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DISEASES OF ANIMALS**Brucellosis**

ORDER, DATED 29TH DAY OF MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 18 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 shall come into operation on 29th day of March 1972.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:—

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

“a holding” means all land on which the owner of a herd is entitled to keep the herd whether as owner, tenant, licensee or under a letting in conacre or otherwise howsoever;

“an official test” for the presence of brucella infection shall consist of a test carried out by the Ministry on all or any animals in a herd, in respect of female animals, on samples of blood and/or milk and/or vaginal mucus or, in respect of male animals on samples of blood and/or semen taken from each animal by an authorised officer of the Ministry;

“animal” means a bovine animal;

“approved disinfectant” means a disinfectant for the time being approved by the Ministry under the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(b) for the purposes of general Orders;

“authorised officer” means a person authorised by the Ministry and includes a veterinary inspector;

“Brucellosis (Certified) Herd”, except for the purposes of Article 26 where the context otherwise requires, means a herd in respect of which a Brucellosis Certificate has been issued by the Ministry and which is on the Brucellosis Register;

“Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd” means a herd in which a test for the presence of brucella infection has been carried out under this Order, under the Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(c) or under the Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1966(d);

“carcase value” means the price realised by the dressed carcase including hide and offal less expenses incurred by the Ministry in having the animal collected from the farm of origin, transported to the abattoir and slaughtered;

(a) 1958. c. 13.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 40.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 16.

(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 227.

“certified animal” means an animal from a herd which has been registered as a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd under the Brucellosis (Certified) Herds Scheme of the Department or from a certified herd;

“certified herd” means a herd in an area designated by the Department to be a disease free area by Order under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 passed by the legislature of the Republic of Ireland (hereinafter in this Order referred to as the Diseases of Animals Act 1966) in respect of which certified cards have been issued by the Minister for the Department and in relation to which there is not for the time being in force a restriction on movement under such Order;

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Republic of Ireland;

“eligible animal” means an uncastrated male animal aged six months or over, or any female animal;

“herd” means one or more animals in the same ownership;

“import” means import from the Republic of Ireland to Northern Ireland;

“maiden heifer” means an animal which is not and has not been pregnant;

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

“pedigree animal” means a pedigree animal registered in the Herd Book of the appropriate Breed Society;

“reactor” means an animal which has given such reaction to an official test as shall give the Ministry reason to believe that the animal is infected with brucellosis.

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Declaration of Brucellosis attested area

3. It is hereby declared that Northern Ireland, being an area as respects which the Ministry is satisfied that brucellosis of cattle is for practical purposes non-existent therein, is an attested area for purposes connected with the control of brucellosis.

Brucellosis Register

4. The Ministry shall maintain a Register, herein described as the Brucellosis Register, of all herds in respect of which a brucellosis certificate has been issued in accordance with this Order.

PART 2

OFFICIAL TESTS

5.—(1) The Ministry may at any time cause an official test to be made on any herd.

(2) A herd owner shall, when required to do so by notice in writing from the Ministry, present for official test all animals in his possession in the categories specified in the said notice. Any owner who withdraws or withholds any such animal from an official test shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

(3) The owner of a herd shall comply with all reasonable requirements of an authorised officer as to the collection, penning and securing of his animals for the purpose of taking samples for an official test or for any examination for the purposes of this Order.

(4) If any person fails to comply with any reasonable requirement of an authorised officer made in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the Ministry may, without prejudice to any proceedings for an offence arising out of such default, take or cause to be taken all such steps as may be necessary to facilitate the examination of such animals or the taking of samples for an official test and the amount of any expenses reasonably incurred by the Ministry for the purpose of making good the default shall (without prejudice to any proceedings which may be taken for the default) be recoverable by the Ministry as a civil debt from the person in default or may be deducted from any sum due to the owner by the Ministry.

(5) Any person who, whether before, during or after the carrying out of an official test does any act or any thing or attempts or causes or permits any act or thing to be done whereby the result of an official test is intended to be affected shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

(6) Where a sample has been taken from an animal in a herd the animal shall not for seven days from the taking of the sample be moved out of the herd or off the premises on which the sample was taken except to an abattoir in Northern Ireland for immediate slaughter.

