1983 No. 381

DOGS

Guard Dogs (Specified Places) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983

Made . . . . . *22nd November 1983*

Coming into operation . . . *19th December 1983*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 2(2)(**a**) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Guard Dogs (Specified Places) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983 and shall come into operation on 19th December 1983.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"agricultural land" has the meaning assigned to it by section 43(1) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(**c**);

"the Order" means the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983;

"trade" includes every trade, manufacture, adventure or concern in the nature of trade.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) the places by reference to which a guard dog is defined under Article 2(2) of the Order are hereby specified as all places used for the purposes of—

(*a*) any trade, profession or vocation;

(*b*) sport or recreation;

(*c*) the activities of a club which makes facilities available to its members and their guests;

(*d*) the activities of a district council.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

(*a*) any place used or guarded for police purposes;

(*b*) any place which belongs to or is occupied by the owner of the dog and which comprises of a dwelling house, or land within the curtilage of a dwelling house, or agricultural land.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 22nd November 1983.

(L.S.)

S. R. Armstrong
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) *See* definition of "guard dog"
(**b**) S.I. 1983/764 (N.I. 8)
(**c**) 1949 c. 2 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Article 2(2) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 provides that a guard dog means a dog which is being used to protect—

(*a*) such places as the Department may, by order, specify; or

(*b*) goods kept at places so specified; or

(*c*) a person guarding places so specified or such goods.

This Order specifies such places as all places used for the purposes of:—

(i) any trade, profession or vocation;

(ii) sport or recreation;

(iii) the activities of a club which makes facilities available to its members and their guests; and

(iv) the activities of a district council.

Provision is made to exclude any place used or guarded for police purposes or any place belonging to or occupied by the owner of the dog which comprises of a dwelling house, or land within the curtilage of a dwelling house, or agricultural land.