

## 1981 No. 46

## ANIMALS

Diseases of Animals (Metrication) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . 18th February 1981  
 Coming into operation . . . . . 23rd March 1981

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 20 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, after consultation with such organisations as appear to it appropriate as representing any interests concerned, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Diseases of Animals (Metrication) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981, and shall come into operation on 23rd March 1981.

*Adaption of metric units*

2. The Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) is hereby amended as follows:—

- (a) in section 45(1)(g) (which relates to the offence of throwing or placing diseased carcasses in rivers, etc.) for “three miles” there shall be substituted “4.8 kilometres”; and
- (b) in section 46(1)(c) (which relates to fines for offences in relation to inanimate things), for “half-ton” there shall be substituted “508 kilogrammes”, and for “one half-ton” there shall be substituted “the first 508 kilogrammes”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 18th February 1981.

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(a) S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)  
 (b) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend sections 45(1)(g) and 46(1)(c) of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 by substituting for the imperial measurements mentioned in those sections the nearest suitable metric equivalent.