PART 3

CERTIFICATES

6. The Ministry may issue a brucellosis certificate—

(a) to the owner of any herd in which 2 or more successive negative official tests have been obtained; or

(b) to the owner of a new herd wholly constituted by the transfer of animals from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or which have been imported from the Republic of Ireland under Article 26(1)(a)(b) of this Order provided that before so issuing a certificate to such a herd the Ministry may require one negative official test of the herd;

and may, at its discretion, attach to the issue of such certificate such conditions as the Ministry may deem necessary.

PART 4

SLAUGHTER AND COMPENSATION

Power to slaughter

7.—(1) The Ministry shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any reactor and may slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any other animal which has been exposed to the possibility of infection with brucellosis by being in contact with any such reactor.

(2) Where a notice has been issued in respect of any animal in accordance with Article 8 and, where applicable, its market value has been determined in accordance with Article 9, the Ministry shall have power to cause the said animal to be removed for slaughter, and the owner shall provide all reasonable facilities for the collection and removal of the said animal. Where the owner refuses to do so the Ministry may seize the said animal or cause it to be seized.

(3) Where an animal has been seized under Article 7(2) or Article 9(6) the Ministry may require the owner to pay any expenses incurred in connection with the seizure and may deduct such expenses from any sum due to the owner by the Ministry.

Issue of notice to owners

8.—(1) Where the Ministry is satisfied that an animal should be slaughtered in accordance with this Order, the Ministry shall issue a notice in writing to the owner or person in charge of the animal that the Ministry proposes to slaughter the animal and requiring him, pending such slaughter, to detain the animal on the premises specified in the notice and to isolate it from other animals.

(2) The owner of an animal to be slaughtered in accordance with this Order shall, when required to do so by the Ministry, immediately isolate such animal and detain it in isolation until collected on behalf of the Ministry or until informed otherwise in writing by the Ministry. No person shall move or permit to be moved from his premises any animal in respect of which a notice has been served by the Ministry in accordance with paragraph (1) except under the authority of a permit issued by the Ministry allowing the removal of the said animal for immediate slaughter in Northern Ireland at an abattoir specified by the Ministry in the permit.

Compensation

9.—(1) Without prejudice to Section 12(6) of the Act where the Ministry causes an animal to be slaughtered in accordance with this Order the compensation payable by the Ministry shall be:—

(a) in the case of a reactor in a herd which on 1st September 1970 was a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd and which has not at any time since that date become a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd—

- (i) an amount equal to 85% of the animal's market value or £340, whichever is the less, if the animal is a pedigree animal;
- (ii) an amount equal to 85% of the animal's market value or £170, whichever is the less, if the animal is not a pedigree animal;

(b) in the case of a reactor in a herd which on 1st September 1970 was a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or which subsequent to that date became either a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd the carcase value of the animal;

(c) in the case of an animal which is not a reactor but which has been exposed to the possibility of infection with brucellosis by being in contact with a reactor an amount equal to its market value.

(2) For the purposes of this Order the market value of an animal means the price which might reasonably have been obtained for it from a purchaser in the market if it had been free from brucellosis.

(3) The market value of an animal which the Ministry proposes to cause to be slaughtered shall, for the purposes of compensation under sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) of paragraph (1) be determined before slaughter—

(a) by agreement between an authorised officer and the owner of the animal or his agent; or

(b) if they fail to so agree, by an independent valuer paid by the Ministry and selected by the owner from a list of at least 3 such valuers submitted by the Ministry to the owner; or

(c) where an owner refuses to select a valuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) by a valuer selected by the Ministry;

provided that any sum to which the owner of the animal might have become entitled under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme shall not be taken into account

in determining the market value but such sum (if any) shall be assessed by the Ministry after slaughter and added to the market value before calculation of the amount of compensation payable.

