STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1139

AGRICULTURE

LIVESTOCK INDUSTRIES

The Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

Made - - - -	*4th August* 1969
Laid before Parliament	*15th August* 1969
Coming into Operation	*22nd August* 1969

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in pursuance of sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11 of the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931(a), as amended by section 6 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1944(b) and extended by sections 16 and 17 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1963(c), and of all his other enabling powers with the approval of the Treasury as to fees, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and extent

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969, shall come into operation on 22nd August 1969 and shall apply to England and Wales.

Revocation

2. The Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1956(d), the Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Amendment Regulations 1958(e), and the Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Amendment Regulations 1964(f), are hereby revoked, but such revocation shall not affect the validity of any notice duly served thereunder or any proceedings duly undertaken by virtue of those regulations, which shall have effect as if served under or undertaken by virtue of the corresponding provisions of these regulations.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931;

(a) 1931 c. 43. For change of title of the Minister, see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(b) 1944 c. 28.
(c) 1963 c. 11.
(d) S.I. 1956/1427 (1956 I, p. 196).
(e) S.I. 1958/744 (1958 I, p. 196).
(f) S.I. 1964 /127 (1964 I, p. 233).

"general permit" means any permit other than a special permit;

"licence" means a licence under the Act to keep a bull for breeding purposes;

"the Minister" and "the Ministry" mean the Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food respectively;

"permit" means a permit under the Act to keep a bull for any purpose other than breeding purposes;

"special permit" means a permit which, by virtue of the proviso to section 4(4) of the Act (which authorises the granting of permits in respect of bulls kept for zoological or experimental purposes), does not include a condition that the bull to which it relates shall not be allowed to serve a cow.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to a form denoted by a number shall be construed as a reference to the form so numbered in Schedule 1 to these regulations or a form substantially to the like effect.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as though these regulations and the regulations hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Prescribed age of bull

4. For the purposes of section 1 of the Act (which prohibits the keeping of a bull that has attained the prescribed age unless a licence or permit is in force in respect of it) the prescribed age shall be the age of ten months.

Approved breeding societies

5. For the purposes of section 6(3) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1944 (which empowers the Minister to refuse to grant a licence if he is not satisfied that the bull is registered or eligible for registration as a pedigree bull with an approved breeding society, or conforms to the standard of type laid down for pedigree bulls of that type by an approved breeding society and is unlikely to beget progeny which do not conform to that standard) an approved breeding society shall be any one of the societies specified in Parts I, II and III of Schedule 2 to these regulations.

Applications for licences and permits

6. Any application for a licence shall be in Form 1 and any application for a permit shall be in Form 2.

Time for making applications

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) hereof, the prescribed time for making an application for a licence or a permit shall be as follows—

(*a*) in the case of a licence, not later than twenty-eight days before the bull attains the prescribed age;

(*b*) in the case of a permit, within such time as may be applicable according to the following Table—

Where a licence or permit in respect of the bull has not at any time been applied for.	Not later than twenty-eight days before the bull attains the prescribed age.

(a) 1889 c. 63.

Where a licence in respect of the bull has been refused or revoked.	Before the expiration of fourteen days from the date of the refusal or revocation or, if a referee's inspection is duly applied for, within fourteen days after the Minister notifies the applicant that he has confirmed the refusal or revocation in accordance with the referee's report.
Where a permit in respect of the bull has been granted and has not expired.	Not later than fourteen days before the expiry of that permit.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, in the case of a bull which is or is to be imported or brought into England or Wales and which at the date of entry into England and Wales has attained or will have attained the prescribed age or will attain that age within forty-two days from that date, an application for a licence or permit shall be made not later than fourteen days after the date of entry.

Conditions as to inspection and marking of bulls

8. The following shall be the conditions as to inspection and marking of a bull before the grant of a licence or special permit:—

(*a*) The bull shall be inspected by an officer of the Ministry and for this purpose the Minister may require the owner of the bull to make it available for inspection at any place or time that has been notified to the owner, and the owner shall provide all reasonable facilities and assistance for the purpose of the inspection and marking of the bull:

Provided that a bull that has previously been inspected on behalf of the Minister for any other purpose may, if the Minister thinks fit, be exempted from the inspection prescribed by this regulation.

