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DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Disinfectants

ORDER, DATED 28TH JANUARY 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 5, 13 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 5, 13 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall come into operation on 1st day of March 1972.

Revocation and amendment

2.—(1) In Article 12 of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order 1927(b) as substituted by Article 1 of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order 1927, Amendment Order 1931(c), paragraph (1)(a) which prescribes a five per cent solution of standard phenol for the purposes of disinfection under that Order is hereby revoked.

(2) The words “either that the disinfectant consists of standard phenol or” shall be deleted from Article 12(2) of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order 1927.

Interpretation

3. “the Act” means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;

“dilution rate” means the proportion in which an approved disinfectant is mixed with water for use for the purpose for which it is approved;

“special disease Order” means an Order relating to the control of Foot and Mouth disease, Fowl Pest or Tuberculosis made under the Act, or under an Act repealed by the Act;

“general Order” means an Order made under the Act, or under an Act repealed by the Act, other than this Order or a special disease Order.

Approval of disinfectants

4. The Ministry may approve a disinfectant for the purpose or purposes of one or more of the following categories of Orders and the approval shall specify the dilution rate for each use for which approval is given—

(a) Orders dealing with Foot and Mouth disease;

(b) Orders dealing with Fowl Pest;

(c) Orders dealing with Tuberculosis;

(d) General Orders.

(a) 1958. c. 13.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1927, No. 52.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1931, No. 15.

5. Any person wishing to have a disinfectant approved in accordance with Article 4 shall make application in writing to the Ministry.

6. The Ministry will not approve a disinfectant until it is satisfied as to its efficacy for the purpose or purposes for which approval is sought and may require the applicant to furnish such evidence of the efficacy of the disinfectant as it considers necessary.

7. If the Ministry approves a disinfectant it shall be included in a list of approved disinfectants which shall be published from time to time in the *Belfast Gazette*. This list shall contain the following information in respect of each approved disinfectant mentioned therein:—

- (a) Name;
- (b) Purpose for which it is approved;
- (c) Dilution rate.

Amendment of special disease Orders and general Orders

8.—(1) Any reference in a special disease Order or in a general Order to a disinfectant or an approved disinfectant shall be construed as a reference to a disinfectant for the time being approved under this Order for the purpose or purposes of that special disease Order or general Order and special disease Orders and general Orders shall be amended accordingly.

(2) In a special disease Order or in a general Order any reference to disinfection, howsoever expressed, shall be construed as a reference to disinfection with a disinfectant approved for the time being under this Order.

Application of approved disinfectants

9. An approved disinfectant shall be used for the purposes of any Order in the category for which it is approved only at the dilution rate specified in the approval. Provided that the dilution rate may be varied at any time for any particular act or acts of disinfection by notice given by an Inspector under Article 10.

10.—(1) An Inspector may, in respect of any act of disinfection required to be carried out under any special disease Order or any general Order, by notice served on the person by whom disinfection is to be carried out, specify the mode of disinfection to be adopted, including the dilution at which the approved disinfectant is to be applied.

(2) The requirements contained in any such notice shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the requirements of this Order or of any special disease Order or general Order.

Labelling of approved disinfectants

11. Every container in which an approved disinfectant is sold or offered for sale shall be labelled in a form approved by the Ministry showing the purpose or purposes for which the disinfectant is approved and the appropriate dilution rate and including a statement that the contents are of the quality and composition approved.

Sampling of disinfectants

12. Where under any special disease Order or general Order the use of an approved disinfectant is required the person using the disinfectant shall if so required by an Inspector furnish him with a sample of the disinfectant used or permit him to take such sample and shall furnish the Inspector with all such particulars as may be reasonably required as to the name and composition of the disinfectant used.

Offences

13. If any person falsely marks or causes or permits to be falsely marked any container of disinfectant with a label indicating that it is an approved disinfectant or falsely marks or causes or permits to be falsely marked any container of an approved disinfectant with a statement that it is of the quality and composition approved, he shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 28th day of January 1972 in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. Parke,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order limits the approval of a disinfectant to those uses for which the disinfectant is effective. It provides that dilution rates shall be specified. Other provisions include the labelling of containers, sampling of disinfectants where required and the publication of lists of approved disinfectants in the *Belfast Gazette*.