(4) A valuer appointed in accordance with paragraph (3)(b) or (3)(c) shall give to the Ministry and to the owner a certificate in writing of his valuation and such valuation shall be final and binding.

(5) Where the Ministry has selected a valuer in accordance with sub-paragraph (3)(c)—

(a) the herdowner shall maintain at his own expense any animal so valued until it is collected on behalf of the Ministry; and

(b) the herdowner shall, when required to do so, present or have presented to such valuer for determination of market value any animal in respect of which a notice has been issued by the Ministry in accordance with Article 8.

(6) Where a herdowner contrary to paragraph (5)(b) fails to present or have presented any animal for determination of market value the Ministry may seize or cause to be seized such animal and have it valued in accordance with paragraph (3)(c) of this Article prior to slaughter.

PART 5

GENERAL

10. The owner of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall comply with the following requirements:—

Keeping of records

(1) The owner of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall, in addition to maintaining the record of every animal in his herd as required by the Movements of Animals (Records) Order (Northern Ireland) 1962(e), keep a record of the date on which any animal was vaccinated.

Contact with animals on adjoining land

(2)(a) The owner of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall maintain the fences dividing his premises from adjoining land in such condition as to prevent—

(i) contact of his herd with cattle on adjoining land; and

(ii) his herd from straying from his premises.

(b) Where a reactor is found in any herd as the result of an official test, the owner of the premises shall take all practical precautions to prevent the infection of any animals kept on the adjoining land by contact with animals on his premises.

Use of milk for feeding to animals

(3)(a) Milk or dairy by-products shall not be brought for feeding to bovine or other animals, on to a farm where a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd is maintained except when the milk or dairy by-product—

(i) comes direct from a farm where a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd is maintained; or

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 100.

- (ii) has been converted into powder form; or
 - (iii) has been boiled or pasteurised.
- (b) For the purpose of this paragraph, "pasteurised" means retained at a temperature of not less than 145° Fahrenheit and not more than 150° Fahrenheit for at least thirty minutes or at a temperature of not less than 162° Fahrenheit for at least fifteen seconds.

Acquisition of breeding stock

11. The owner of a herd which is neither a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd nor a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall notify the Ministry if he acquires breeding stock.

Marking

12. An authorised officer may paint, stamp or clip any mark on any animal or may permanently mark any animal. No person shall remove, obliterate, deface or duplicate or attempt to remove, obliterate, deface or duplicate such a mark.

Power of entry, etc.

13. The owner of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall give all reasonable facilities for the entry of a veterinary inspector or other officer of the Ministry on to his farm and premises for the purpose of examining such farm and premises, the animals thereon, the records required to be kept and permits issued under this Order, and for the official testing of animals. The owner shall furthermore comply with all reasonable requirements of an authorised officer as to the collection, penning and securing of his animals for the purpose of taking samples for an official test. The owner shall furnish to the veterinary inspector or other officer all such information as may reasonably be required for the purposes of the Order.

Isolation

14.—(1) The owner of a herd shall immediately isolate any animal when required to do so, in accordance with the conditions of a notice issued by the Ministry in writing and shall detain such animal in isolation on his premises until informed otherwise by the Ministry in writing.

(2) The Ministry may serve on the owner of any herd a notice in writing requiring that any animals which have been exposed to the possibility of infection with brucellosis by contact with a reactor shall be:—

- (a) detained on the area on which they were at the time when the reactor was found or on a specified area of the holding; and
- (b) segregated from all other eligible animals in the herd.

(3) Where a reactor is found, as a result of an official test, in any herd the Ministry may, by notice in writing, prohibit for a period not exceeding three months, the use for grazing by eligible animals of any part of the holding on which the reactor, or any other animal which has been exposed to the possibility of infection by being in contact with the reactor, had been grazing immediately before the said official test.

(4) Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of a notice served on him by the Ministry under this Article shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

Disinfection

15. The owner of a herd shall disinfect or cause to be disinfected in the manner prescribed in Schedule 2 any part or parts of any premises, any

vehicle and any equipment which the Ministry may require him by notice in writing so to disinfect. Such disinfection shall be carried out within 48 hours after the removal of animals to be slaughtered or the receipt of the said notice and before any other animal is permitted to occupy the said part or parts of premises or the said vehicle.

