



2011 CHAPTER 16

PART 4

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement powers

Inspection of farm premises

27.—(1) An inspector may carry out an inspection in order to—

- (a) check compliance with regulations under section 11 which relate to animals bred or kept for farming purposes;
- (b) ascertain whether any offence under or by virtue of this Act has been or is being committed in relation to such animals.

(2) An inspector may enter premises which the inspector reasonably believes to be premises on which animals are bred or kept for farming purposes in order to carry out an inspection under subsection (1).

(3) Subsection (2) does not authorise entry to any part of premises which is used as a private dwelling.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a lay magistrate may, on the application of an inspector, issue a warrant authorising an inspector to enter premises, if necessary using reasonable force, in order to carry out an inspection under subsection (1).

(5) The power to issue a warrant under subsection (4) is exercisable only if the lay magistrate is satisfied by complaint on oath—

- (a) that it is reasonable to carry out an inspection on the premises, and
- (b) that section 46 is satisfied in relation to the premises.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 27. (See end of Document for details)*

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Commencement Information

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