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## ANIMALS

### Licensing of Boars

RULES, DATED 26TH JULY 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER THE LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1960 AND BY SECTION 2 OF THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(**a**) as amended by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960(**b**) and by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**c**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance as to fees, hereby makes the following Rules:—

*Citation and Commencement*

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October 1968.

*Revocation*

**2.** The Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965(**d**) are hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

**3.** In these Rules:—

"Act" means the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922, as amended by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1960 and by Section 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, and applied to boars by the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 (Application to Boars) Order 1933(**e**).

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

"Boar" means any uncastrated male pig of the prescribed age.

"General licence" means a licence for breeding purposes generally, issued in respect of a pedigree boar in accordance with Article 9, and such licence shall be in the form set forth in the Second Schedule.

"Production licence" means a licence for breeding purposes generally, issued in respect of a pedigree boar which has been tested or the progenitors of which have been tested in accordance with Article 9, and such licence shall be in the form set forth in the Second Schedule.

"Special licence" means a licence issued for such breeding purposes and on such conditions as the Ministry may determine, and such licence shall be in the form set forth in the Third Schedule.

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(a) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 12 (N.I.).
(b) 1960. c. 19.
(c) 1967. c. 15 (N.I.).
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 163.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1933, No. 70.

"Pedigree" means entered, accepted for entry, or eligible for entry in the Herd Book of an appropriate approved breeding society.

"Approved" means approved by the Ministry.

"Approved Breeding Society" means the National Pig Breeders' Association, the British Landrace Pig Society or the Royal Dublin Society.

"Performance tested boar" means a boar which has been tested for economy of production and carcase quality at an approved testing station and which has attained a prescribed standard in respect of these traits.

"Progeny tested boar" means any boar which has had the prescribed number of progeny tested for economy of production and carcase quality, provided that such progeny has obtained a standard acceptable to the Ministry in respect of these traits.

*Prescribed Age of Boar*

**4.** For the purposes of the Act and these Rules a boar shall be deemed to be of the prescribed age when it has attained the age of six months.

*Application for Licence*

**5.**—(1) An application for a licence to keep a boar born in Northern Ireland shall be made in the form set forth in the First Schedule and shall be lodged, with the Ministry, together with the prescribed inspection fee, at least fourteen days before the boar attains the prescribed age.

(2) An application for a licence to keep a boar brought into Northern Ireland shall be made in the same manner as in paragraph (1) save that in respect of a boar which at the date of its entry into Northern Ireland has attained the age of five and a half months, application shall be made within fourteen days of such date of entry. An application for a production licence in respect of a boar brought into Northern Ireland shall be accompanied by authenticated records of the results of the performance test of the boar or the results of the progeny test of the sire of the boar whichever is applicable.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) when an application has not been made by the prescribed time the Ministry may accept such application and undertake inspection for licence on receiving from the applicant the prescribed additional fee.

*Fees*

**6.**—(1) The inspection fee to accompany an application for licence lodged under either paragraph (1) or (2) of Rule 5 shall be one pound.

(2) The additional inspection fee payable in respect of an inspection undertaken under paragraph (3) of Rule 5 shall be ten shillings for each inspection whether this involves one or more than one boar and shall be additional to the inspection fee required under paragraph (1).

*Conditions as to Inspection and Marking of Boars*

**7.** The following shall be the conditions as to inspection and marking of a boar:

(1) The Ministry may refuse to inspect a boar earlier than one month before it attains the prescribed age.

(2) The boar shall be inspected by an authorised officer of the Ministry and for this purpose the Ministry may require the owner of a boar to make it available for inspection at any time or place 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 boar.

(3) At the time of inspection a boar may, for the purpose of identification, be marked by an authorised officer of the Ministry on the right ear or, if that is impracticable, on some other appropriate place, with such mark as may be determined by the Ministry for that purpose.

(4) A boar deemed by an authorised officer of the Ministry to be up to licensing standard shall be marked by tattooing on the right ear or other appropriate place a design consisting of a right hand or such other mark as may be determined by the Ministry for this purpose.

(5) In the case of a boar in respect of which a licence has been revoked, the mark prescribed in paragraph (4) shall, if the Ministry considers it advisable to do so, be obliterated by an authorised officer of the Ministry as soon as possible after the revocation of the licence has been confirmed.

