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## DISEASES OF ANIMALS

## Brucellosis

ORDER, DATED 19TH OCTOBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 4, 13, 18 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 4, 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:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order which may be cited as the Brucellosis Control (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 shall come into operation on 5th November 1973.

*Amendment of the Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1972*

2. The Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(b) as amended by the Brucellosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) After paragraph 2(c) of Article 17 the following paragraph shall be added:—

“(3)(a) No animal, other than a castrated male animal, shall be moved on to premises on which is maintained a herd in which brucellosis infection has been found to exist unless—

- (i) a period of at least 6 months has expired from the date on which a notice was served under Article 20, and
- (ii) the most recent official test was found to be negative.

(b) No animal, other than an uncastrated male animal for breeding or a castrated male animal, shall be moved on to premises on which a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd is maintained unless—

- (i) the herd from which it is being moved is also a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd not subject to a notice under Article 20, or
- (ii) the animal is a certified animal from a herd in the Republic of Ireland in relation to which there is not for the time being in force a restriction on movement under any Order under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966.”.

(2) After paragraph (1)(c) of Article 20 the following sub-paragraphs shall be added:—

“or

- (d) the owner of a herd in which an animal has aborted and has not been cleared by official tests; or

(a) 1958. c. 13.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 94.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 77.

- (e) the owner of a herd in which any animal has given an inconclusive result to an official test;”.
- (3) Article 26 is hereby revoked and the following Article shall be substituted therefor:—

“26.—(1) Save as provided in Articles 27 and 28 no person shall import any animal other than a castrated male animal unless—

- (a) (i) it is a certified animal which is a maiden heifer or an uncastrated male animal, or
- (ii) it is a certified animal which is a pedigree animal, and
- (iii) the conditions set out in paragraph (2) are complied with; or
- (b) 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.
- (2) The conditions under which animals specified in paragraph (1)(a) may be imported are as follows:—
- (a) A permit shall be obtained from the Department authorising the movement of the animal 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 6 months and castrated male animals may be present provided they are strictly segregated at all times and sold after the eligible certified animals;
- (b) the animal shall be 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;
- (c) if the animal is a maiden heifer within the meaning of sub-paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) of paragraph (1) which in the opinion of the Ministry is aged 6 months or over it shall also be accompanied by a certificate made out by a veterinary surgeon on headed paper to the effect that at an examination carried out by him within 14 days prior to importation the animal was found to be not in calf;
- (d) if the animal is a pedigree animal, other than a maiden heifer or an uncastrated male animal, the importer shall comply with the following conditions:—
- (i) A permit shall be obtained at the point of entry;
- (ii) a certificate or other document shall be produced at the point of entry as evidence that the animal is a pedigree animal;

- (iii) the animal shall be isolated on arrival at the importer's premises and kept in isolation at those premises for a period of 2 months or until it has calved, whichever is the longer;
  - (iv) the animal shall then be subject to an official test;
  - (v) the animal shall not be permitted to join the herd unless the official test shows that there is no evidence of brucellosis infection;
  - (vi) until the animal has passed an official test and has completed a period of isolation as required under condition (iii), it shall not be sold or presented for sale except under the conditions of an authority issued by the Ministry in writing."
- (4) (a) In Article 6(b) for the words "under Article 26(1)(a)(b)" there shall be substituted the words "under Article 26(1)(a)".
- (b) In paragraph 3 of Article 9 the words "sub-paragraphs (a) and (c) of" shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 19th day of October 1973.

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*W. H. Jack,*  
Assistant Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order introduces additional restrictions on the movement of animals for the purpose of controlling brucellosis infection.

Animals, other than castrated male animals, may not join a herd which has been infected with brucellosis until a period of 6 months has elapsed and the latest tests have been found negative. With certain exceptions, animals may not join a Brucellosis (Certified) Herd unless they come from a herd of similar status.

Female animals may not be imported from the Republic of Ireland unless they are maiden heifers accompanied by veterinary certification that they are not pregnant, or they are pedigree cows or in-calf heifers in which case special import conditions are applicable.

The Order also enables the Ministry to exercise controls in a herd where an animal has not been cleared by official test after an abortion, or where an animal has given an inconclusive result to a test.