and in either case acting under the direction of a veterinary surgeon,
- (c) they have been satisfactorily assessed on a training course approved by the competent authority for that purpose, or
- (d) before the 29th December 2014 they received training on implantation which included practical experience of implanting a microchip.

(2) In this Article—

“microchip” has the same meaning as “transponder” in the Pets Regulation;

“student veterinary nurse” and “veterinary nurse” have the meanings given by Schedule 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(1);

“student of veterinary surgery” has the same meaning as in regulation 3 of the Schedule to the Veterinary Surgeons (Practice by Students) Regulations Order of Council 1981(2);

“veterinary surgeon” means a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons under section 2 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.”.

(1) 1966 c. 36. Paragraph 6 of Schedule 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 was inserted by S.I. 1991/1412, substituted by S.I. 2002/1479 and amended by S.I. 2008/1824, paragraph 18 of the Schedule. Paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 was inserted by S.I. 2002/1479.

(2) S.I. 1981/988. Regulation 3 was substituted by the Schedule of S.I. 1995/2397.