1994 No. 216

ANIMALS

Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*9th June 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*10th June 1994*

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1)(*b*) 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 Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 10th June 1994.

Amendment of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964

2. The Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(**b**) shall be amended as provided in Articles 3 to 5.

Interpretation

3. In Article 2 for the definition of ''identification number'' there shall be substituted—

> '' ''identification number'' means the number allocated by the Department which comprises an animal's herd number prefixed by the letters ''UK'' for an animal identified on or after the 1st July 1994, its individual number and a check letter;''.

Identification of animals

4. For Article 14 there shall be substituted the following Article—

''14.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) every animal in Northern Ireland shall be identified by an ear tag applied to the upper rim of its right ear bearing an identification number.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply—

(*a*) to a pedigree animal identified before 1st July 1994 in accordance with the rules of a Breed Society; and

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(**a**) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22); Article 5(1)(*b*) was amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Art. 17

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 31; the relevant amending orders are S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968 No. 236, S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 76 and S.R. 1986 No. 48

(*b*) subject to paragraph (3), to an animal imported into Northern Ireland from Great Britain, the Isle of Man, any of the Channel Islands or from a member State of the European Communities other than the United Kingdom.

(3) The Department may by notice in writing require the owner or person in charge of an animal imported into Northern Ireland in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (2)(*b*) to identify the animal in accordance with such notice.".

Revocations

5. The following provisions of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964 are hereby revoked—

(*a*) Article 16(3)(*c*);

(*b*) Article 16(7);

(*c*) Article 17(2); and

(*d*) Article 18.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 9th June 1994.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order further amends the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964 "the principal Order" so as to implement as respects Northern Ireland certain requirements of Council Directive 92/102/EEC (O.J. No. L355, 5.12.92, p. 32) "the Directive" relating to the identification of bovine animals and Commission Decision 93/317/EEC (O.J. No. L122, 18.5.93, p. 45) concerning the content of the code to be used on bovine ear marks.

The Order implements the requirement of the Directive and in particular Commission Decision 93/317/EEC that an ear tag applied in Northern Ireland to a bovine animal identified on or after 1st July 1994 must start with the letters UK (Article 3).

The Order also exempts, except in certain circumstances, an animal imported into Northern Ireland from Great Britain, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands or from another member State of the European Communities and exempts pedigree animals identified before 1st July 1994 in accordance with the rules of a Breed Society, from the identification requirements of the principal Order (Article 4).

The Order also revokes the provisions of the principal Order in relation to—

(*a*) identification of animals by ear tattoos;

(*b*) re-identification of animals imported from the Republic of Ireland; and

(*c*) identification of pedigree animals in accordance with the rules of a Breed Society (Article 5).