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ANIMALS

Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . 30*th August* 1978
Coming into operation . . . 30*th September* 1978

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 23, 25 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 30th September 1978.

Amendment to the Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970

2. The Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) is hereby amended as follows:

(1) In article 3—

(*a*) before the definition of "authorised" there shall be inserted:

" "approved sheep dip" means a sheep dip in respect of which there is a currently valid product licence permitting its sale or supply for use against disease;";

(*b*) after the definition of "owner" there shall be inserted:

" "product licence" means a product licence valid in Northern Ireland issued under the provisions of the Medicines Act 1968;"(d);

(2) Article 6 shall be renumbered 6.—(1) and in that article from "and" to the end shall be deleted and after that article there shall be added:

"(2) On service of the notice in the Form C, the movement of any sheep or carcase into or out of the premises shall be prohibited except under the conditions of a licence granted by an inspector, and the owner or occupier shall comply with the rules appertaining to an infected place contained in that notice.";

(3) In article 11—

(*a*) in paragraph 2(*b*) from "Provided, however" to the end shall be deleted;

(*b*) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted:

"(3) This Article shall not apply to sheep which are being moved from a place in the Republic of Ireland through Northern Ireland to another place in the Republic of Ireland unless such sheep are unloaded in Northern Ireland.";

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 240 (p. 1219)
(d) 1968 c. 67

(*c*) after paragraph (3) there shall be added:

"(4) This Article shall not apply to sheep for which a licence is issued by an authorised officer at the point of entry to allow movement of the sheep direct to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter, or direct to a port for immediate shipment, in which case a licence shall be issued only if the sheep meet the import regulations of the importing country.";

(4) Article 13 shall be renumbered 13.—(1) and after that article there shall be added:

"(2) After sheep have been dipped in accordance with the preceding paragraph, they shall be kept separate from all other sheep which have not been so dipped.";

(5) In article 14—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) after "saleyard" there shall be inserted:

"or otherwise sell or dispose of them except direct to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter";

(*b*) in paragraph (2) after "saleyard" there shall be inserted:

"or private sale except for the purpose of immediate slaughter";

(*c*) after paragraph (2) there shall be added:

"(3) Where during the dipping period, sheep purchased at a fair, market, saleyard or private sale have already been dipped in accordance with Article 13, such sheep shall not be permitted to come into contact with any undipped sheep on the purchaser's premises, and if such contact should occur the sheep purchased shall be deemed to be undipped and the owner shall be required to have them dipped together with the undipped sheep.";

(6) For article 15 there shall be substituted:

"**15.** The owner or person in charge of any sheep which are on any premises on the last day of the dipping period and which are required to be dipped under Article 12 shall, not later than 4 days after the termination of the dipping period make and furnish to the Department a declaration in the Form J in the Schedule.";

(7) For article 16 there shall be substituted:

"*Dipping by the Department*

16. If any person fails to carry out any dipping of sheep required of him under this Order, the Department, without prejudice to any proceedings arising from such failure, may carry out such dipping, and the expense thereof may be recovered by the Department from the owner or person in charge of the sheep.";

(8) In the title of Form H in the Schedule after "Saleyard" there shall be inserted "or Private Sale";

(9) For the Forms C and J in the Schedule there shall be substituted:

"FORM C

SHEEP SCAB ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970

(Articles 6 and 7)

Notice defining an Infected Place

To ..... of .....

I, the undersigned, being an inspector appointed by the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, hereby give you notice as the owner/occupier of the undermentioned premises that I have today confirmed that sheep scab is/was present among the flock on the said premises and that in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order the place referred to below is declared an infected place under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 and is subject to the rules printed below:—

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

Description and limits of the infected place:

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Number of Sheep on the Premises

	Healthy	Diseased
Rams		
Ewes		
Lambs		
Others		

RULES APPERTAINING TO AN INFECTED PLACE

1. All sheep shall be dipped to the satisfaction of an inspector.
2. The premises shall be disinfected to the satisfaction of an inspector.
3. Until this notice is withdrawn
   (*a*) the sheep shall be isolated at the above premises from all other animals.

(*b*) carcases, skin, fleece, wool, fodder, litter or other thing that has been in contact with the disease shall be retained in isolation at the above premises until disinfected to the satisfaction of an inspector;

(*c*) no sheep or carcase shall be moved into or out of the above premises except under the conditions of a licence issued by an inspector.

Dated this ..... day of 19

Signed .....

Copies of this Notice are to be sent with all practicable speed to:—

(1) The Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SB.

(2) The Officer in charge of the nearest Police Station.

FORM J

SHEEP SCAB ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970

(Article 15)

Declaration as to Dipping of Sheep on a Farm or Holding in a Dipping Period

This declaration must be furnished to the Divisional Veterinary Officer by or on behalf of the occupier of every farm or holding on which sheep are kept (not later than 4th December 19).

I ..... of .....

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being the owner/person in charge of the sheep specified below which were all the sheep at ..... on 30th November 19 , hereby certify that all the sheep on the said farm or holding (except such as were exempted from the requirements of the above Order) have been dipped as required in accordance with the above Order by thorough immersion in an approved sheep dip. The particulars of the dipping are stated below and I further certify that such particulars are to the best of my knowledge and belief correct.

Dated ..... 19.... Signed .....

PARTICULARS OF DIPPING BY THE PRESENT OWNER

Number and description of sheep dipped	Place of Dipping	Date of Dipping	Full description of dip used, stating name and manufacturer and dilution at which it was used

PARTICULARS OF DIPPING BY PREVIOUS OWNER

Number and description of sheep dipped	Place of Dipping	Date of Dipping	Full description of dip used, stating name and manufacturer and dilution at which it was used

PARTICULARS OF EXEMPTION

Number and description of sheep exempted	Grounds for Exemption	Date of Exemption

Note—If there are no exemptions this is to be stated.

Note:

In any case where all required particulars of dipping by a previous owner cannot be furnished, the sheep must have been dipped by the present owner.

Making a false declaration is an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 30th August 1978.

(L.S.) *S. R. Armstrong,*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970 by adding further provisions for the control and prevention of sheep scab.

1. An approved sheep dip is defined as a dip in respect of which a currently valid product licence has been issued under the Medicines Act 1968 for use against sheep scab.

2. Movement into or out of an infected place is prohibited except by licence.

3. The requirement that sheep imported from the Republic of Ireland must be dipped within seven days is waived for sheep which are not unloaded in transit through Northern Ireland to another place in the Republic of Ireland as well as for sheep which are going direct for immediate slaughter or export and for which a licence to that effect has been issued at the point of entry.

4. Sheep which have been dipped in accordance with Part III of the principal Order must be kept separate from undipped sheep.

5. During the dipping period sheep exposed at a public or private sale must be accompanied by a declaration of dipping unless those sheep are disposed of direct to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter. Dipped sheep purchased at a sale must not come into contact with undipped sheep on the owner's premises, otherwise they are regarded as undipped and are required to be dipped together with the undipped sheep.

6. A declaration of dipping of sheep must now include details of all sheep on an owner's premises on 30th November (the last day of the dipping period) and must be furnished to the Department not later than 4th December in any year.

7. Where any person fails to carry out any dipping of sheep required under the principal Order, the Department may dip the sheep and recover any expenses incurred from the owner.