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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2016 No. 54**

**The Animals and Animal Products (Examination  
for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**PART 3**

**Sampling and Analysis**

**Animal inspections**

- 20.**—(1) An authorised officer may, by giving written notice, require—
- (a) the detention of an animal or a batch of animals in the place where the animal or the batch is located; or
  - (b) the removal to, and the detention at, another place of an animal or batch of animals,
- in order to carry out an inspection.
- (2) An inspection under paragraph (1) is to be undertaken to ascertain whether—
- (a) any animal contains any unauthorised substance, unlicensed substance or a residue of any other substance which the authorised officer reasonably suspects may result in any animal product derived from the animal containing an unauthorised substance, an unlicensed substance or a Table 1 substance at a concentration exceeding the maximum residue limit; or
  - (b) any withdrawal period has expired.
- (3) Where detention alone is required, the notice is to be served on the owner of the premises where the animal or batch of animals is located.
- (4) Where removal and detention elsewhere is required the notice is to be served on the owner of the premises where the animal or batch of animals is located unless another person is the owner of the animal or batch of animals, in which case the authorised officer is to serve the notice on whichever one of them the officer considers appropriate.