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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1980 No. 869**

**Bees (Northern Ireland) Order 1980**

**Control of pests and diseases affecting bees**

3.—(1) The Department may by order make such provision as it thinks fit for the purpose of preventing the introduction into or spreading within Northern Ireland of pests or diseases affecting bees.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), for the purpose there mentioned an order under this Article—

(a) may prohibit or regulate the importation into or movement within Northern Ireland of bees and combs, bee products, hives, containers and other appliances used in connection with keeping or transporting bees, and of any other thing which has or may have been exposed to infection with any pest or disease to which the order applies; and

(b) may make provision with respect to any of the matters specified in the Schedule.

(3) Any authorised person may examine any bees or other things subject to control under an order under this Article, and may take samples of them, in order to see if they are free from infection.

(4) Where any bees or other things subject to control under any such order are found to be infected, or to have been exposed to infection, with any pest or disease to which the order applies, any authorised person may destroy them by such means as he thinks fit, or cause them to be so destroyed.

(5) Without prejudice to paragraph (4), where any bees or other things are imported into Northern Ireland in contravention of an order under this Article, any authorised person may destroy them by such means as he thinks fit, or cause them to be so destroyed, and may do so with or without first allowing an opportunity for them to be re-exported.

(6) No compensation shall be payable in respect of any exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs (3) and (5).

(7) Any person who—

(a) imports any bees or other things into Northern Ireland in contravention of an order under this Article;

(b) moves any bees or other things within Northern Ireland in contravention of any such order; or

(c) otherwise contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of any such order or with any condition imposed by any licence issued under any such order;

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000.

(8) An order under this Article shall be subject to negative resolution.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Bees (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, Section 3.