1981 No. 311

ANIMALS

Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . 18th September 1981

Coming into operation . . . 1st October 1981

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1), 19 and 60(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) 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 Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1981.

Amendment of the Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970

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

(1) In article 3 after the definition of ''disease'' there shall be inserted—

''''fat sheep'' means sheep intended for immediate slaughter;''.

(2) In article 14—

(*a*) at the beginning of paragraph (1) there shall be inserted ''Subject to paragraph (4)''; and

(*b*) after paragraph (3) there shall be added—

''(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) relating to the movement of sheep into or their exposure for sale in any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale shall not as respects fat sheep, apply to a person who during the period 4th October to 14th October moves fat sheep into or exposes them for sale in any such place.

(5) The provisions of paragraph (2) shall apply to fat sheep during the period 4th October to 14th October as they apply to all sheep during the period 1st October to 3rd October.

(6) During the period 4th October to 14th October—

(*a*) the owner, occupier or person in charge of any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale shall provide suitable facilities for the separation of undipped fat sheep and dipped sheep moved into or exposed for sale in that fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale; and

(*b*) where any undipped fat sheep and dipped sheep use the same passageway or sale ring in that place the owner, occupier or person in charge of that place shall after each occasion on which it is used by undipped fat sheep and before it is used by dipped sheep cleanse and disinfect that passageway or sale ring with an approved sheep dip.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 240 as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 247

(7) (*a*) The owner or person in charge of any undipped fat sheep which are moved into or exposed for sale in any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale shall not permit such sheep to come into contact with any dipped sheep in that place;

(*b*) where any contact as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) occurs between undipped fat sheep and dipped sheep the dipped sheep shall be deemed to be undipped and the owner of such sheep shall be required to have them dipped in accordance with the provisions of article 13.''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 18th September, 1981.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

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

The order extends to 14th October the concessionary period during which undipped sheep intended for immediate slaughter may be presented for sale at public markets and imposes further controls on the segregation of dipped and undipped sheep at public markets during this concessionary period.