Abortion

16.—(1) Any herdowner shall forthwith notify a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry if—

- (a) any animal in his herd aborts; or
- (b) any animal in his herd on calving retains the afterbirth for a period in excess of 24 hours; or
- (c) he knows or suspects that any animal in his herd has been exposed to the possibility of infection by being in contact with an animal infected with brucellosis other than an animal in his own herd or by having been on premises other than his own premises on which brucellosis existed within the preceding three months.

(2) Any Veterinary Surgeon shall forthwith notify a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry if in his opinion—

- (i) an animal in any herd has aborted; or
- (ii) an animal in any herd has on calving retained the afterbirth for a period in excess of 24 hours.

(3) The Ministry may notify any Veterinary Surgeon or herdowner of the presence or suspected presence of brucellosis in any herd.

(4) In the event of an animal in any herd aborting, the owner shall immediately house the animal in isolation and with all practicable speed

- (a) bury the foetus and cleansings within ground; and
- (b) (i) either liberally spray the immediate area where the abortion took place with an approved disinfectant; or
- (ii) cover with straw and burn it over the immediate area where the abortion took place.

(5) An animal which has aborted shall be retained in isolation until the Ministry has tested it and has informed the owner that it may re-join the herd.

(6) Manure containing discharges or fluids from an animal which has aborted shall be stacked away from access by cattle for at least 6 months and shall not be spread on grazing fields for a period of at least 12 months.

(7) The provisions of paragraphs (4) to (6) above shall apply also in the case of an animal which, on calving, retains the afterbirth for a period in excess of twenty-four hours.

PART 6

MOVEMENT CONTROL

Movement of cattle within Northern Ireland

17.—(1) Except under the authority of a permit issued by an officer of the Ministry and in accordance with the conditions of such permit as specified in Schedule 1 an animal shall not be moved—

- (a) on to premises on which a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd is maintained; or

- (b) to any premises or any part thereof being used with the approval of the Ministry for the exhibition or sale of animals from Brucellosis (Certified) Herds.
- (2)(a) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any castrated male animal other than a castrated male animal being moved to premises specified in paragraph (1)(a) from a herd in respect of which a notice has been served under Article 20.
- (b) Any castrated male animal to which the provisions of paragraph (1) do not apply which is moved to premises specified in paragraph (1)(a) shall be isolated on arrival at the premises for a period of not less than 6 weeks before joining the herd.
- (c) (i) A castrated male animal from a herd in respect of which a notice has been served under Article 20 shall not be moved to premises specified in paragraph (1)(b).
- (ii) A castrated male animal which is moved to premises specified in paragraph (1)(b) shall be kept segregated from certified stock at all times while on the premises.

18. Where an eligible animal is moved from premises on which a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd is maintained to a sale which is not a sale of animals from Brucellosis (Certified) Herds and is not sold it shall be isolated on its return to the premises and the Ministry shall be informed. If the animal is retained on the premises it shall not join the herd until it has passed an official test to be carried out not sooner than two months after its return from the sale or, if it is in-calf, until after calving if that is longer.

19.—(1) Except under and in accordance with conditions of an authority issued by the Ministry in writing the owner of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall not hold or cause or permit to be held a sale by auction or otherwise of his herd or of a draft therefrom—

- (a) on his own premises; or
- (b) on any public premises where the sale would be confined solely to his own stock.

(2) An authority issued under paragraph (1) may, where the Ministry considers it necessary, contain a condition that the herd shall have passed an official test within 30 days prior to the holding of the sale.

(3) A permit relating to the movement of animals to a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or to a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd from a sale held contrary to this Article shall contain the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 1.