(*b*) If, after inspection, the bull is found suitable for a licence, it shall be marked by an officer of the Ministry with the mark and in the manner prescribed in that behalf by regulation 17 hereof.

Forms of licences and permits

9.—(1) A licence shall, subject to the succeeding paragraphs of this regulation, be in Form 3, 4 or 5 and a permit shall be in Form 6.

(2) A licence shall be in Form 3 (that is to say, a Beef Bull Licence) if the Minister is satisfied that the bull is registered, or eligible for registration, as a pedigree beef bull with one of the beef cattle breeding societies specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to these regulations.

(3) A licence shall be in Form 4 (that is to say, a Dairy Bull Licence) if the Minister is satisfied that the bull conforms to the standards of suitability for breeding purposes prescribed in Schedule 3 to these regulations.

(4) A licence shall be in Form 5 (that is to say, a General Class Bull Licence) if the bull is not eligible for a licence in either of the Forms 3 or 4.

Licensing of dairy bulls

10. Where the Minister is satisfied that a bull

(*a*) is registered or eligible for registration as a pedigree bull with an approved dairy cattle breeding society specified in Part II of Schedule 2 to these regulations, or

(*b*) conforms to the standard of type laid down for pedigree bulls of that type by such an approved breeding society, and is unlikely to beget progeny which do not conform to that standard,

he may nevertheless refuse to grant a licence in respect of that bull if he is not satisfied that the bull conforms to the standards of suitability for breeding purposes prescribed in Schedule 3 to these regulations.

Change of class of licence

11. An application for a Dairy Bull Licence by the owner of a bull in respect of which there is in force a General Class Bull Licence issued under these regulations or under the regulations hereby revoked shall be in Form 7 and may be made at any time when the applicant is able to satisfy the Minister that the bull conforms to the standards of suitability for breeding purposes prescribed in Schedule 3 to these regulations.

Duplicates of licences and permits

12. Any application for a duplicate of a licence or permit that has been lost or destroyed shall be in Form 8.

Change of place at which permit bulls may be kept

13. Where it is a condition of a permit that the bull to which it relates shall be kept at a specified place, any application made under section 4(2) of the Act for the substitution in the permit of some other place for the place theretofore specified shall be made in writing by the owner of the bull.

Notice of suspension

14. Any notice of suspension served under section 4(3) of the Act (making it a condition of a licence that the bull to which it relates shall not for a specified period be allowed to serve a cow) shall be served on any person for the time being having the bull in his possession or custody.

Application for referee's inspection

15.—(1) Any application made under section 5(1) of the Act for a referee's inspection of a bull, consequent on the refusal or revocation of a licence or on the service of a notice of suspension as respects that bull, shall be in Form 9, and shall be made before the expiration of a period of fourteen days from the date of the refusal or revocation or the service of the notice, as the case may be.

(2) Any notice of the result of his application given to an applicant by the Minister shall be given in writing.

Fees

16.—(1) Fees of the following amounts shall be payable to the Minister in respect of licences, permits, and inspections by referees—

(*a*) in respect of a licence to keep a bull	£2	15s.
(*b*) in respect of a special permit	£2	15s.
(*c*) in respect of a duplicate of any licence or permit		5s.
(*d*) in respect of an inspection by a referee—		
(i) except as otherwise prescribed below, for each bull ...	£7	
(ii) where two bulls owned by the same person are to be inspected by the same referee at the same premises at the same time, for each bull	£6	
(iii) where three or more bulls owned by the same person are to be inspected by the same referee at the same premises at the same time, for each bull	£5	

Provided that no fee shall be payable in respect of—

(*a*) a licence or special permit to keep a bull where at the time of application therefor a licence or special permit issued by the Secretary of State in respect of Scotland is in force in relation to the bull;

(*b*) a special permit to keep a bull where the prescribed fee has been paid in respect of a licence to keep that bull, and such licence has been refused.

(2) The prescribed fee shall be remitted to the Ministry with the corresponding application.

(3) If, before the inspection referred to in regulation 8(*a*) or regulation 15(1) hereof takes place, the relative application for a licence or special permit or for a referee's inspection is withdrawn by the applicant, the Ministry may return the fee to him.

Prescribed marks

17.—(1) The following provisions of this paragraph shall have effect for the purposes of section 10(1)(*b*) of the Act (which empowers an officer of the Ministry to mark any bull with a prescribed mark in the prescribed manner).

