
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 243

**Infected Waters (Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis)
(No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003**

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Infected Waters (Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 18th April 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order –

- (a) “the Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;
- (b) “disease” means the fish disease *Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis*;
- (c) “infected areas” shall be construed in accordance with Article 3.

Infected area

3. Whereas Infectious Pancreatic Necrosis virus, the causative organism of the disease, has been identified in fish in the areas described in the Schedule (hereinafter referred to as the infected areas) those areas are hereby declared to be infected areas for the purposes of section 1 of the Diseases of Fish Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 and Articles 4 and 5 shall apply for the prevention, eradication and control of the disease in those areas.

Provisions for the prevention, eradication and control of disease

4.—(1) An authorised person may:

- (a) examine any fish in all or any of the waters in the infected areas or the carcasses of any such fish;
- (b) direct in writing the occupier of any such area to take such measures as the authorised person may specify in the direction for the purposes of preventing, eradicating or controlling the disease;

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1)(b), any direction issued under that subparagraph may require the occupier of any infected area to –

- (a) destroy, bury or otherwise dispose of the carcasses of any fish found in or near the waters in the infected area;
- (b) treat such waters, or any fish in those waters;
- (c) disinfect or treat any premises, vehicle or stall of any fish dealer or carrier in the infected areas;

in such manner and within such time as may be specified in the direction.

(3) Where an authorised person gives a direction under this Article, the occupier of the infected area to whom it relates shall comply with it.

(4) Where the occupier of an infected area fails to comply with the requirements of any direction given under this Article, the Department may, without prejudice to any proceedings arising out of such default, take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the requirements of the direction are complied with.

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person shall not transport, or cause or permit to be transported, to, from or within any infected area –

- (a) any dead fish found or taken in such an area;
- (b) any live fish,

except under the authority and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department.

(2) Paragraph (1)(a) shall not apply to the transport of any dead fish which have been eviscerated.

6. The owner of any infected area, or a person appointed by him for the purpose, shall maintain a daily record of water temperature and fish mortalities for each fish cage in the infected areas which shall be made available for inspection by an authorised person.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 17th April 2003.

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