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DISEASES OF ANIMALS**Vaccination of Poultry**

ORDER, DATED 29TH NOVEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 3B 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 Section 3B of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having consulted with the bodies which appear to it to be substantially representative of the interests concerned and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance by Order hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Newcastle Disease Vaccination) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 29th November 1973.

Interpretation

2. "Act" means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958;
"authorised officer" means an inspector or any other person authorised by the Ministry for the purposes of this Scheme;
"vaccination area" means any area from time to time declared by the Ministry to be a vaccination area.

Vaccination

3. Every person owning or having under his charge any poultry within a vaccination area shall at a date and time notified to him by the Ministry—

- (a) present all such poultry for vaccination against Newcastle disease;
(b) comply with all reasonable requirements of an authorised officer for the purpose of vaccination, including collection and penning of the poultry.

4. If any person fails to comply with any reasonable requirement of an authorised officer made in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, 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 vaccination of poultry and make a charge in respect of any expenses thereby incurred, and such charge may be recoverable by the Ministry as a civil debt from the person in default.

Records

5. The owner or person having charge of any poultry which have been vaccinated shall keep a record of the movement of all poultry, eggs and equipment on to or out of the premises for a period of 6 months from the date of such vaccination. Such records shall be produced on demand to an authorised officer who shall be entitled to make copies.

Offences

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

(2) The contravention of any provision of this Scheme, or the failure to comply with any such provision, or the causing or permitting of any such contravention or non-compliance, shall be an offence against the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 29th day of November 1973.

(L.S.)

W. H. Jack,
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Secretary of State, hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 29th day of November 1973.

(L.S.)

A. J. Green,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Scheme enables the Ministry to carry out the vaccination of all poultry against Newcastle disease in an area declared to be a vaccination area.

Owners or persons in charge of poultry which have been vaccinated must keep a record of the movement of all poultry, eggs and equipment on to or out of the premises for a period of 6 months from the date of vaccination. Provision is made for the recovery of expenses incurred by the Ministry where steps have to be taken to facilitate vaccination due to the owner failing to comply with reasonable requirements.

Any person who, before, during or after the vaccination of poultry commits any act intended to affect the result of vaccination shall be guilty of an offence under the Diseases of Animals Act.