*Categories of Boars eligible for Licence*

**8.**—(1) For the purpose of Sub-Section (1) of Section 2 of the Act pedigree boars as specified in paragraph (1) of Rule 9 shall be eligible for a general licence and pedigree boars specified in paragraph (2) of Rule 9 shall be eligible for a production licence in the form specified in the Second Schedule.

(2) Such boars as the Ministry may determine shall be eligible for a special licence.

*Licensing Standards for Prescribed Categories of Boars*

**9.**—(1) A general licence shall be granted only in respect of a pedigree boar of the following breeds:—

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|---|---|
| Landrace | Large White |
| British Saddleback | Welsh |

provided that such a licence shall not be granted unless the boar is of a standard which conforms with the provisions of the Act.

(2) A production licence shall be granted only in respect of pedigree boars fulfilling one of the following conditions:—

(*a*) Boars which have been performance tested under the Ministry's Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme 1966(f) or any subsequent amendment thereof, and have reached standards acceptable to the Ministry in respect of the traits described in Part I of the Fifth Schedule.

(*b*) Boars which are the sons of boars either classified as "Approved" in accordance with standards acceptable to the Ministry in respect of the traits described in Part II of the Fifth Schedule or of performance tested boars classified as Group I in respect of the traits described in Part I of the Fifth Schedule.

(*c*) Boars which are the sons of dams classified as "qualified" in accordance with the standards set forth in Part III of the Fifth Schedule and of sires either classified as second stratum boars in respect of the characters described in Part II of the Fifth Schedule or performance tested boars classified as Group II in respect of the traits described in Part I of the Fifth Schedule.

(*d*) Boars or the sons of boars which have been progeny tested or performance tested under any testing programme approved by the Ministry and have reached standards acceptable to the Ministry.

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(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 223.

(3) Other boars possessing traits which appear to the Ministry to indicate that their progeny are likely to attain desirable standards shall be eligible for a special licence.

*Appeals*

**10.** Where the Ministry refuses to grant or transfer a general licence in respect of any boar, or suspends or revokes any such general licence, or requires the slaughtering or castration of any boar, the owner of the boar may, within a period of fourteen days from the date of service on him of notice of such refusal, suspension or revocation or order to slaughter or castrate, and on payment to the Ministry of a fee of five guineas lodge an application in the form set forth in the Fourth Schedule requiring the boar to be inspected by such member or members of the Panel of Referees constituted under the Act as may be selected by the Ministry.

*Change of Ownership, Death or Castration of Boar*

**11.** Notice of any sale or hiring or other change in ownership or control of a boar in respect of which a licence is in force, or has been applied for, or of its castration or death shall be given by the owner to the Ministry within seven days of such sale, hiring, change of ownership or control, castration or death. Such notice shall together with the licence in force be delivered at or forwarded by post to the Ministry.

*Surrender of Licence*

**12.** The owner of a boar in respect of which a licence was issued shall, in the event of the licence having expired or being revoked or suspended, return such licence (together with the certified copy, if any) to the Ministry within seven days from the date of expiry thereof, or within seven days from the date of service on him of notice of revocation or suspension of such licence.

*Service of Notices and other Documents*

**13.** Any notice required or authorised by these Rules shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if it is sent by post addressed to the person to be served at his last known place of abode or business.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 26th day of July 1968.

(L.S.) *A. E. W. Steen,*
Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the fees prescribed in the foregoing Rules.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 30th day of July 1968.

(L.S.) *James Reid,*
Assistant Secretary.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 (as amended)

LIVE STOCK BREEDING (LICENSING OF BOARS) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968

**Form of Application for a General/Production/Special Licence to keep a Boar**

Name of Boar ..... Breed/Type .....

Date Farrowed ..... Earmark ..... H.B. No. .....

Breeder .....

Sire ..... H.B. No. .....

Dam ..... H.B. No. .....

If different from own address, state where inspection is desired

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If boar is intended for exhibition, state Show .....

In pursuance of the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968 I hereby apply for a licence in respect of the above-mentioned boar. I certify that the foregoing particulars are correct and that I am prepared to comply with the conditions as to inspection and examination prescribed by the above-mentioned Rules.

*I attach authenticated results of the progeny/performance test of the boar's sire.

I enclose a remittance of
being the amount of the prescribed fee.

