
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 263

Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

PART IV

GENERAL

Power to seize certain animals

12.—(1) The Department may seize, detain and dispose of an affected or suspected animal exposed for sale, carried, kept or otherwise dealt with in contravention of this Order, any notice served under this Order or the Scheme.

(2) The amount of any expenses reasonably incurred by the Department in seizing, detaining or disposing of an animal under paragraph (1) shall be recoverable by it as a civil debt from the owner of that animal.

Information to be furnished to inspectors

13.—(1) The owner of an affected animal which has been or is being kept on any holding, shall on demand by an inspector give such information as he possesses as to—

- (a) that animal or any other animal or carcase which is or has been on that holding; and
- (b) any other animal or carcase with which any animal or carcase mentioned in subparagraph (a), has or may have been in contact.

(2) Any person engaged in the purchase, sale, dispatch, transit or delivery of animals shall on demand by an inspector give such information as he possesses relating to any animal or carcase which is or has been in his possession or under his control.

Control of non-bovine animals

14.—(1) Where an animal is kept on the same holding as a non-bovine animal, a veterinary inspector may, by notice in writing served on the occupier of the holding, require him—

- (a) to ensure that the animal is separated from any such non-bovine animals which are affected or suspected; and
- (b) to ensure that such part or parts of the holding as may be specified in the notice and which is used by affected or suspected non-bovine animals is not used by any animal, or by any such animal or animals as may be so specified.

(2) The Department may slaughter or cause to be slaughtered under the direction of a veterinary inspector any non-bovine animal which reacts positively to an official test.

(3) The amount of compensation payable to the owner of a non-bovine animal slaughtered under paragraph (2) shall be the market value of the animal.

(4) Article 11(2) to (7) shall apply in relation to any non-bovine animal slaughtered under paragraph (2) as it applies to any animal to which a notice under Article 10(2) relates.

Draft or dispersal sales

15.—(1) Except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department in writing the owner of any animal shall not hold or cause or permit to be held a sale by auction or otherwise of that animal—

- (a) on premises in which the animal is normally kept unless those premises have been habitually used as a market, sale-yard, fairground or place of exhibition; or
- (b) in any public place other than premises habitually used as a market, sale-yard, fairground or place of exhibition.

(2) A licence issued under paragraph (1) may, where the Department considers it necessary, be subject to the condition that all of the animals in the sale to which it relates shall have been officially tested during the period of 30 days prior to the holding of the sale with negative results.

Sterilisation of milk

16. A person shall not use milk from an affected or suspected animal or non-bovine animal for feeding to or in the preparation of any feeding stuff for animals or non-bovine animals unless it has been first sterilised.

Notification of the presence of tuberculosis

17. Where the Department knows or suspects that any animal is affected, it may, for the purposes of preventing the spread of disease notify—

- (a) any veterinary surgeon treating that animal; and
- (b) any person who keeps animals which are substantially at risk of becoming infected with disease by that animal or any animal on the holding on which that animal is maintained.

Revocations

18. The statutory provisions listed in the Schedule are hereby revoked to the extent that they remain in operation.