20.—(1) The Ministry may serve a notice in writing on:—

- (a) the owner of a herd in which a reactor has been found as a result of an official test; or
- (b) the owner of any herd to which a reactor found as a result of an official test in another herd had access at any time within 28 days prior to the commencement of such official test or from which such a reactor was moved under the authority of a permit which expired not more than 28 days prior to the commencement of such official test; or
- (c) the owner of any herd where a sample of milk from the herd when tested for the presence of brucella infection by the Ministry has given

such result as to cause the Ministry to suspect that an animal in the herd is infected with brucellosis;

for the purpose of:—

- (i) prohibiting the movement from his premises of any animal except under and in accordance with conditions of an authority issued by the Ministry in writing;
- (ii) requiring him to isolate in a house or building or otherwise under cover any in-calf animal in his herd immediately before it calves and to keep such animal in isolation until it has passed an official test after calving and he has been informed by the Ministry in writing that it can join the herd;
- (iii) requiring him, when any animal in his herd calves, to notify a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry within 24 hours;
- (iv) requiring him to stack manure away from access by cattle, to keep it so stacked for at least six months and prohibiting him from using it or causing or permitting it to be used or disposing of it for use on grazing land for at least twelve months;
- (v) requiring him to retain slurry away from access by cattle for such period as the Ministry may determine and prohibiting him from using it or causing or permitting it to be used or disposing of it for use on grazing land for at least twelve months.

Such notice shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Ministry in writing.

(2) Without prejudice to any other provision of this Article where an animal in respect of which an authority has been issued by the Ministry under paragraph (1) is being moved in accordance with such authority on to premises on which any herd is maintained the owner of such herd shall in relation to such animal comply with requirements set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 1.

(3)(a) The owner of a herd on whom a notice in writing has been served under paragraph (1) shall not while the notice remains in force hold or organise or advertise or permit to be held a sale of animals on the premises or any part thereof on which his herd is maintained without the approval of the Ministry in writing.

(b) For the purposes of this paragraph "sale" means a sale, held on the herdowner's premises of surplus stock from his own herd only, at which more than 3 members of the public are present.

21.—(1) The owner of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd shall not—

- (a) move any animal from his premises for service on to premises whereon is maintained a herd other than another Brucellosis (Certified) Herd; or
- (b) allow to be moved on to his premises for service any animal which does not form part of a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd.

(2) The owner of a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd shall not—

- (a) move any animal from his premises for service on to premises whereon is maintained a herd other than another Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd; or
- (b) allow to be moved on to his premises for service any animal which does not form part of a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd.

22. The Ministry may, if it finds on premises where a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd is maintained an animal which

has been moved otherwise than in accordance with this Part, by notice require the owner of the said herd to:—

- (1) isolate the animal; and
- (2) have the animal tested by a Veterinary Surgeon at his own expense within seven days of being required to do so; and
- (3) forward the Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate showing the result of the test to the Ministry within seven days of the completion of such test.

23. Without prejudice to any liability under any other provision of this Part, any person who fails to comply with the requirements of a notice served on him by the Ministry under Article 20 or 22 shall be guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.

Importation of animals from the Republic of Ireland

24.—(1) No person shall import any animal except through one of the points of entry specified in Schedule 3 and between such times as may from time to time be notified by means of a notice prominently displayed at such point of entry.

(2) The Ministry may in respect of each point of entry from time to time determine the period during which certified animals only may be imported and shall notify any such determination by means of a notice prominently displayed at the said point of entry.

25. On and after 1st May 1972 no person shall, save as provided in Articles 27 and 28 or with the written permission of the Ministry, import any animal other than a castrated male animal unless:—

- (a) it does not bear a mark indicating that it has at any time been vaccinated with anti-abortion vaccine; and
- (b) it is accompanied by a certificate issued by the Department or a document approved by the Department indicating that it has not at any time been vaccinated with anti-abortion vaccine.

