

Swine Fever Order (No. 2) (Northern Ireland), 1957.

ORDER, DATED 28TH JUNE, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1894
TO 1955(a).

1957. No. 114

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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, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Swine Fever Order (No. 2) (Northern Ireland), 1957, and shall come into operation on the eighth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Revocation

2. The Swine Fever Order (Northern Ireland), 1957(b) is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

“ Act of 1894 ” means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894;

“ Authorised officer ”, save in Article 5(e) of this Order, means an officer authorised by the Ministry for the purposes of this Order and includes Veterinary Inspector;

“ Casualty pig ” is a pig the immediate slaughter of which is necessary for salvage purposes on account of injury or disease;

“ Collecting centre ” means a place to which the Pigs Marketing Board direct live pigs to be delivered;

“ Inspector ” means Inspector of the Ministry and includes Veterinary Inspector;

“ Licensed boar ” means a boar in respect of which a licence has been issued under the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922(c);

“ Ministry ” means Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

“ Public sale ” includes a market or fair and any sale either by auction or otherwise which is open to the public whether held in a public place or not and whether or not swine of different owners are exposed thereat;

“ Swine fever ” has the same meaning as in the Swine Fever (Northern Ireland) Order, 1926(d);

“ Young pig ” means a pig which is under 75 lb. in weight.

Prohibition of Exposure for Sale of Swine

4. With a view to the prevention of the spread of swine fever in Northern Ireland—

(b) S.R. & O. 1957 No. 83.

(c) 12 and 13 Geo. 5, c. 12.

(a) See 1955 c. 8 s. 3(2).

(d) S.R. & O. 1926 No. 95.

- (a) the exhibition, sale or exposure for sale of any swine at any public sale held anywhere in Northern Ireland is hereby prohibited;
- (b) the exhibition, sale or exposure for sale of any swine which have been collected or purchased from different owners or breeders is hereby prohibited on any premises or in any place at which persons may attend from time to time either individually or collectively, for the purpose of viewing or selecting swine which they wish to purchase.

Movement of Swine

5. Movement of live swine from any farm or other place where swine are kept is hereby prohibited, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to—

- (a) the temporary direct movement for mating purposes of sows, or gilts over five months old to or from a place where a licensed boar is kept;
- (b) the movement of fat pigs, sows or boars from the farm or other place where they have been kept direct to a collecting centre, bacon factory or abattoir for slaughter provided—
 - (i) they are accompanied by a card of acceptance issued by the Pigs Marketing Board and movement takes place on the date stated thereon, or
 - (ii) they are moved by the Ulster Transport Authority on the instructions of the Pigs Marketing Board and are accompanied by a card completed by the owner offering to sell the pigs to the Pigs Marketing Board, or
 - (iii) they are moved in accordance with the conditions of a movement licence issued by an authorised officer;
- (c) the movement of casualty pigs accompanied by a certificate signed by a veterinary inspector certifying that the pigs are free from swine fever and stating the number of pigs covered by the certificate, the date of the movement and the destination;
- (d) movement in accordance with the conditions of a movement licence issued by an authorised officer to a pig breeder in respect of young pigs or to a pig keeper in respect of fat sows or boars to be moved for shipment, or sows, or gilts and boars over five months old to be moved to a farm for retention for breeding purposes.
- (e) movement of swine seized under the Livestock (Import from Eire and the Isle of Man) Regulations, 1945(a) while they are under the control of an authorised officer as defined in those Regulations.

Movement authorised by Movement Licence

6. Any swine being moved under the authority of a movement

(a) S.R. & O. 1945, No. 942.

licence issued in accordance with Article 5 shall be accompanied by such licence and the person carrying out the movement shall deliver the licence to the person receiving delivery of the swine, provided that in the case of fat sows and boars the licence shall be retained by the person named therein as the carrier.

Retention of Movement Licences

7. The person to whose premises swine and the movement licence are delivered shall retain the movement licence for a period of six months following the date of the movement and shall produce it on demand to an inspector or authorised officer or any police constable.

Keeping of Records.

8. Any person, other than the person from whose premises the swine are despatched or the person to whose premises they are delivered, who shall be named as carrier in a movement licence shall keep an accurate record showing—

- (a) the date of the movement;
- (b) the number of the movement licence;
- (c) the number of pigs moved;
- (d) the name and address of the person from whom the pigs were collected; and
- (e) the name and address of the person to whom they were delivered;

and shall produce the record on demand to an inspector or authorised officer or any police constable.

Special Licences

9. Notwithstanding any provision of this Order, swine may be moved in accordance with the conditions specified in any special licence granted by the Ministry.

Offences

10.—(1) If any swine are exhibited, exposed for sale or sold in contravention of this Order, the person holding the exhibition or sale and the occupier of the place or premises where it is held and the owner or person in charge of each pig exposed thereat and the person conducting the exhibition or sale and the purchaser thereat of any animal, shall according to and in respect of his or their own acts and defaults, be guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(2) Any person who moves swine in contravention of this Order or of the conditions of a movement licence or special licence granted under the Order, and the owner of such swine, the person to whose premises they are moved, and the person moving the swine, shall each according to and in respect of his or their own acts and defaults be guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(3) Any person who is required to retain a movement licence in accordance with the conditions of such licence who fails to do so or who fails to produce such licence on demand shall be guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

(4) Any person who fails to keep an accurate record as provided by Article 8 or fails to produce such record on demand shall be guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. C. Baird,

Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

As precautions against the spread of Swine Fever this Order:

- (a) prohibits the sale or exposure for sale of any swine at any public sale held anywhere in Northern Ireland;
- (b) prohibits the sale of swine which have been purchased from different owners or breeders and collected on any premises for the purpose of resale;
- (c) prohibits the movement of all pigs from any farm in Northern Ireland save under the authority of a movement licence or other specified identifying document, and provides for the various cases in which such movement may be allowed. (It will not be necessary to obtain a movement licence for the temporary movement of a sow or gilt for mating purposes);
- (d) provides for the keeping of accurate records by persons who transport swine under the authority of movement licences if they are not the owners of the animals before or after the movement.

LICENSING OF BULLS

RULES DATED 21ST OF JANUARY, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1922 (a), AS AMENDED BY SECTION 38 OF THE AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1949 (b).

1957. No. 15

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The Ministry of Agriculture by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on it under the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, as amended by Section 38 of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and of every other

(a) 12 and 13 Geo. 5, c. 12.

(b) 1949 c. 2.