(2) The mark prescribed for a bull that is to be marked pursuant to the condition contained in regulation 8(*b*) hereof is a design consisting of a Crown, and the bull shall be marked with it in or on the right ear or, if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place.

(3) The mark prescribed for a bull that, after inspection by an officer of the Ministry, has been found unsuitable for a licence (whether or not an application therefor has been made), or a bull whose licence has been revoked, or a bull in respect of which a permit has been granted, shall be the letter "R" and the bull shall be marked with it in or on the left ear or, if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place.

(4) The mark prescribed for a bull that is being marked by an officer of the Ministry for the purpose of identification shall be a combination of any two letters of the alphabet or a combination of figures or both such combinations and the bull shall be marked with that mark in or on one of its ears or, if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place.

Service of notices and other documents

18.—(1) Any notice required or authorised by or under the Act to be given or served by the Minister may be given or served by delivering it to the person to or on whom it is to be given or served, or by sending it to him by post in a letter addressed to him at his last known place of abode or business.

(2) Any application, notice or other document required or authorised by or under the Act to be made, given or sent by any person to the Minister or the Ministry shall be made, given, sent by post or otherwise delivered in a letter addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, at an office of the Ministry in England or Wales.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 28th July 1969.

(L.S.)

Cledwyn Hughes,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Approved on 4th August 1969.

E. Alan Fitch,
B. K. O'Malley,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Treasury.

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 3(2).

FORM 1 Regulation 6.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931
Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO KEEP A BULL

Name of bull | Breed or type | Date of Birth 19 (day) (month) (year)

Is the bull pure bred? *Yes/No

Is the bull registered or eligible for registration with a breed society? *Yes/No | Colour | Earmarks

Full postal address of premises at which bull is kept

County | Parish | Nearest town or village and distance from farm miles

If bull is to be sent to a sale within six weeks, state sale and date

Full name of owner (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Address (if different from premises above)

I hereby apply for a licence in respect of the bull described above and I hereby certify the foregoing particulars to be correct.

The bull is to be considered primarily for a *Beef Bull/Dairy Bull/General Class Bull Licence.

I enclose *cheque/postal order/money order for £2 15s. in payment of the prescribed fee.

I am the *owner/agent for the owner of the bull.

Full name of applicant (in BLOCK LETTERS)
(if different from owner above)

Address

Telephone No.

Date 19 . Signature

*Strike out words that do not apply.

Regulation 6.

FORM 2

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931
Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP AN UNLICENSED BULL

Name of bull | Breed or type | Date of Birth (day) (month) 19 (year)

Colour | Earmarks

Full postal address of premises at which bull is to be kept

County | Nearest town or village and distance from farm | miles

Parish

Full name of owner (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Address (if different from premises above)

I hereby apply for a *special permit (see Note (1)) / general permit (see Note (2)) to keep the unlicensed bull described above until 19 , for the purpose of

I enclose *cheque/postal order/money order for £2 15s. (see Note (3)) in payment of the prescribed fee.

I am the *owner/agent for the owner of the bull.

Full name of applicant (in BLOCK LETTERS) (if different from owner above)

Address

Telephone No.

Date 19 . Signature

*Strike out words that do not apply.

NOTES:

(1) A *special permit* is a permit granted to keep a bull for zoological or experimental purposes which, by virtue of the exemption conferred by the proviso to section 4(4) of the Act, does not include a condition that the bull shall not be allowed to serve a cow or heifer.

(2) A *general permit* is a permit which includes a condition that the bull must not be allowed to serve any cow or heifer. This type of permit is issued when a bull is to be kept entire to be fattened for slaughter.

(3) The prescribed fee for a special permit is £2 15s. A fee is not required for a general permit, nor if the prescribed fee has been paid in respect of an application for a licence that has been refused.

FORM 3

Regulation 9(2).
No.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931
Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

BEEF BULL LICENCE

Name of bull

Breed

Date of birth

Colour

Earmarks

This is to certify that the bull described above is licensed as a Beef Bull under the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931.

Date 19 .

Secretary.

FORM 4

Regulation 9(3).
No.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

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Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

DAIRY BULL LICENCE

Name of bull

Breed or type

Date of birth

Colour

Earmarks

This is to certify that the bull described above is licensed as a Dairy Bull under the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931*.

