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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Swine Vesicular Disease  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

PART VII

INSPECTION, ENFORCEMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**Powers of an inspector**

37.—(1) An inspector may, on producing a duly authenticated authorisation if required, enter any premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of enforcing these Regulations, and for these purposes “premises” includes a vehicle or trailer.

(2) An inspector entering premises may—

- (a) inspect the premises, container and any plant, machinery or equipment;
- (b) take samples;
- (c) seize any thing and destroy any thing that may spread the swine vesicular disease virus;
- (d) detain or isolate any animal or thing;
- (e) mark for identification purposes any animal or thing;
- (f) require any animal or thing (including a vehicle) to be moved to a specified destination;
- (g) carry out any inquiries, examinations and tests;
- (h) have access to, and inspect and copy any documents or records (in whatever form they are held) relating to these Regulations, and remove them to enable them to be copied;
- (i) inspect and check the operation of any computer and any associated apparatus or material that is or has been in use in connection with records; and
- (j) require the cleansing and disinfection of any part of the premises or any thing.

(3) Where an inspector has entered any premises and it is not reasonably practicable to determine whether documents on those premises are relevant to these Regulations, the inspector may seize them to ascertain whether or not they are relevant.

(4) The inspector may be accompanied by—

- (a) such other persons as the inspector considers necessary, and
- (b) any representative of the European Commission acting for the purpose of the enforcement of a Community obligation.

(5) The following provisions of the Order shall apply as if these Regulations were an order made under the Order—

- (a) Article 46 (general powers of inspectors);
- (b) Article 46A (powers of inspectors relating to Community obligations);
- (c) Article 48 (power to detain vessels and aircraft).