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## DISEASES OF ANIMALS

## Importation of Poultry, Poultry Equipment and Eggs

ORDER, DATED 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 23 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section twenty-three of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) as amended by the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and Commencement*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Importation of Poultry) Order (Northern Ireland) 1965.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 1965.

*Revocation*

2. The Diseases of Animals (Poultry) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1960(c) is hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

3. In this Order:

“Poultry equipment” means any article of equipment, machinery, utensil or other thing made or manufactured for use in connection with the keeping, rearing or marketing of poultry, the keeping or incubation of eggs or the carriage of poultry or eggs.

*Restriction on the Importation of Poultry, Poultry Equipment and Eggs*

4.—(1) A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into Northern Ireland—

(a) any live poultry;

(b) any carcasses of poultry;

(c) any eggs, whether in their shells or broken out;

(d) any poultry equipment other than such equipment which is new and unused;

(e) any new and unused poultry equipment which has been in contact with or in close proximity to poultry or eggs; or

(f) any equipment, not being poultry equipment, which has been used in connection with the keeping, rearing or marketing of poultry, the keeping or incubation of eggs or the carriage of poultry or eggs,

except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Ministry, or by an Officer duly authorised by the Ministry.

(a) 1958. c. 13.

(b) 1965. c. 3 (N.I.).

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 62.

(2) Where on application for a licence under the preceding paragraph a person satisfies the Ministry that the issue of such a licence to him would not result in or create a risk of the introduction into or the spread of disease in Northern Ireland, a licence shall be issued to that person.

(3) This article shall not apply—

- (a) to eggs, not being eggs for hatching, or to poultry equipment or other equipment as described in sub-paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of paragraph 1, provided that such eggs, poultry equipment or other equipment originated in the Irish Republic and are being brought into Northern Ireland from the Irish Republic;
- (b) to carcasses of poultry which originated in the Irish Republic and which are being moved through Northern Ireland to a place outside Northern Ireland provided they are moved direct from the point of entry to the point of exit and not unloaded elsewhere in Northern Ireland.

#### *Destruction of Imported Eggs*

5. The Ministry may if it thinks fit for the purpose of preventing contagious disease in poultry cause the destruction of any imported eggs.

#### *Withholding of Compensation*

6. Compensation shall not be payable in respect of eggs which have been destroyed in accordance with Article 5 where the eggs carried disease or infection at the time of landing or came from the same source as eggs found to carry disease or infection.

#### *Application of the Third Schedule to the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958*

7. Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of Part II of the Third Schedule to the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 shall apply to imported eggs or poultry.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 8th day of September, 1965, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. A. Young,  
Assistant Secretary.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order—

- (1) maintains the existing prohibition on the importation, except under licence, of live or dead poultry or eggs or poultry equipment;
- (2) empowers the Ministry to destroy imported eggs for the purpose of preventing disease in poultry;
- (3) provides for the withholding of compensation in certain circumstances when imported eggs are destroyed because they carried infection at the time of importation;
- (4) empowers the Ministry to slaughter imported poultry or destroy imported eggs which have been exposed to the infection of disease even though the disease is not scheduled in the Diseases of Animals Act.