26. Save as provided in articles 27 and 28 no person shall import any animal other than a castrated male animal unless:—

- (1)(a) it is a certified animal which has been moved under the authority of a permit issued by the Department direct to the point of entry from:—
 - (i) a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd under the Brucellosis (Certified) Herds Scheme made under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966; or
 - (ii) a certified herd under the Brucellosis in Cattle (Disease-Free Area) Order 1968 made under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966; or
 - (iii) a sale restricted to eligible certified animals but at which male animals aged less than six months, and castrated male animals may be present provided they are strictly segregated at all times and sold after the eligible certified animals; and
- (b) on and after 1st May 1972 it is accompanied by a certificate issued by the Department that it has passed a test for brucellosis. Such certificate shall be deemed to be valid only if the date on which the test was done was not more than 30 days prior to the date of importation; or

(2) it is an uncastrated male animal and is accompanied by a certificate issued by the Department that it has passed a test for brucellosis. Such certificate shall be deemed to be valid only if the date on which the test was done was not more than 30 days prior to the date of importation.

27.—(1). The Ministry may, at its discretion and subject to such conditions as it may require, authorise the importation—

- (a) for movement direct to a veal production unit, of any bull calf which does not fulfil the conditions of Articles 25 and 26;
- (b) for immediate slaughter, of any calf, female animal or bull over 6 months of age which does not fulfil the conditions of Articles 25 and 26;
- (c) of an animal from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd in Northern Ireland which has been exhibited at and is returning to Northern Ireland direct from a Show in the Republic of Ireland restricted to certified animals;
- (d) of a bull from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd in Northern Ireland which has been exhibited at and is returning to Northern Ireland direct from a Show in the Republic not restricted to certified animals but where the certified animals were subject to strict segregation at all times.

(2) Where an animal is imported under paragraph (1) the Ministry shall issue a licence authorising the direct movement of that animal from the point of entry to the veal production unit or the premises where the animal is to be slaughtered as appropriate. Any animal moved to a veal production unit under this Article shall not be moved from such unit except under a licence issued by the Ministry authorising its movement to an abattoir for immediate slaughter.

28. The provisions of Articles 25 and 26 shall not apply to a person who imports for direct shipment from Northern Ireland any animal other than a castrated male animal. Where such an animal is imported the Ministry shall issue a movement permit authorising the movement of that animal from the point of entry to the port of shipment.

29. It shall be the duty of the person to whom is issued a licence under Article 27 or a permit under Article 28 to comply, or cause to be complied with all the conditions of the said licence or permit.

PART 7

BLOOD SAMPLES, VACCINATION

30. No person other than an authorised officer of the Ministry may take or cause or permit to be taken a blood sample from any animal in a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd for the purpose of a test for the detection of brucella infection, except with the permission of the Ministry. Provided that this Article shall not apply to animals being held in isolation in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 or to animals which the Ministry has in accordance with Article 22 or paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 required a herdowner to have tested by a Veterinary Surgeon at his own expense.

31. Save with the written permission of the Ministry which shall be granted only in exceptional circumstances and only to a Veterinary Surgeon, no person shall vaccinate any animal with anti-abortion vaccine.

32. A Veterinary Surgeon who with the written permission of the Ministry vaccinates an animal with anti-abortion vaccine shall:—

- (a) place immediately on the lower half of the left ear in the case of home-bred animals, and on the lower half of the right ear in the case of imported animals, a tattoo mark consisting of the letter "V" followed by the last numeral of the year in which the vaccination is carried out; and
- (b) submit to the Ministry, within seven days, a certificate which shall detail the age, ear number and description of the animal vaccinated and the name and address of the owner of the animal and the date on which the animal was vaccinated.

33. For the purpose of carrying out the vaccination authorised under Article 31 the Ministry may issue supplies of anti-abortion vaccine free of charge to Veterinary Surgeons.

Revocations

34. The Statutory Rules and Orders set out in Schedule 4 are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 29th day of March 1972 in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. G. Malcolm,
Deputy Secretary.

