STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 1341

VETERINARY SURGEONS

The Veterinary Surgery (Exemption) Order 1970

Made - - -	*7th September* 1970
Laid before Parliament	*16th September* 1970
Coming into Operation	*17th September* 1970

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 19(4)(*e*) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, after consultation with the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, hereby make the following order :—

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This order, which may be cited as the Veterinary Surgery (Exemption) Order 1970, applies to the United Kingdom and shall come into operation on 17th September 1970.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

"the Act" means the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 ;

"brucellosis" means the disease caused by *Brucella abortus ;*

"cattle" means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers and calves ;

"the Ministers" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland acting jointly.

(2) Other expressions used in this order which are also used in the Act have the same meaning as in the Act.

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

Exemption from restrictions on practice of veterinary surgery.

3.—(1) The taking of blood from cattle for the purpose of the diagnosis of brucellosis when carried out by a person who fulfils the conditions set out in paragraph (2) of this article is hereby specified by the Ministers as a minor treatment, test or operation for the purposes of section 19(4)(*e*) of the Act (which provides that the prohibition on the practice of veterinary surgery by an unqualified person contained in section 19(1) of the Act shall not apply to any minor treatment, test or operation specified by the Ministers in accordance with the provisions of section 19(4)(*e*) aforesaid).

(**a**) 1966 c. 36. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

(2) The conditions referred to in the preceding paragraph of this article are that the person taking blood as aforesaid shall be a person :—

(*a*) who is undergoing instruction in the taking of blood from cattle, and who takes the blood under the direct personal supervision of a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons or the supplementary veterinary register, or

(*b*) in respect of whom a certificate issued by the Ministers or on their behalf by a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons or the supplementary veterinary register is in force certifying that by reason of his having passed such tests or examinations in the taking of blood from cattle as are specified in the certificate the Ministers are satisfied that he is proficient to take blood from cattle, and who takes blood while he is acting under the general direction of a person registered in the register of veterinary surgeons or the supplementary veterinary register.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 2nd September 1970.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 3rd September 1970.

(L.S.)

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

Given under the hand of the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 7th September 1970.

Phelim O'Neill,
Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order provides that taking blood from cattle in order to diagnose brucellosis is an act which may be performed in the United Kingdom, subject to conditions specified in the order, by persons who are not registered in the register of veterinary surgeons or the supplementary veterinary register.

The specified conditions are that the person concerned must either be undergoing instruction in taking blood from cattle, and carry out the operation under the direct personal supervision of a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner, or he must be a person in respect of whom a certificate issued by or on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is in force, certifying his proficiency to take blood from cattle, and who does so while acting under the general direction of a veterinary surgeon or practitioner.

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