1971. No. 8 [NC]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Importation of Exotic Animals

ORDER, DATED 8TH JANUARY 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 21 AND 22 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 21 and 22 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Exotic Animals (Importation) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1971 shall come into operation on 1st February 1971.

Amendment of Exotic Animals (Importation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969(b)

2. For Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Exotic Animals (Importation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969 there shall be substituted:—

"**4.** The provisions of Part I of the Third Schedule of the Act (which require animals to be slaughtered on landing) shall not apply to an exotic animal landed in Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

5. No exotic animal being an animal brought from any country other than the Republic of Ireland shall be landed in Northern Ireland except under authority of a licence.

6.—(1) In respect of exotic animals brought from countries other than Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man a licence shall be issued only to permit the landing at a landing place of exotic animals for direct movement to an approved research establishment or an approved zoological establishment and for their retention therein under the conditions specified in the approval.

(2) In respect of exotic animals brought from Great Britain, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man a licence shall contain such conditions as in the opinion of the Ministry are necessary or expedient for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spread of any disease to which the Act applies.

7. Any breach of or failure to observe any condition of a licence shall be an offence against the Act."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 8th day of January 1971 in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. Parke,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1958. c. 13. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 334.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Exotic Animals (Importation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1969 by permitting the import of exotic animals under licence from Great Britain, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man for purposes other than research or retention at a zoological establishment.