

*Amendment of the Principal Order*

2. The principal Order shall be amended as follows:—

- (i) In Article 2 the words “or carcase thereof” shall be inserted after the words “any species of swine”.
- (ii) After Article 3 there shall be inserted the following new Article:—

3A. In this Order:—

“Carcase” means the carcase of an animal, and includes part of a carcase, and the meat, bones, hide, skin, hoofs, offal, or other part of an animal, separately or otherwise or any portion thereof.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture,  
Northern Ireland, this sixteenth day of October,  
(L.S.) nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

J. C. Baird,  
Assistant Secretary.

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**Sheep Dipping (Northern Ireland) Order 1956**

1956. No. 81

[NC]

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Diseases of Animals Acts (Northern Ireland) 1894 to 1955(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

*Prescribed Dipping Period*

1. There shall be, in each year, one prescribed dipping period which shall commence on the first day of October and terminate on the thirtieth day of November.

*Mode of Dipping Prescribed*

2. Where under this Order it is provided that sheep are to be dipped, they shall be dipped by a thorough immersion of the whole body, including the head and ears, in a “single-dipping” type sheep-dip approved by the Ministry for sheep scab by the Sheep Scab (Northern Ireland) Order of 1954(b). The immersion, except as regards the head and ears, shall be for a period of not less than one minute, in a bath approved by the Ministry.

*Exceptions to Dipping Requirements*

3.—(1) Sheep which it is impracticable or inexpedient to dip owing to their being intended for exhibition, or to any other special circumstances, may be exempted from being dipped during

(a) See 1955 c. 8. ss. 1(2) and 3(2).

(b) S.R. & O. 1954 No. 88.

the dipping period by an exemption signed by an inspector, provided he is satisfied, after examination and enquiry in the case, that the sheep are free from disease and that the grounds on which the exemption is sought are satisfactory. The exemption may be granted subject to conditions as to subsequent dipping or otherwise. The exemption shall be in the Form A set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

(2) Nothing in this Article shall be deemed to affect the operation of the provisions in Article 6 of this Order.

#### *Annual Dipping*

4.—(1) All sheep (unless those excepted by Article 3 of this Order) shall be caused to be dipped during the dipping period, by the owner or person in charge thereof.

(2) For the purposes of enabling the Ministry to be represented at the dipping required by this Article, whenever it considers such a course desirable, the owner or person in charge of any sheep required to be dipped shall give such written notice of his intention to dip his sheep as is hereinafter provided:—

- (i) The notice shall be delivered or sent by post or otherwise to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district in which the sheep referred to in such notice are located.
- (ii) The notice shall be delivered or sent at such time as to be received by the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district at least five clear days before the intended time of dipping.
- (iii) The notice shall state the time and place of the intended dipping, the approximate number of sheep intended to be dipped, and the place where such sheep are located at time of forwarding of the notice.

#### *Provisions as to Scheduled Areas*

5. The Ministry may at any time by Order declare any area in which, in the opinion of the Ministry, sheep scab is prevalent to be a scheduled area for the purposes of this Order and thereupon all sheep within such area shall, in addition to the dipping required by Article 4 of this Order be dipped in accordance with such directions as the Ministry may in the Order or otherwise prescribe. In any area so scheduled the Ministry may, if it deems it advisable, make such regulations as may, in the opinion of the Ministry, be necessary in connection with the movement of sheep within, into or from the area.

#### *Exposure at Fairs, Markets and Saleyards of Sheep other than Imported Sheep*

6. It shall not be lawful in the dipping period to move any sheep into or expose them for sale in any fair, market or saleyard unless such sheep shall have been dipped as specified in Article 4 of this Order and are accompanied at time of such movement

or exposure, by a declaration in respect of such dipping, signed by the owner of the sheep, or his agent authorised in that behalf. Every such declaration shall be in the Form B set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

This Article shall not apply to any sheep moved within the first seven days of the said dipping period.

*Sheep Imported from the Irish Republic*

7.—(1) When sheep are brought into Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic the owner or person in charge shall, at the point of entry into Northern Ireland if the sheep are being moved by road, or at the point of delivery by a railway company in Northern Ireland if they are being transported by rail, complete a declaration in the Form C set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and shall hand same to the Authorised Officer at the point of entry, or to the Stationmaster or his deputy at the point of delivery.

