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DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Warble Fly

ORDER, DATED 11TH AUGUST 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 3B OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 3B of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 (as added by Section 2 of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(b)), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, having consulted with the bodies which appear to it to be substantially representative of the interests concerned and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance by Order hereby makes the following Scheme:—

Citation and Commencement

1. The Scheme may be cited as the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966, and shall come into operation on the 31st August 1966.

Interpretation

2. In this Scheme:—

"Animal" means a live bovine animal.

"Approved Dressing" means a systemic insecticide approved by the Ministry for the destruction of the larvae of the Warble Fly.

"Dressing" means the application to an animal of an approved dressing.

"Dressing Certificate" in respect of any animal means a certificate in the form A in the schedule bearing the signature of a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry, that such animal has been dressed in accordance with the requirements of this Scheme.

"Dressing Officer" means a person appointed by the Ministry to carry out under the control of a Veterinary Inspector the dressing of cattle in accordance with this Scheme.

"Dressing Period" means the period commencing on 1st September 1966 and ending on 30th November 1966.

"Eligible Cattle" means all bovine animals born on or before 15th August 1966 but excluding:—

(*a*) animals which have already been dressed in accordance with this Scheme or in accordance with the Warble Fly Eradication Scheme 1966, in the Republic of Ireland and are accompanied by the appropriate dressing certificate;

(*b*) fat cattle which will definitely be slaughtered before 31st December 1966.

Exemption Certificate" in respect of any animal means a certificate in the form B in the schedule bearing the signature of a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Ministry, that such animal has been exempted from dressing.

(a) 1958. c. 13. (b) 1966. c. 23 (N.I.).

Warble Fly Dressing

3. Every animal owner, at a date and time notified to him by the Ministry, shall:—

(1) have all his eligible cattle earmarked and assembled for identification and for the dressing of appropriate animals;

(2) indicate to the Dressing Officer any animals which are sick, are under veterinary treatment or have been dosed for Liver Fluke, Worms or Hoose within the preceding 7 days, and cows and heifers in the last month of pregnancy;

(3) have all his calves born after 15th August 1966 earmarked and assembled for identification;

(4) provide assistance for the Dressing Officer by controlling the animals while they are being dressed or being identified; and

(5) inform the Dressing Officer as to which animals have already been dressed under this Scheme or under the Warble Fly Eradication Scheme 1966, operating in the Republic of Ireland and produce them for identification with the dressing certificates.

Fees

4. Animal owners shall on receiving a written demand pay to the Ministry a fee of 2s. 0d. in respect of each animal which has been dressed in accordance with this Scheme.

Dressing Certificates

5. When the fees due in accordance with the preceding Article have been paid the Ministry shall issue in respect of each animal dressed a certificate to this effect bearing the ear number of the animal.

Exemption Certificates

6.—(1) Certificates of exemption from dressing will normally be issued at the end of the dressing period provided the owner has paid the fees due in respect of animals which have been dressed.

(2) A separate exemption certificate will be issued in respect of each animal and will show thereon the ear number of the animal and date up to which the exemption is valid, that is the date before which the animal will have to be dressed.

(3) Every herd owner who has purchased an animal in respect of which an exemption certificate has been issued shall at least 6 weeks before the expiry thereof notify the Ministry as to the earmark of the animal and the date of expiry of the exemption certificate.

(4) When an animal in respect of which an exemption certificate has been issued is purchased within 6 weeks of the expiry of such certificate, the purchaser shall forthwith notify the Ministry of the earmark of the animal unless the animal is to be slaughtered before the expiry of the exemption certificate.

(5) The Ministry may on and after 1st March 1967 dress any animal in respect of which an exemption certificate has been issued. When such animal has been dressed a dressing certificate shall be issued after the fee of 2s. 0d. has been paid by the owner.

Restriction on Sale of Animals for Slaughter

7. No animal shall within the 7 days immediately following the date on which it has been dressed be sold for slaughter for human consumption.

