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ANIMALS

Rabies (Slaughter and Compensation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . *7th November* 1977

Coming into operation . . . *14th December* 1977

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 10 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") 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 Rabies (Slaughter and Compensation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 14th December 1977.

Amendment of the Second Schedule

2. The Second Schedule to the Act shall be amended as follows:—

(1) For paragraph 7 of Part I there shall be substituted:

"**7.** *Rabies*: The Department may cause to be slaughtered—

(*a*) any animal affected with rabies or suspected of being so affected;

(*b*) any animal which is or has been in contact with an animal affected with or suspected of being affected with rabies; and

(*c*) any animal which has in any way been exposed to the infection of rabies.".

(2) For paragraph 7 of Part II there shall be substituted:

"**7.** *Rabies*: The compensation shall—

(*a*) where the animal slaughtered was affected with rabies, be one-half of the value of the animal immediately before it became so affected; and

(*b*) in every other case, be the value of the animal immediately before it was slaughtered.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 7th November 1977.

(L.S.) *J. C. Chalmers*
Assistant Secretary

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 in relation to the slaughter of animals for rabies and compensation payable to their owners.

The Department may slaughter an animal affected with or suspected of being affected with rabies, any animal in contact with an animal affected or suspected of being affected with rabies and any animal which has in any way been exposed to such infection.

Payment of compensation shall, where the animal was affected with rabies, be one-half of the value of the animal immediately before it became so affected and in every other case, the value immediately before it was slaughtered.

Under the former provisions compensation was payable for an animal (other than a dog) suspected of being affected with rabies, but the present order provides for compensation to be payable for all animals.