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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order permits the taking of blood from farm animals and poultry by persons not qualified as Veterinary surgeons or practitioners, which would otherwise be prohibited by section 19(1) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

The blood must be taken for use in diagnosis for the control or eradication of infectious disease by the Ministers.

In the case of farm animals the blood must be taken under the general direction of a qualified person if the sampler has been certified as proficient to take blood, or under direct personal supervision if he is undergoing instruction.

In the case of poultry the blood must be taken under the general direction of a qualified person who is satisfied that the sampler is competent to take the blood.