

**AGRICULTURE****Artificial Insemination of Cattle**

REGULATIONS, DATED 8TH MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF ANIMALS ACT. (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947.

The Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Sections 2 and 3 of the Artificial Insemination of Animals Act. (Northern Ireland) 1947(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972.

(2) These Regulations shall be read as one with the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(b) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations"), and the Principal Regulations and these Regulations may be cited together as the Artificial Insemination (Cattle) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and 1972.

(3) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st April 1972.

*Revocation*

2. The Artificial Insemination (Cattle) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) are hereby revoked.

*Amendment of Principal Regulations***PART III—MOVEMENT OF SEMEN INTO NORTHERN IRELAND***Veterinary certificate*

3. For the veterinary certificate referred to in Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations and shown in the Third Schedule thereto there shall be substituted a veterinary certificate in the form set out in the Schedule, and accordingly the Schedule shall be substituted for the Third Schedule in the Principal Regulations.

**PART IV—FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

4. For Regulation 13 of the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following new Regulation:

*"Ordinary and nominated services*

13. Where an artificial insemination service is provided at a centre established and operated by the Ministry the fees for insemination shall be as follows:

(a) 1947. c. 17.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 275.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 77.

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(a) When the owner of the cow does not nominate a particular bull	2·50
(b) When the owner of the cow nominates a particular bull which is classified by the Ministry as being:	
(i) Class 1	5·50
(ii) Class 2	4·00
(iii) Class 3	3·00
(c) When an insemination is carried out with imported semen or with semen from other bulls which are not the property of the Ministry the fee shall be £2·50 plus the cost of purchasing the semen if bought by the Ministry.	
(d) The fees prescribed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) shall include two re-inseminations if necessary provided such re-inseminations are carried out within 8 months from the date of the first insemination	

provided that a discount of 50 pence shall be allowed on the cost of each insemination where the fee is paid either at the time of insemination or within 30 days of the issue of the first invoice from the Ministry relating to such fee."

5. For Regulations 15, 16 and 17 of the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following new Regulations:

*"Private collection of semen*

15. Where at the discretion of the Ministry semen is collected by an officer of the Ministry either for use in the herd of the owner of the bull from which it is obtained or for sale to other herdowners the charge for each collection of such semen shall be £20 except that where the Ministry agrees that a first collection was not satisfactory a second collection may be made free of charge.

*Private importation of semen and movement of semen within Northern Ireland*

16.—(1) Where the Ministry collects a consignment of semen for a person for use in his own herd only at its point of entry into Northern Ireland and conveys it to Ballycraigy AI Centre the charge shall be £1.

(2) Where the Ministry collects semen for a person in any other circumstances at its point of entry into Northern Ireland and conveys it to Ballycraigy AI Centre the charge shall be 50 pence per dose payable at the time of importation and such charge shall include any transfers of semen between AI Centres in Northern Ireland.

(3) Where semen which has been collected in accordance with Regulation 15, or which has been imported in accordance with paragraph (1) is transferred from one AI Centre to another centre within Northern Ireland the charge for such transfer shall be £1 for each consignment so transferred.

*Storage of semen*

17.—(1) Where semen not being the property of the Ministry is stored in deep freeze at a Centre operated by the Ministry for a person for use in his own herd only the charge shall be either 25p per week for each 200 doses or part thereof when the semen is stored in containers owned by the Ministry or 75p per container per week when the semen is stored in containers owned by the owner of the semen.

(2) Where semen not being the property of the Ministry is stored in deep freeze at a Centre operated by the Ministry under any circumstances not covered in Paragraph (1) above the charge shall be either 50p per week for each 200 doses or part thereof when the semen is stored in containers owned by the Ministry or £1 per container per week when the semen is stored in containers owned by the owner of the semen."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 8th day of March 1972.

(L.S.)

*A. McKelvie,*  
Senior Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 9th day of March 1972.

(L.S.)

*C. F. Darling,*  
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (CATTLE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1972

Veterinary Certificate

(a) Identity of bull from which the semen has been obtained

- (i) Name of bull .....
- (ii) Breed .....
- (iii) Date of birth .....
- (iv) Earmarks (or other identification marks) .....
- (v) Colour .....
- (vi) Registration in the ..... Herd Book

(b) Ampoules/straws of semen

- (i) Number of ampoules/straws .....
- (ii) Capacity of each ampoule/straw .....
- (iii) Identification marks .....

