STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 690

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Movement of Pigs (Waste Food Precautions) Order 1973

Made - - -	*2nd April* 1973
Coming into Operation	*19th April* 1973

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 20 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(**a**) and now vested in them(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

Title, extent, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order, which may be cited as the Movement of Pigs (Waste Food Precautions) Order 1973, applies throughout Great Britain and shall come into operation on 19th April 1973.

(2) In this order—

"inspector" has the meaning assigned to it by section 84(4) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950;

"licence" means a licence issued under this order;

"poultry" means birds of the following species, that is to say, domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls, domestic pigeons and, when kept in captivity, pheasants;

"slaughterhouse" includes a bacon factory where animals are slaughtered, a knacker's yard and any other place where animals are habitually slaughtered;

"waste food" means broken or waste foodstuffs (including table or kitchen refuse, scraps or waste) which consist of, contain or have been in contact with the meat, bones, offal or any other part of the carcase of any animal or poultry.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Regulation of movement of pigs

2.—(1) Except under the authority of a licence, no person shall move pigs from a farm or other premises if during the three months immediately preceding the move any waste food has been—

(*a*) brought to the premises for any purpose, or

(*b*) kept on the premises for any purpose other than disposal as refuse, or

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(**a**) 1950 c. 36.
(**b**) By the Transfer of Functions (Animal Health) Order 1955 (S.I. 1955/958; 1955 I, p. 1184).
(**c**) 1889 c. 63.

(*c*) kept on the premises for disposal as refuse otherwise than in covered refuse containers, or

(*d*) used at the premises as an animal feedingstuff.

(2) A licence shall authorise the movement of pigs directly to a slaughterhouse to be specified in the licence and to no other destination.

(3) Where any pigs have been moved to a slaughterhouse under the authority of a licence no person shall remove them until they have been slaughtered.

Use of road vehicles

3.—(1) No person shall use a road vehicle for the movement of pigs under the authority of a licence unless, before the first or only consignment of pigs is loaded and since the vehicle was last used to carry any animal or thing, the inside of the vehicle has been cleaned and disinfected.

(2) No person shall transport any pigs under the authority of a licence in a road vehicle which is at the same time being used for the transport of any other thing or of any other animal except pigs being taken for immediate slaughter to the slaughterhouse mentioned in the licence.

(3) Where a road vehicle has been used for the movement of pigs under the authority of a licence, the user of the vehicle shall, not later than 24 hours after the movement is completed, and in any case before the vehicle is again used to carry any animal or thing, cause the inside of the vehicle to be cleaned and disinfected.

(4) No person shall carry any animal or thing in a road vehicle if he knows that the vehicle has been used for the movement of pigs under the authority of a licence, and knows or has reasonable grounds for believing that the inside of the vehicle has not been cleaned and disinfected since the vehicle was last so used.

(5) The inside of a vehicle shall not be deemed to have been cleaned and disinfected for the purposes of this article unless the floor and sides have been thoroughly swept, and the floor, roof and sides have been thoroughly washed and thoroughly disinfected with an approved disinfectant(**a**).

Provisions as to licences

4.—(1) A licence shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to this order, or in a form to substantially the same effect, and may be issued by an inspector, who may make the licence subject to such conditions (if any) for preventing the spread of disease as he may think fit to insert therein.

(2) Any person acting under the authority of a licence who contravenes or fails to comply with a condition thereof shall be guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act 1950.

(3) A licence may be revoked by the issuing officer at any time before the authorised movement begins.

(4) A person in charge of pigs being moved under the authority of a licence shall carry the licence throughout the movement and shall, upon delivering the pigs to the slaughterhouse, hand the licence to the occupier, who shall retain it for six months.

(**a**) *See* Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1972 (S.I. 1972/1413; 1972 III, p. 4281).

(5) A person having a licence in his custody, possession or power shall produce it, or cause it to be produced, to an inspector or constable requiring its production, and shall, if required to do so by that officer, give his name and address.

Enforcement

5. The provisions of this order shall be executed and enforced by the local authority.

Exemptions

6.—(1) The appropriate Minister may if he thinks fit, and subject to such conditions for preventing the spread of disease as he may think expedient, issue a certificate exempting any person from all or any of the provisions of this order.

(2) In this article "the appropriate Minister" means, as respects England and Wales, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and, as respects Scotland, the Secretary of State.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 2nd April 1973.

(L.S.)

Joseph Godber,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

30th March 1973.

SCHEDULE Article 4

Form of Licence

Movement of Pigs (Waste Food Precautions) Order 1973

(*Name and address of person to whom licence is granted*)
is hereby licensed to move (*number and description of pigs to be moved*)
from (*full address of premises from which pigs are to be moved, including local authority district*)
to (*full address of premises to which pigs are to be moved, including local authority district*)
for slaughter there.

(This licence is issued subject to the following conditions:)[1]

This licence is available (for five days, including the day of issue) (on the day of issue only).[2]

This licence is issued solely for the purposes of the Movement of Pigs (Waste Food Precautions) Order 1973 and does not authorise any movement which is prohibited by any other order made under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 or by a notice issued under any such order.

IMPORTANT: SEE NOTES ON BACK

Date of issue 19 .

Signature.....
An Inspector for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950.

[1] Insert any required conditions, or, if there are none, delete words in brackets.
[2] Delete inapplicable wording.

The following shall appear on the back of the licence:

1. This licence may be revoked by the issuing officer at any time before the authorised movement begins.

2. The person in charge of pigs being moved under the authority of this licence must carry it throughout the authorised movement and produce it on demand to an inspector or constable, and must, if required by that officer, give his name and address.

3. This licence must on completion of the authorised movement be handed to the occupier of the slaughterhouse, bacon factory or knacker's yard mentioned in the licence, who must retain it for six months and produce it on demand to an inspector or constable.

4. No person shall use a road vehicle for the transport of pigs under the authority of this licence unless, before the first or only consignment of pigs is loaded and since the vehicle was last used to carry any animal or thing, the inside of the vehicle has been cleaned and disinfected (see paragraph 8 below).

5. No person shall transport any pigs under the authority of this licence in a road vehicle which is at the same time being used for the transport of any other thing or of any other animal except pigs being taken for immediate slaughter directly to the slaughterhouse, bacon factory or knacker's yard mentioned in the licence.

6. Where a road vehicle has been used for the movement of pigs under the authority of a licence, the user of the vehicle shall, not later than 24 hours after the movement is completed, and in any case before the vehicle is again used to carry any animal or thing, cause the inside of the vehicle to be cleaned and disinfected (see paragraph 8 below).

7. No person shall carry any animal or thing in a road vehicle if he knows that the vehicle has been used for the movement of pigs under the authority of this licence, and knows or has reasonable grounds for believing that the inside of the vehicle has not been cleaned and disinfected since the vehicle was last so used.

8. The inside of a vehicle shall not be deemed to have been cleaned and disinfected unless the floor and sides have been thoroughly swept, and the floor, roof and sides have been thoroughly washed and thoroughly disinfected with an approved disinfectant (see Diseases of Animals (Approved Disinfectants) Order 1972).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits, except under licence, the movement of pigs from premises to which waste food has been brought for any purpose within three months of the move, or on which during that period waste food has been kept, except as refuse awaiting disposal, or has been used as an animal feedingstuff. Pigs moved by licence under this order must be taken directly to a slaughterhouse, bacon factory or knacker's yard and kept there until slaughtered. If they are moved by road, the vehicle used must be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.

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