Veterinary Surgeons' Fees

8. If any animal should become ill and be treated by a Veterinary Surgeon for such illness within 24 hours of having been dressed by the Ministry and the Veterinary Surgeon certifies that in his opinion the illness was caused by such dressing, the Ministry may at its discretion pay to the Veterinary Surgeon an appropriate fee in respect of that visit and each subsequent visit made by him to treat the animal for that illness.

Compensation

9.—(1) If any animal should die (or have to be slaughtered on humanitarian grounds on the direction of a Veterinary Surgeon) within 24 hours following dressing and the owner reports the death to a Veterinary Practitioner who certifies:—

(*a*) that the report of death was made to him within that period, and

(*b*) that in his opinion the animal's death was a direct result of the dressing,

the Ministry shall subject to Article 10 pay compensation to the owner of such animal.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), but subject to Article 10, the Ministry may, at its discretion, pay compensation in respect of an animal which dies after the expiry of 24 hours following dressing, provided a Veterinary Practitioner was called to attend the animal within the said 24 hours and he certifies:—

(*a*) that he was called within 24 hours of the animal being dressed; and

(*b*) that in his opinion the animal's death was a direct result of the dressing.

Post-mortem Examination

10.—(1) It shall be a condition of payment of compensation under Article 9 that the Ministry shall have an opportunity of carrying out a post-mortem or other examination on the animal or animals in respect of which compensation is claimed.

(2) No compensation shall be paid in respect of any animal when a post-mortem examination reveals any cause of death other than the dressing.

Amount of Compensation

11.—(1) The amount of compensation payable in accordance with Article 9 shall be the market value of the animal at the time the dressing was carried out.

(2) In the event of a dispute as to the market value of an animal this shall be determined by an independent valuer appointed in accordance with the Diseases of Animals (Ascertainment of Compensation) Order 1964(a), whose decision shall be final.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 196.

Powers of Dressing Officers

12. Dressing Officers or inspectors may at any reasonable time, for the purpose of carrying out the requirements of this Scheme enter any land, building, shed, pen or place where cattle are kept or are suspected on reasonable grounds to be kept for the purpose of inspecting or examining any cattle found there.

Offences

13.—(1) It shall be an offence for any owner of cattle to fail to assist a Dressing Officer or inspector in the examination or dressing of his animals or to fail to comply with the requirements of this Scheme.

(2) Any person who obstructs or impedes a Dressing Officer or inspector in the exercise of powers conferred on him by this Scheme shall be guilty of an offence.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 11th day of August 1966.

(L.S.) *(Sd.) J. C. Baird,*
Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Scheme.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 11th day of August 1966.

(L.S.) *(Sd.) R. R. Butler,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

FORM A.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Ear No. .....

This is to certify that this animal was dressed in accordance with the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1966.

Signature .....
Divisional Veterinary Officer.

FORM B

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

WARBLE FLY (DRESSING OF CATTLE) SCHEME (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966

Certificate of Exemption

The animal bearing Ear No. ..... is exempted from dressing under the above-mentioned Scheme until ..... 1967.

Signature .....
Divisional Veterinary Officer.

Date .....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order enables the Ministry to dress all cattle with a systemic insecticide for the purpose of controlling Warble Fly infestation with a view to the eventual elimination of this insect pest.

Calves born after 15th August 1966 and cattle dressed under the Warble Fly Eradication Scheme 1966 in operation in the Republic of Ireland are exempted from dressing. Fat cattle to be slaughtered before 31st December need not be dressed and sick cattle may be exempted for a period.

Individual certificates of dressing will be issued to cattle owners when they have paid the fee of 2/- per animal dressed.

Provision is made for the payment of veterinary expenses and compensation should an animal become ill within 24 hours, or die, as the result of dressing.

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AGRICULTURE

Poisonous Substances

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH AUGUST 1966, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 9(2) AND 10 OF THE AGRICULTURE (POISONOUS SUBSTANCES) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954.

The Minister of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 9(2) and section 10 of the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) and of every other power enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with such organisations as appear to him to represent the interests concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Short Title and Commencement

1. These regulations which may be cited as the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 shall come into operation on the 1st day of October 1966, and shall be construed as one with the Agriculture (Poisonous Substances) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964 (b).

(a) 1954. c. 5.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 106.