Name of Applicant (Block Letters) ..... .....

Address .....

Nearest Post Office ..... Distance therefrom ..... miles

Signature of Applicant ..... Date .....

The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture.

*NOTE: To accompany all applications for a production licence in respect of boars whose sires have been tested other than under the Ministry's Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme.

SECOND SCHEDULE

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 (as amended)

LIVE STOCK BREEDING (LICENSING OF BOARS) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968

**Production/General Licence**

No. .....

Description of Boar

Name .....

Farrowed on the ..... day of ..... in the year 19....

Breed ..... Earmark .....

This is to certify that the above-mentioned Boar, of which .....

..... of .....

County ..... is/are together the owner(s) within the meaning of the above-mentioned Act, is licensed under the said Act, for breeding purposes generally.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19...

Secretary.

## THIRD SCHEDULE

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 (as amended)

LIVE STOCK BREEDING (LICENSING OF BOARS) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968

No. .....

**Special Licence**

Description of Boar

Name .....

Farrowed on the ..... day of ..... in the year 19....

Breed ..... Earmark .....

This is to certify that the above-mentioned Boar, of which .....

..... of .....

County ..... is/are together the owner(s) within the meaning of the above-mentioned Act, is licensed under the said Act subject to the following conditions:—

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Dated this ..... day of ..... 19....

Secretary.

## FOURTH SCHEDULE

GOVERNMENT OF NORTHERN IRELAND, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

LIVE STOCK BREEDING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 (as amended)

LIVE STOCK BREEDING (LICENSING OF BOARS) RULES (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968

**Application for Inspection by Referee**

I .....

of ..... being the owner of undermentioned boar, hereby apply under Rule 11 of the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1968 to have the said boar inspected by a referee or referees selected by the Ministry from the panel of referees constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Live Stock Breeding Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 (as amended).

I attach hereto a remittance for five guineas, being the prescribed fee.

Description of Boar

Name .....

Farrowed on the ..... day of ..... in the year 19....

Breed ..... Earmark .....

Signature of Owner .....

Date .....

The Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture.

## FIFTH SCHEDULE

### PART I

**Characters considered in the Classification of Boars as Group I or Group II on being performance tested**

(Rule 9(2)(*a*))

Boars qualifying for retention as stock boars shall be classified as Group I or Group II according to results obtained which shall be assessed by the Ministry by visual inspection and on an index based on the following characters which may be available in relation to the boar and/or to his sibs or half sibs:—

(*a*) Daily liveweight gain

(*b*) Efficiency of food conversion

(*c*) Average backfat thickness

(*d*) The carcase length

(*e*) The eye muscle area

or such characters as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

### PART II

**Characters considered in the Classification of a Boar as an Approved Boar**

(Rule 9(2)(*b*))

Boars which are progeny tested under the Ministry's Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme 1966 shall be assessed by the Ministry on the results achieved by all their progeny under test, based on a selection index drawn up by the Ministry. The boars shall be classified on index into three categories and the first category which shall not normally be less than one-third of the total number of boars tested shall be classified as approved boars. Boars in the second category shall be classified as second stratum boars and boars in the third category shall not be eligible to hold a production licence.

### PART III

**Standards required for the Classification of a Sow as a Qualified Dam**

(Rule 9(2)(*c*))

To be classified as a qualified dam the progeny of a sow graded under the Ministry's Accredited Pig Herds and Pig Testing Scheme 1966 shall reach the following standards:—

(i) average age at slaughter shall be not more than 190 days;

(ii) not less than 70% of the carcases slaughtered shall have maximum backfat measurements of 48 millimetres at the shoulder and 28 millimetres at the loin and not less than 15 millimetres at mid-back; and

(iii) average carcase length shall be not less than 795 millimetres;

or such standards as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

All pigs graded from the first two litters of the sow shall achieve the above standards and the number of pigs so graded shall not be less than ten. If the sow fails to qualify with the first two litters graded the third litter may be considered with the same standards applied and at least 17 pigs graded.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Rules but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Rules revoke and re-enact with amendments the Live Stock Breeding (Licensing of Boars) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1965. The changes are:—

(i) an increase in the inspection and appeal fees;

(ii) a production licence has been introduced with prescribed standards for the boar and its ancestors; and

(iii) pedigree Welsh boars are now eligible for a general licence.