
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1115

The Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

PART II

DISEASES OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY

Eradication of disease

[^{F1}Deliberate infection

5A.—(1) A person commits an offence if, without lawful authority or excuse (proof of which shall lie on him), he knowingly or recklessly does any act which causes or is intended to cause an animal or bird to be infected with a disease.

(2) A person commits an offence if, without lawful authority or excuse (proof of which shall lie on him), that person acquires or takes possession of an animal or bird which he knows, or ought reasonably to know, to be infected with a disease.]

F1 Arts. 5A, 5B inserted (12.3.2010) by Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 (c. 1), ss. 10(1), 22(1); S.R. 2010/70, art. 2

Changes to legislation:

The Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, Section 5A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 19 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument am (pt prosp) by [S.I. 1994/1891 \(N.I.\) arts.19-23](#)
- Instrument rep in pt by [S.I. 1994/1891 \(N.I.\) art.24\(1\)Sch](#)