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REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 1959, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE MILK ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1950.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section nine of the Milk Act (Northern Ireland) 1950, and of any other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say:

Short Title and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Milk (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1959, and shall come into effect on the 30th day of April, 1959.

Control of Brucellosis

2. The Milk Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1951(**a**), as amended by the Milk (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1957(**b**), shall be further amended as follows:

(1) To Regulation 4(2) thereof the following sub-paragraphs shall be added:

"**4.**—(2) (*a*) Every application for a licence to produce Grade A (T.T.) milk made on or after the 1st day of May, 1961, shall be accompanied by a Brucellosis Certificate, issued by the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Fourth Schedule, and by an undertaking that the applicant will comply with the provisions of Regulation 22(3) and (4). An applicant who proposes to sell his total production of milk for pasteurisation shall be exempt from the provisions of this sub-paragraph.

(*b*) Licences to produce Grade A (T.T.) milk in existence on or after the 30th day of April, 1960, shall expire on the 30th day of April, 1961, unless before that date the holder of the licence has obtained a Brucellosis Certificate in respect of his herd, and has complied with the provisions of Regulation 22(3), (4) and (5). The holder of a Grade A (T.T.) licence in existence on the 30th day of April, 1960, who sells his total production of milk for pasteurisation shall be exempt from the provisions of this sub-paragraph, provided always that he continues to sell his total production of milk for pasteurisation."

(2) For Regulation 22 thereof the following regulation shall be substituted:

"**22.**—(1) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk shall give to an authorised officer any assistance which the authorised officer may reasonably request him to give for the purpose of a tuberculin test or of an examination of animals or of the taking of samples for the Brucellosis test.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 189. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 151.

(2) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk shall not permit any animals in the herd to be injected with tuberculin, except with the permission of the Ministry.

(3) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk shall cause all heifer calves born into his herd, and all heifer calves brought into his herd which are under ten months of age and have not been previously vaccinated, to be vaccinated with S.19 vaccine when aged between six and ten months and shall send to the Ministry a Certificate from his Veterinary Surgeon on which shall be stated the identification number of the calf, the age of the calf, and the date on which it was vaccinated. He shall not vaccinate, nor cause to be vaccinated, any other animals in his herd, except with the permission of the Ministry.

(4) (*a*) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk may:

(i) purchase replacement, breeding or milking stock from other herds where a Brucellosis Certificate is current, in which case the animals may join his herd at once; or

(ii) purchase them from a herd which has no Brucellosis Certificate, in which case the animal must be segregated until a Certificate, which should be sent to the Ministry, has been obtained from a Veterinary Surgeon to the effect that he has sampled the animal (quoting identification number) in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule, and that the samples have been tested by the Veterinary Research Division of the Ministry and found to be free from Brucellosis. The Certificate must be obtained within fourteen days of the animal arriving on the farm, or where the animal is under three months of age, within fourteen days of its becoming three months of age.

(*b*) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk shall not purchase or permit to join his herd any animals from any other source.

(5) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk shall permit an officer of the Ministry to take, at intervals, a sample of milk whey from each cow or heifer in milk in his herd, such samples to be examined by the Veterinary Research Division of the Ministry for evidence of Brucellosis. Where the milk from any cow or heifer reacts to this test, the licence holder shall immediately on being informed of this fact segregate the cow or heifer from which the sample of milk was taken. He shall not permit such animal to rejoin his herd until the Ministry is satisfied that the animal is not infected with Brucellosis and, whilst the animal is segregated, he shall send the milk, if intended for human consumption, for pasteurisation.

(6) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk shall keep in his herd register (as provided for in Regulation 20) a record showing:

(*a*) the date of the birth of every heifer calved, and the identification number allotted to that calf;

(*b*) the date on which he purchased any animals bought into his herd, the identification number of the animal, and the source from which it was purchased.

(7) A licensed producer of Grade A (T.T.) milk who sells his total production of milk for pasteurisation shall be exempt from the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this Regulation."

3. To the three Schedules thereof, the schedule set out in these amending Regulations shall be added, and shall be called the Fourth Schedule.