Date 19 .

Secretary.

*Add method of qualification.

Regulation 9(4). FORM 5

No.

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GENERAL CLASS BULL LICENCE

Name of bull

Breed or type

Date of birth

Colour

Earmarks

This is to certify that the bull described above is licensed as a General Class Bull under the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931.

Date 19 .

Secretary.

Regulation 9(1). FORM 6

No.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

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*SPECIAL/GENERAL PERMIT TO KEEP AN UNLICENSED BULL

Name of bull

Breed or type

Date of birth

Colour

Earmarks

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food hereby permits the unlicensed bull described above belonging to

to be kept at

until

for the purpose of

subject to the following conditions:

Date 19 .

Secretary.

*Strike out words that do not apply.

FORM 7 Regulation 11.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931
Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF LICENCE

Name of bull Breed or type Date of birth 19

Colour Earmarks

Number of current licence

Full name of applicant (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address

I hereby apply for a Dairy Bull Licence to be granted in substitution for the General Class Bull Licence WHICH IS ENCLOSED HEREWITH.

In support of this application, I also enclose evidence that the bull conforms to the prescribed standards of suitability for breeding purposes.

Date 19 .

Signature

FORM 8 Regulation 12

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931
Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE OF A LICENCE OR PERMIT

Name of bull Breed or type Date of birth 19

Colour Earmarks

Full name of applicant (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address

I certify that the *licence/permit numbered to keep the bull described above has been lost or destroyed and I hereby apply for a duplicate.

I enclose *cheque/postal order/money order for 5s. in payment of the prescribed fee.

Date 19 .

Signature

*Strike out words that do not apply.

Regulation 15(1). FORM 9

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931
Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1969

APPLICATION FOR A REFEREE'S INSPECTION

Name of bull | Breed or type | Date of birth 19

Number of licence (if any) | Colour | Earmarks

Full name of applicant (in BLOCK LETTERS)

Full postal address

Whereas the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has *refused to grant/revoked/served a notice of suspension of a licence to keep the bull described above, now therefore I require a referee's inspection of the bull in accordance with section 5 of the Improvement of Live Stock (Licensing of Bulls) Act 1931.

The bull will be kept during the next 28 days at

I enclose *cheque/postal orders/money order for *£7 £6 £5 (see Note (1)) in payment of the prescribed fee.†

Date 19 .

Signature

*Strike out words that do not apply.

†This will be returned if the refusal, revocation or notice of suspension is not confirmed.

NOTES:

(1) The prescribed fees payable for a referee's inspection are:—

(i) for the inspection of one bull £7

(ii) for the inspection of two bulls in the same ownership, provided the inspection of each bull is to be carried out by the same referee on the same premises and at the same time for each bull... £6

(iii) for the inspection of three or more bulls in the same ownership, provided the inspection of each bull is to be carried out by the same referee on the same premises and at the same time, for each bull... £5

(2) If a licence has been refused because of a veterinary defect in the bull, the referee appointed will be a veterinary surgeon, whatever the breed. In other cases separate referees will be appointed for bulls of different breeds. The same referee will not be appointed to deal with veterinary and other appeals.

SCHEDULE 2 Regulations 5, 9(2) and 10.

PART I

Approved Beef Cattle Breeding Societies

Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society.
Belted Galloway Cattle Society.
British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd.
Devon Cattle Breeders' Society.
Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland.
Hereford Herd Book Society.
Highland Cattle Society.
Lincoln Red Cattle Society.
Luing Cattle Society Ltd.
Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
Sussex Cattle Society.

Part II

Approved Dairy Cattle Breeding Societies

Ayrshire Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland.
British-Canadian Holstein-Friesian Association.
British Friesian Cattle Society.
English Guernsey Cattle Society.
Jersey Cattle Society of the United Kingdom.
Red and White Friesian Cattle Society Ltd.

Part III

Other Approved Cattle Breeding Societies

British Kerry Cattle Society.
British White Cattle Society.
Dexter Cattle Society.
Northern Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society.
Red Poll Cattle Society and the British Dane Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland.
Shetland Cattle Herd Book Society.
South Devon Herd Book Society.
Welsh Black Cattle Society.