SCHEDULE 1

Conditions which may be included in permits relating to the movement of animals to Brucellosis (Certified) Herds or to Brucellosis (Eradication) Herds or to approved exhibitors or sales

Movement from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd not provided for in circumstances in Article 19(3) and from an approved exhibition or sale

1. Where an animal is moved direct to a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or to a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd from:—

- (a) a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd in circumstances not provided for in Article 19(3); or
(b) a place of exhibition or sale where accommodation is reserved and approved by the Ministry for the exposure of animals from Brucellosis (Certified) Herds,

a permit issued by the Ministry authorising such movement may contain the following conditions:—

- (i) the animal during the course of movement shall not be allowed or caused to come into contact with any animal other than
- (a) an animal from the same or another Brucellosis (Certified) Herd which is being moved under the authority of a like permit;
- (b) (where the animal is moved from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd) a castrated male animal over six months of age from the same herd which was born into the herd or has been on the premises for at least six weeks;

(ii) any road vehicle used for the conveyance of such animals shall immediately before its use for that purpose have been cleansed and disinfected as follows:—

the floor, roof and sides of the inside of the vehicle and all other parts of the vehicle with which the animal to be conveyed or any fodder, litter or other matter may come in contact, shall have been scraped and swept and the scrapings and sweepings and all dung, sawdust, litter and matter shall have been removed, and thereafter all such parts of the vehicle shall have been thoroughly washed, scrubbed or scoured with water and disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed with an approved disinfectant;

- (iii) any rail vehicle used for the conveyance of such animals shall, since it was last used for the conveyance of animals, have been cleansed and disinfected in accordance with Article 24 of the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order of 1927(f) and shall, in addition, have been further disinfected by coating or washing the floor, roof and sides of the inside of the vehicle with an approved disinfectant immediately prior to the loading of the animal in the vehicle;
- (iv) water, if required by an animal during transit, shall be supplied in a clean bucket, from a tap and not from a water trough or other source of supply to which livestock may have direct access;
- (v) any other condition which may reasonably be required by the Ministry.

2. Where, for the purposes of exhibition or sale at a place where it is to be accommodated in premises or any part thereof approved by the Ministry, for the exhibition or sale of cattle from Brucellosis (Certified) Herds, an animal is moved from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd, a permit issued by the Ministry authorising such movement may contain the conditions set out in paragraph 1 except that where an animal is moved for the purposes of exhibition the permit shall not contain paragraph (b) of condition (i).

Movement otherwise than from a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or an approved exhibition or sale provided for in paragraph 1

3. Where an animal is moved to a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd or to a Brucellosis (Eradication) Herd from premises other than those specified in 1 (a) or (b) a permit issued by the Ministry authorising such movement shall contain the conditions set out in paragraph 1(ii), (iii), (iv); (v) and shall furthermore require that:—

- (1) any animal under six months of age:—
 - (a) shall be isolated on arrival at the premises for a period of not less than six weeks before joining the herd; and
 - (b) on reaching the age of six months shall be tested for brucellosis unless it is a male animal not intended for breeding. Such brucellosis test shall be carried out by the Ministry if the animal was moved direct to the premises from a herd in respect of which a notice served under Article 20 was in force at the time of movement but otherwise it shall be carried out by a Veterinary Surgeon at the owner's expense and the Veterinary Surgeon's certificate showing the result of his test shall be forwarded by the owner of the animal to the Ministry within seven days of the completion of such test;
- (2) any female animal aged six months or over and any uncastrated male animal aged six months or over:—
 - (a) shall be isolated on arrival at the premises; and
 - (b) except where the application for a movement permit is accompanied by a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon (or a Veterinary Inspector) showing that the animal has been tested by him within fourteen days prior to movement and that no evidence of brucellosis has been found, shall be tested at the owner's expense by a Veterinary Surgeon within seven days of its arrival on the premises, and the Veterinary Surgeon's certificate showing the result of the test shall be forwarded by the owner of the animal to the Ministry within seven days of the completion of the test; and
 - (c) shall be kept in isolation for a period of two months or until it has calved whichever is the longer; and
 - (d) shall then be subject to an official test; and
 - (e) shall not join the herd unless the Veterinary Surgeon's test made under (b) and the official test made under (d) show that there is no evidence of brucellosis infection in the animal, or in any other animal with which it has been in contact; and
 - (f) the animal shall not be mated if it is a maiden heifer or a non-pregnant cow or used for service if it is a bull unless it is an animal which would be permitted to join the herd under sub-paragraph (2)(e);

and in addition where the animal is from a herd in respect of which a notice served under Article 20 is in force the permit shall require that