(2) The owner or person in charge shall

(a) keep the sheep isolated from all other sheep until dealt with under this Article;

(b) cause such sheep to be dipped in an approved dip not later than 14 days after entry of the sheep into Northern Ireland, having previously given notice in writing of the proposed date of dipping to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district at least five clear days before the date of dipping. Such notice shall be in the Form D set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect. Provided, however, that when a licence is issued by an Authorised Officer at the point of entry to allow movement of the sheep direct to a slaughter-house for immediate slaughter, or direct to a port for immediate shipment, such dipping shall not be required.

(3) This Article shall not apply in the case of sheep which are being moved from a place outside Northern Ireland to another place outside Northern Ireland provided that the sheep are not unloaded in Northern Ireland.

*Declarations by Occupiers of Farms, etc.*

8. The occupier of a farm or holding on which sheep are kept shall personally or by his agent authorised in that behalf, furnish not later than seven days after the expiration of the dipping period to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district in which the farm or holding is situate, a declaration in the Form E set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, as to the dipping of the sheep in the dipping period.

*Isolation of Sheep before and after Dipping*

9.—(1) Sheep which have not been dipped during the dipping period in any year shall be kept isolated from sheep which have been dipped during that dipping period

(2) All sheep after having been dipped within the dipping period in any year shall, during the remainder of such period, be kept isolated from sheep which have not been dipped.

*Restriction on Movement of Sheep not Dipped*

10. Where any sheep shall not have been dipped during the dipping period as required by this Order or where Article 7 of this Order has not been complied with, an Inspector or other Authorised Officer may, without prejudice to any proceedings for the offence, serve the owner or person in charge of the sheep and the owner or person in charge of any sheep then in contact with the undipped or imported sheep, with a notice, in the Form F set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, requiring the dipping as specified in this Order of the sheep described in the notice and prohibiting their movement from the farm, holding or other place specified in the notice (except under a licence granted by an Inspector or other Authorised Officer) until all sheep shall have been so dipped, in the presence of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer.

*Cleansing of Dipping Places*

11. The place on any farm or premises which has been used for dipping shall, without unnecessary delay, be thoroughly cleansed by the occupier, and all tufts of wool gathered and disinfected or destroyed.

*Samples of Dip may be taken*

12. Every owner or person in charge of sheep being dipped under this Order shall permit and give every facility to an Inspector or other Authorised Officer to take samples of dip or material which is being used or has been used for the dipping of sheep.

*Power to regulate time and place of Dipping in particular cases*

13. The Ministry may during the dipping period in any case where it considers such procedure desirable serve a notice on the owner or person in charge of any sheep, requiring that the sheep shall be dipped at such times and places as are stated in the notice and to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer, and the sheep shall thereupon be dipped in accordance with the requirements of such notice. The notice may be in the Form G set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

*Production of Declaration and Licences: Names and Addresses*

14.—(1) Any person in charge of a sheep being moved where under this Order a declaration or licence is necessary, shall, on demand of a Constable, or of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer, produce and show to him the declaration or licence, if any, authorising the movement, and shall allow it to be read and a copy of or extract from it to be taken by the person to whom it is produced.

(2) Any person so in charge shall, on demand as aforesaid, give his name and address to the Constable or Inspector or other Authorised Officer.

*Powers of Entry of Inspectors*

15. An Inspector or other Authorised Officer may for the purposes of this Order enter any premises and examine any sheep thereon.

*Provision of Assistance*

16. The owner or person in charge of any sheep shall, at the request of an Inspector or other Authorised Officer, provide such assistance as may be required for the collection and penning of the sheep and afford adequate facilities for the examination of animals by an Inspector.

*Revocation of Order*

17. The Sheep Dipping (Northern Ireland) Order of 1954(a) is hereby revoked.

*Offences*

18. Any person committing or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any breach of the provisions of this Order or of any notice served or licence issued under this Order is liable, on summary conviction, to the penalties provided by the Diseases of Animals Acts (Northern Ireland) 1894 to 1955.

*Interpretation*

19. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

“Authorised Officer” means an Officer of the Ministry authorised for the purposes of this Order;

“Sheep” includes lambs;

“Inspector” means a Veterinary Officer of the Ministry; and

“Divisional Veterinary Officer” means the Senior Veterinary Officer in charge of the district;

“Owner” includes a joint owner.

*Commencement*

20. This Order shall come into operation on the date hereof.

*Short Title*

21. This Order may be cited as the Sheep Dipping (Northern Ireland) Order 1956.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, is hereunto affixed this twenty-fourth day of May nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

(L.S.)

J. C. Baird,  
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

FORM A

SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

Form of Exemption

(Article 3 (1))

The under-mentioned sheep are hereby exempted from the dipping requirements of the above Order on account of \*.....

