

## 1987 No. 119

## ANIMALS

**The Export of Sheep (Prohibition) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1987**

*Made* . . . . . 18th March 1987

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 19th March 1987

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 32 of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, in the interests of human health hereby makes the following Order:

*Citation and commencement*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Export of Sheep (Prohibition) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 19th March 1987.

(2) In this Order “the appropriate Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State for the Environment, or both.

*Prohibition of Export of Sheep*

2.—(1) A person shall not export from Northern Ireland to a Member State any sheep to which this Order applies.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) this Order applies to any sheep which—

(a) was moved from a place situated in an area which is a designated area for the purposes of Part I of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985(b) by virtue of—

- (i) Article 3 of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (England) (No. 2) Order 1986(c);
- (ii) Article 3 of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Wales) (No. 2) Order 1986(d); or
- (iii) Article 3 of the Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (No. 10) Order 1986(e),

in accordance with the terms of a consent under Section 2(1) of that Act (consent to the doing of things prohibited by an emergency order under Section 1 of that Act) which required that the sheep to which it applies should be marked in a manner specified therein; or

(a) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22)

(b) 1985 c. 48

(c) S.I. 1986/1689 amended by S.I. 1986/2208 and 1987/153

(d) S.I. 1986/1681 amended by S.I. 1986/1707, 1756, 1775, 1849 and 2242

(e) S.I. 1986/2248

(b) was moved from such an area in contravention of a prohibition on its movement imposed by an Order made under Section 1(1) of that Act which empowers the making of emergency orders (which applies to that sheep at the time it was moved).

(3) This Order applies to a sheep only for so long as the area from which it has been moved remains a designated area for the purposes of an Order referred to in paragraph (2)(a).

(4) Paragraph (2)(a) shall not apply in the case of—

(a) any sheep which has been examined and marked by an ear-tag by a person authorised in that behalf by the appropriate Minister; or

(b) any sheep marked with a blue mark.

#### *Revocation*

3. The Export of Sheep (Prohibition) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986(a) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 18th March 1987.

(L.S.)

*D. A. J. Hirrell*

Assistant Secretary

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Orders mentioned in Article 2(2) (“emergency orders”) among other things designate areas which have been affected by an accident at a nuclear reactor at Chernobyl in the USSR (“designated areas”).

This Order (which revokes and replaces the Export of Sheep (Prohibition) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1986) prohibits the export from Northern Ireland to a Member State of the European Communities, of sheep moved from a farm, holding or agricultural premises in a designated area in the circumstances described in Article 2.

The principal change is that the present Order does not apply in the case of sheep which have been examined and subsequently marked by an ear-tag by an officer authorised by the appropriate Minister under Section 3(1) of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985.

Export of a sheep is prohibited only for so long as the area from which it was moved continues to be a designated area. The prohibition extends to sheep which have been moved in accordance with a Ministerial consent which required that the sheep to which it applies should be marked in a specified manner and to sheep which have been moved in contravention of a restriction, but it does not apply to those sheep which have been examined and subsequently marked by an ear-tag by an official referred to in the preceding paragraph or sheep which have been marked with a blue mark.

Any person who without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him, contravenes any provision of this Order shall be guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981. The penalties for such an offence are on summary conviction, a fine not exceeding £2,000 or in the case of an offence committed with respect to more than 5 animals, not exceeding £400 per animal.