(c) Name and address of AI Centre where collections took place

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(d) Name and address of consignee in Northern Ireland

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(e) This consignment comprises semen collected from the above-named bull on the following date or dates:—

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| (i) .....   | (iv) ..... |
| (ii) .....  | (v) .....  |
| (iii) ..... | (vi) ..... |

(f) (i) Composition of diluent including antibiotic level

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(ii) Estimated number of viable spermatozoa per ampoule/straw .....

(iii) If egg yolk is incorporated in the diluent, state source of eggs and the health status of the flock concerned

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(g) I hereby certify that:—

- (i) all animals at the artificial insemination centre in (c) above have been for the 12 months prior to the date of collection of the semen free from evidence of tuberculosis, brucellosis, trichomonas and vibrio foetus infection, Johne's disease and infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR/IPV);
- (ii) the donor animal has been located at an approved AI centre for the whole of 6 months immediately preceding the collection of the semen;
- (iii) (a) All animals at the centre passed a test for leucosis (Bendixen's criteria) on ..... being a date within 6 months prior to the date or dates of collection of semen or within 6 months following the date or dates of collection of semen.  
 (b) All animals added to the centre since the date in (iii)(a) above have been tested for leucosis and passed the test.  
 (c) The donor bull was tested for leucosis on .....
- (iv) on ..... a blood sample from the above-mentioned bull was submitted to the serum agglutination test for brucellosis with negative results, i.e. nil titre;
- (v) on ..... the above-mentioned donor bull was submitted to the single intradermal comparative tuberculin test using avian and mammalian PPD tuberculin and the animal passed the test;
- (vi) on ..... preputial washings were collected from the above mentioned bull and submitted to cultural examination for trichomonas foetus and vibrio foetus with negative results;
- (vii) on ..... I examined the above-mentioned donor bull including a detailed examination of the external genitalia at the time of collection of the semen referred to in (b) above and found it to be free from any signs or symptoms of infectious or contagious disease;
- (viii) the above-mentioned bull has shown a normal conception rate consistent with age and breed and has shown no evidence of infection with vibrio foetus as determined by an investigation of its breeding history. Prophylactic antibiotic sheath lavage has been carried out initially on moving on to the centre and subsequently at 6-monthly intervals;
- (ix) the above-mentioned bull has shown no evidence of hereditary defects including undershot and overshot jaws and has not transmitted any genetical abnormalities to his offspring.

Signature .....

Name in block letters .....

Address .....

Date .....

- NOTES
1. This form of certificate must be signed by the veterinary surgeon authorised by the Government of the country of origin to be in charge of the AI centre named in (c) above.
  2. The original of this certificate must be forwarded by post to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SB.
  3. Each consignment of semen must be accompanied by one copy of the certificate affixed to the outside of the package.
  4. The tests referred to in paragraphs (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) above must be carried out within 6 months prior to the date of collection or within 6 months following the date or dates of collection of the semen.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations amend the Principal Regulations and revoke a previous amendment of the Principal Regulations. The effect of these Regulations is:—

To increase the general service fee from £1.65 to £2.50.

To divide bulls in the nominated service category, the fee for which was £2.15 into 3 classes namely: Class 1 for which the fee is £5.50; Class 2 for which the fee is £4; and Class 3 for which the fee is £3.00.

To increase the insemination fee when privately owned semen is being used from £1.50 to £2.50.

To provide for a discount of 50 pence from insemination fees when such fees are paid at the time of insemination or within 30 days of the date of issue of the first invoice by the Ministry.

To increase the fee for collecting semen from a privately owned bull from £15 to £20.

To fix handling charges for imported semen at £1 per consignment when the semen is for use in the importer's herd and 50p per dose in all other cases.

To increase the fee for storing privately owned semen in Ministry containers from 25p per week for each 200 doses or part thereof to 50p per week when the semen is not for use in the owner's herd.

To fix fees for storing and maintaining privately owned semen containers at 75p per week where the semen is for use solely in the owner's herd and at £1 per week in all other cases.

The Veterinary Certificate to be completed in respect of bulls from which semen is imported has been revised to the form shown in the Schedule.