- (3) any castrated male animal aged six months or over shall be isolated on arrival at the premises for a period of not less than six weeks before joining the herd; and
- (4) the animal shall not be moved off the premises—
 - (a) for at least six weeks if it is under six months or if it is a castrated male animal aged six months or over;
 - (b) until it has passed the official test referred to in sub-paragraph (2)(d) if it is a female animal aged six months or over or an uncastrated male animal aged six months or over;

provided that if it is necessary for such animal to be slaughtered in emergency it may be moved direct to a slaughterhouse for that purpose and a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry shall be notified immediately.

SCHEDULE 2

DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

Where disinfection of premises is required under Article 15 disinfection shall be carried out in the following manner:—

- (1) Before removal from the premises, the manure, fittings and other things and materials therein, shall be thoroughly soaked with an approved disinfectant.
- (2) The manure shall then be removed from the premises and deposited in a place not accessible to cattle for at least six months and such manure shall not be spread on pasture for at least twelve months.
- (3) After the removal of the manure from the premises, all parts of the premises with which cattle have been in contact or which have been soiled with their excretions, shall be thoroughly scraped. The scrapings shall be removed and the scraped parts of the premises shall be thoroughly scrubbed and washed with a four per cent solution of washing soda in hot water, and after the completion of such scrubbing and washing, the scraped parts shall be sprayed with an approved disinfectant.
- (4) All utensils and other articles, whether within or without the premises, and any vehicles which have been used in connection with the care, milking, management or transport of any animal found to be a reactor, shall be thoroughly cleansed and washed with a four per cent solution of washing soda in hot water.
- (5) Any person carrying out the disinfection described in this Schedule shall on completing the disinfection and before entering other premises or coming into contact with any animal, disinfect his boots and hands by washing them in an approved disinfectant.

SCHEDULE 3

POINTS OF ENTRY INTO NORTHERN IRELAND FOR ANIMALS

<i>Point of entry</i>	<i>Land route</i>
Killeen	Dundalk—Newry
Carnagh	Castleblayney—Keady
Middletown	Monaghan—Armagh
Aughnacloy	Monaghan—Aughnacloy
Clonmackan	Clones—Newtownbutler
Drumcullion	Swanlinbar—Enniskillen
Belcoo East	Manorhamilton—Enniskillen
Corry	Ballyshannon—Belleek
Killynoogan	Pettigo—Kesh
Strabane	Lifford—Strabane
Mullennan	Carrigans—Londonderry
Culmore	Muff—Londonderry

SCHEDULE 4

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS REVOKED

<i>Number</i>	<i>Short Title</i>
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1966, No. 227	Brucellosis Order (Northern Ireland) 1966
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1968, No. 237	Brucellosis (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1968, No. 269	Brucellosis (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1970, No. 37	Brucellosis (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1970, No. 190	Brucellosis (Amendment No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 1970
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1971, No. 27	Brucellosis (Amendment No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971
S.R. & O. (Northern Ireland) 1971, No. 218	Brucellosis (Amendment No. 7) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order declares the whole of Northern Ireland an attested area for purposes connected with the control of brucellosis in cattle and consolidates with amendments seven Brucellosis Orders made under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.

In particular the Order—

amends the requirements in regard to the movement of animals within Northern Ireland and the importation of animals from the Republic of Ireland;

will enable the Ministry to seize animals which it has power to slaughter if a herd owner fails to co-operate;

prohibits the vaccination of cattle with anti-abortion vaccine except with the permission of the Ministry;

raises the maximum amount of compensation payable in respect of certain non-pedigree reactors from £136 to £170;

gives the Ministry additional powers in connection with the carrying out of official tests.