

1975 No. 205

ANIMALS

Exportation of Animals (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made 21st July 1975

Coming into operation 4th August 1975

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 13, 15 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) 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 Exportation of Animals (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 4th August 1975.

Revocation

2. The following Orders are hereby revoked:

- (1) The Portal Inspection (Ireland) Order of 1914(c) (so far as it affects the exportation of animals from Northern Ireland),
- (2) The Portal Inspection (Northern Ireland) Order of 1923(d),
- (3) The Portal Inspection (Northern Ireland) No. 3 Order of 1933(e).

Amendment of the Exportation of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1923(f)

3. The Exportation of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1923 shall be amended as follows:

- (1) In article 1 and article 2(i) (as substituted by the Exportation of Animals (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1939(g)) the words "specified in the Third Schedule to this Order" shall be deleted.
- (2) For condition (i) of article 3 there shall be substituted:

"(i) Each animal shall be detained at a place of inspection approved by the Department at or near the port of shipment until it has been examined by a Veterinary Inspector and certified as fit to travel."
- (3) In condition (viii) and condition (xi) of article 3 the words "at each port or place of shipment" shall be deleted.
- (4) In condition (xii) of article 3 after the words "a certificate of health" there shall be inserted the words "and a certificate of fitness to travel".

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8

(b) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. & O. (I.) 1914 No. 1564 (not printed)

(d) S.R. & O. 1923 No. 483 (p. 74)

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1933 No. 53 (p. 29)

(f) S.R. & O. 1923 No. 1076 (p. 81)

(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939 No. 109 (p. 17)

- (5) In article 7 for the interpretation of "Veterinary Inspector" there shall be substituted:

" "Veterinary Inspector" means an Inspector being a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or any Veterinary Practitioner qualified as approved by the Department."

- (6) In article 7 after the interpretation of "Constable" there shall be inserted:

" "Department" means the Department of Agriculture."

4. The Third Schedule of the Exportation of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1923 is hereby revoked.

Amendment of the Animals (Sea Transport) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958(h)

5. In article 4 of the Animals (Sea Transport) Order (Northern Ireland) 1958 the words "except that in these circumstances" to the end of the article shall be deleted.

Amendment of the Transit of Animals (General) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973(i)

6. In article 5 of the Transit of Animals (General) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 after paragraph (6) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:

"(7) Cattle, sheep, goats, all other ruminating animals and swine shall be detained at a place of inspection approved by the Department at or near the port of shipment until they have been examined by a Veterinary Inspector and certified as fit to travel."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on the 21st July 1975.

(L.S.)

J. C. Chalmers

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends conditions relating to the detention of animals in lairage prior to shipment.

Instead of the requirement that animals must be rested at the port for a specified period before shipment it will now be necessary for them to be detained at a place of inspection at or near the port or airport until they have been certified as fit to travel by a Veterinary Inspector of the Department.

The new arrangements which are introduced to take account of present day methods of transport, are intended to safeguard the welfare of the animals since they may not be embarked unless a certificate of fitness has been issued.

The Order applies to animals exported from any port or airport in Northern Ireland.