The exemption shall not extend beyond the.....day of.....19.....

The exemption is subject to the following conditions:—†.....

Date..... (Signature).....  
Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture.

\* Here state ground of exemption.

† Insert conditions (if any).

Particulars of Sheep Exempted

Number and description of sheep exempted	Name and Address of owner of sheep	

FORM B

SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

(Article 6)

Form of Declaration to accompany Sheep moved into a Market, Fair or Saleyard during a Dipping Period other than the first seven days of same

I..... of..... in the County of..... do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare:—

- (a) That I am the owner (or the agent authorised for this purpose by..... of..... in the County of..... the owner) of the under-mentioned sheep;
- (b) That the said sheep were dipped in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order by the person or persons specified in this declaration;
- (c) That the statements contained in this declaration are within my own knowledge; or
- (d) That the statements contained in this declaration are based on information furnished to me by†.....

† Here insert particulars of source of information.

Number and Description of Sheep	Name and Address of Person or Persons by whom the sheep have been dipped	Date of Dipping	Description of Dip used

Date..... (Signed).....

SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

(Article 7 (1))

IMPORTED SHEEP

(Declaration by owner or the person in charge of imported Sheep at point of entry into Northern Ireland).

I ..... of ..... being the

\*(a) owner

\*(b) person in charge having been duly authorised to sign this declaration by the owner

of.....sheep being imported into Northern Ireland do hereby declare that the sheep will be kept at..... isolated from all other sheep, until dealt with under the provisions of the above-mentioned Order.

Date..... (Signed) .....

\* Delete letter (a) or (b). (Witness) .....

(WARNING—Any person giving false information will render himself liable to prosecution).

FORM D

SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

(Article 7 (2) (b))

IMPORTED SHEEP

(Notice of Intended Dipping)

To the Divisional Veterinary Officer.

I hereby give notice that it is my intention to dip at the time and place stated, the following sheep at present located at..... in the Rural or Urban District of.....

Number of Sheep to be dipped { Rams ..... Breeding Ewes ..... Other Sheep (one year old and above) ..... Lambs ..... } Total .....

Place of intended dipping .....

Date on which dipping will take place .....

Time at which dipping will commence .....

Signature .....

Full Postal Address .....

Date.....

# Sheep Dipping

## FORM E

### SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

#### (Article 8)

### Declaration as to Dipping of Sheep on a Farm or Holding in a Dipping Period

(A Declaration on such a Form as this must be furnished to the Divisional Veterinary Officer every year by or on behalf of the Occupier of every Farm or Holding on which Sheep are kept. The Declaration may be made and sent either as soon as the Sheep have been dipped or at any time afterwards up to but not later than seven days after the end of the dipping period).

I..... of ..... in the Rural or Urban District of ..... and County of ..... being the Occupier (or the duly authorised agent of the Occupier), of the Farm or Holding known as ..... do hereby certify that all the sheep on the said farm or holding (except such as were exempt from the requirements of the above Order) have been dipped as required in accordance with the above Order by thorough immersion in a sheep-dip approved by the Ministry of Agriculture for sheep scab. The particulars of the dipping are stated below and I further certify that such particulars are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Dated.....19..... (Signed).....

Particulars of Dipping			
Number and Description of Sheep Dipped	Places of Dipping	Date of Dipping	Description of Dip Used
Particulars of Exemption			
Number and Description of Sheep Exempted	Ground for Exemption	If exempted, state date of Exemption	

Note—If there are no exemptions this is to be stated.



ANIMAL

FORM F

SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

(Article 10)

Detention Notice

I,.....being an authorised officer under the above-mentioned Order do hereby give you notice to detain the following sheep, viz., .....  
 .....  
 of which you are the owner or person in charge, upon the following farm, holding or other place, viz., .....  
 .....and to dip the said sheep in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order, in the presence of an authorised officer by a thorough immersion in an approved sheep dip on the.....day of.....19.....and you are hereby prohibited from moving the said sheep from the said place until this Notice has been complied with in the manner aforesaid.

(Signed).....

Authorised Officer.

Date.....

FORM G

SHEEP DIPPING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1956

(Article 13)

Notice of Special Dipping

To ..... of .....  
 I,.....being an authorised officer under the above-mentioned Order, do hereby require that the following sheep, viz., .....  
 .....  
 of which you are the owner or person in charge, shall be dipped by you at ..... on the.....day of.....between the hours of.....and.....to my satisfaction by a thorough immersion in a sheep dip approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

(Signed).....

Authorised Officer.

Date.....