

## 1988 No. 196

## ANIMALS

**Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988**

*Made* . . . . . 1st June 1988

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 13th June 1988

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1), 19, 44 and 60(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(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 Sheep Scab (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 13th June 1988.

*Amendment of the Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970*

2. The Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Article 3 after the definition of “disease” there shall be inserted the following definition—

“Divisional Veterinary Officer” means a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Department;”;

(2) In paragraph (1) of Article 12 for “14th June” there shall be substituted “30th June” and for “14th September” there shall be substituted “30th September”;

(3) In Article 13—

(a) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted—

“(1) The dipping of sheep shall consist of a thorough immersion of the whole body including the head and ears in an approved sheep dip. The immersion, except as regards the head and ears, shall be for a period of not less than one minute in the dipping bath and the head and ears shall be immersed at least twice during this period. Sheep shall not be regarded as dipped for the purposes of this Part unless the owner or person in charge has given 4 days prior notice in writing in Form G in the Schedule to the Divisional Veterinary Officer.”;

(b) after paragraph (1) there shall be inserted—

“(1A) The owner or person in charge of any dipping bath shall not use it for dipping sheep for the purposes of this Order unless the total

(a) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22) as amended by S.I. 1984/702 (N.I. 2) Art. 17

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 240 as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 247, S.R. 1981 No. 311 and S.R. 1987 No. 223

volume of the dipping bath and decreasing volumes at 100 litre or 20 gallon intervals down to 70% of the total volume are accurately indicated by means of permanent and legible graduated markings on the side of the dipping bath.”;

(4) In Article 14—

(a) in paragraph (1) for “17th June” there shall be substituted “3rd July” and for “17th September” there shall be substituted “3rd October”;

(b) in paragraph (2) for “14th June to 17th June” there shall be substituted “30th June to 3rd July” and for “14th September to 17th September” there shall be substituted “30th September to 3rd October”;

(c) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted—

“(4) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to sheep which are being moved away from the land on which they are normally kept directly to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter or are being moved away from such land for the purpose of being dipped.”;

(d) in paragraph (5) for “17th June to 28th June” there shall be substituted “3rd July to 14th July” and for “17th September to 28th September” there shall be substituted “3rd October to 14th October”;

(e) in paragraph (6) for “17th June to 28th June” there shall be substituted “3rd July to 14th July”, for “17th September to 28th September” there shall be substituted “3rd October to 14th October”, for “14th June to 17th June” there shall be substituted “30th June to 3rd July” and for “14th September to 17th September” there shall be substituted “30th September to 3rd October”;

(f) in paragraph (7) for “17th June to 28th June” there shall be substituted “3rd July to 14th July” and for “17th September to 28th September” there shall be substituted “3rd October to 14th October”;

(g) after paragraph (9) there shall be added—

“(10) The owner, occupier or person in charge of any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale—

(a) shall not permit any sheep, which in accordance with the provisions of this Article is required to be accompanied by a declaration prescribed in the Form H in the Schedule to enter his premises unless it is accompanied by such declaration; and

(b) shall collect and shall furnish on demand such declarations to the Department.”;

(5) For Article 15 there shall be substituted:

*“Regulation of movement after dipping period*

**15.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of Article 12, after the end of a dipping period a person shall not move any sheep to which this paragraph applies away from the land on which they are normally kept unless they are

being moved under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to any sheep—

- (a) which have not been dipped by the end of the dipping period; or
- (b) in respect of which a notice in the Form G prescribed in the Schedule has not been sent to the Divisional Veterinary Officer; provided that paragraph (1) shall no longer apply once the owner or person in charge of such sheep has complied with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Article 13 and the sheep have been dipped.”.

(6) In the Schedule—

(a) for the Forms G and H there shall be substituted—

“FORM G

*Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970  
(Article 13)*

**Notice of Intended Dipping**

(This form should be posted to the Divisional Veterinary Officer in time to give him at least 4 clear days notice of the intended date of dipping).

**TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK CAPITALS**

I hereby give notice that it is my intention to dip at the time and place stated the following sheep which are at present located at .....

.....

Full Name and Address of the Owner	Approximate No. of Sheep	Place of Intended Dipping	Date	Commencing Time

I hereby declare that:

- 1. The total volume of the bath is litres/gallons.
- 2. The total volume of the bath and decreasing volumes at 100 litre or 20 gallon intervals down to 70% of the total volume are accurately indicated by means of permanent and legible graduated markings on the side of the bath.
- 3. I will notify the Divisional Veterinary Officer if I wish to change the time or place of dipping.

Signature .....

Full Postal Address .....  
.....

Date .....

**Warning:** Sheep dip effluent is highly injurious to fish and stream life. It is a punishable offence to allow such material to contaminate rivers, streams or lakes.

FORM H

*Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970*

*(Article 14(1))*

**Form of Declaration to accompany Sheep moved away from the land on which they are normally kept or into a Fair, Market, Saleyard or Place of Private Sale during a Dipping Period.**

TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I ..... of .....

being

\*the owner of the undermentioned sheep,

or

\*the agent authorised by ..... of .....  
who is the owner of the undermentioned sheep,

do hereby declare that the undermentioned sheep were,

\* dipped in accordance with the provisions of the above-mentioned Order by the person or persons specified in Table I;

TABLE I

Number and Description of Sheep	Name and address of person or persons by whom the sheep have been dipped	Date of Dipping	Description of dip used

or

\* purchased during the current dipping period at the fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale specified in Table II.

TABLE II

Number and Description of Sheep	Address of Fair, Market or Saleyard where sheep are purchased	Date of Purchase

\* The statements contained in this declaration are within my own knowledge; or

\* The statements contained in this declaration are based on information furnished by .....

\* Delete whichever is inapplicable.

Date ..... Signature of Owner of Agent .....

(b) Form J shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 1st June 1988.

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S. R. Armstrong

Assistant Secretary

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1970 ("the 1970 Order") by changing the compulsory dipping periods and adding further provisions for the control and prevention of sheep scab.

Article 2(3) inserts into Article 13 of the 1970 Order a new paragraph (1A) which prohibits the use of a sheep dipping bath for the purposes of the 1970 Order unless the total volume of the bath and decreasing volumes at 100 litre or 20 gallon intervals down to 70% of the total volume are accurately indicated by means of permanent and legible graduated markings on the side of the bath.

Article 2(4) makes consequential amendments to the dates specified in Article 14 of the 1970 Order. Article 2(4) also inserts a new paragraph (10) into Article 14 of the 1970 Order which requires the owner, occupier or person in charge of any fair, market, saleyard or place of private sale not to permit any sheep, which is required to be accompanied by a declaration in the Form H in the Schedule, to enter his premises without such declaration and to collect such declarations and furnish them on demand to the Department.

Article 2(5) inserts a new Article 15 in the 1970 Order which prohibits, after the end of a dipping period, the movement of sheep which have not been dipped or in respect of which a notice in the Form G in the Schedule has not been sent to the Divisional Veterinary Officer, except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by the Department. The movement licences are not required once the provisions of Article 13(1) of the 1970 Order have been complied with and the sheep have been dipped.

Article 2(6) inserts new Forms G and H into the Schedule to the 1970 Order.

Any person who without lawful authority or excuse, proof of which shall lie on him, contravenes any provision of the 1970 Order is guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981. A person guilty of such an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £2,000 or in the case of an offence committed with respect to more than five animals not exceeding £400 for each animal.