Regulations 9, 10 and 11. SCHEDULE 3

STANDARDS OF SUITABILITY FOR A DAIRY BULL LICENCE

1. The standards of suitability for breeding purposes referred to in regulations 9(3), 10 and 11 are as follows:—

(*a*) The dam of the bull in respect of which the application is made (or, if the dam of the bull was prevented by death or injury from completing its first lactation period, the dam of the bull's dam) and the dam of the bull's sire shall each have attained such standard of milk yield with butter-fat content as is hereinafter specified.

(*b*) The said standard of milk yield with butter-fat content shall be the production, in so much of the lactation period as occurs in the 305 days between the 4th and 310th day after calving, of a milk yield that is not less than the quantity specified in the following Table in relation to the breed and the calving in question and contains a quantity of butter-fat that is not less than the quantity so specified and is not less than the percentage so specified of the milk yield. The calving shall be such one of those specified in the Table as the applicant may select and different calvings may be chosen for different ancestors.

Breed	Minimum milk yield and butter-fat content						Minimum percentage of butter-fat content
	With the First Calf		With the Second Calf		With the Subsequent Calf		
	Milk	Butter-fat	Milk	Butter-fat	Milk	Butter-fat	
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	Per cent.
Ayrshire	6,500	247	7,500	285	9,000	342	3·8
British Dane	10,000	480	10,000	480	10,000	480	3·8
British Friesian, British-Canadian Holstein-Friesian and Red and White Friesian	7,000	250	8,000	280	9,500	333	3·5
British White	5,500	209	6,500	247	7,500	285	3·8
Dairy Shorthorn and Northern Dairy Shorthorn...	6,000	225	7,000	262	8,000	300	3·5
Dexter	4,000	160	5,000	200	6,000	240	4·0
Guernsey	6,500	310	7,500	355	8,500	400	4·25
Jersey	6,000	300	7,000	350	8,000	400	4·5
Kerry	5,500	203	6,500	240	7,500	277	3·7
Red Poll	6,000	225	7,000	262	8,000	300	3·5
South Devon	5,500	220	6,500	260	7,500	300	4·0
Welsh Black...	5,000	200	6,000	240	7,000	280	4·0

2.—(1) If the applicant establishes to the satisfaction of the Minister that the average milk yield produced by the animals comprised in either of the groups specified in the next succeeding sub-paragraph, in so much of the lactation period as occurs in the 305 days between the 4th and the 310th day after their respective first calvings, is not less than the quantity specified in the foregoing Table in relation to the breed in question and to the first calving and contains a quantity of butter-fat that is not less than the quantity so specified and is not less than the percentage so specified of the said average milk yield, he shall not be required to satisfy such part of the foregoing conditions as relates to the dam of the bull's sire and shall not, where the group in respect of which the applicant so satisfies the Minister is that comprising the bull's daughters, be required to satisfy the remaining part of those conditions.

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided the groups referred to in the last foregoing sub-paragraph are the following, that is to say—

(*a*) all the daughters of the sire of the bull in respect of which the application is made, being not less than ten in number and being animals in respect of which milk records are available at the date of the application;

(*b*) all the daughters of the said bull, being not less than ten in number, and being animals in respect of which milk records are available as aforesaid;

Provided that neither of the said groups shall include animals whose first calving resulted in a lactation period of less than 204 days.

3. In this Schedule—

(*a*) the expression "calf" includes multiple births;

(*b*) the expression "lactation period" means a natural lactation period occurring in consequence of the birth of a calf.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations consolidate the Licensing of Bulls (England and Wales) Regulations 1956, as amended, with a few further amendments. The principal changes are:—

(1) the Luing Cattle Society Ltd. and the British Charolais Cattle Society Ltd. are added to the prescribed list of approved beef cattle breeding societies, so that both breeds become eligible for beef bull licences;

(2) the Red Poll Cattle Society and the British Dane Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland replaces the Red Poll Cattle Society of Great Britain and Ireland in the list of other approved cattle breeding societies;

(3) British Dane bulls are made eligible for dairy bull licences, and standards of suitability are prescribed;

(4) fees for licences, special permits and referees' inspections are increased, but fees for general permits, which are granted where bulls are being fattened for slaughter, are abolished;

(5) the fee can be returned if an application is withdrawn either orally or in writing before the bull is inspected; hitherto the withdrawal has had to be made in writing; and

(6) a general permit can be issued without inspection of the bull.