

## 1980 No. 211

## BEE DISEASES

## Importation of Bees Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . 25th June 1980

Coming into operation . . . . . 1st July 1980

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 3(1) and (2) of the Bees (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(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 Importation of Bees Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order "bees" means any members of the genus *Apis* and includes bees in any stage of their life cycle.

*Prohibition of importation of bees*

3. Subject to the exemptions provided for in Articles 4 and 5 the importation of bees into Northern Ireland is hereby prohibited.

*General licences*

4.—(1) The Department may issue general licences exempting the importation of bees from the prohibition imposed by Article 3.

(2) A licence issued under paragraph (1)—

- (a) shall be published in such manner as the Department may decide;
- (b) shall authorise generally the importation of bees from any country named in it;
- (c) may be issued subject to conditions, which may be varied from time to time; and
- (d) may be revoked at any time.

*Specific licences*

5.—(1) The Department may issue specific licences exempting the importation of bees from the prohibition imposed by Article 3.

(2) A licence issued under paragraph (1)—

- (a) shall be issued to a named person;
- (b) shall authorise that person to import a specified consignment of bees;
- (c) may be issued subject to conditions, which may be varied from time to time; and
- (d) may be revoked at any time.

*Revocation*

6. The Importation of Bees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978(b), the Importation of Bees (Prohibition) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(c) and the Importation of Bees (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(d) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 25th June 1980.

(L.S.)

D. J. Alexander

Assistant Secretary

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(b) S.R. 1978 No. 239 (I, p. 747)

(c) S.R. 1979 No. 184 (I, p. 828)

(d) S.R. 1979 No. 395 (II, p. 1713)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the importation of bees into Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence issued by the Department of Agriculture.

Such a licence may be general or limited to specific consignments of bees and may be issued unconditionally or subject to conditions.

The controls imposed by this Order are similar to those introduced for Great Britain by the Importation of Bees Order 1980 and replace those provided by the Importation of Bees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 as amended by the Importation of Bees (Prohibition) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and the Importation of Bees (Prohibition) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979.