

1991 No. 372

ANIMALS

Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries (Registration and Testing etc.) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made 13th August 1991

Coming into operation 13th September 1991

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1), 19(*h*) and (*i*), 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 Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries (Registration and Testing etc.) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 13th September 1991.

Amendment of the Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries (Registration and Testing etc.) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990

2. The Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries (Registration and Testing etc.) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(a) after Article 11 there shall be inserted the following Article—

“Notification by registered persons of results of tests on samples

11A.—(1) A person who is registered in the Breeding Flocks Register in respect of a breeding flock containing no more than 200 birds shall notify the Department in writing of the results of tests carried out on those samples taken in accordance with paragraph 1(*gg*) of Part I of Schedule 3 after the birds have reached 31 weeks of age and which have been reported or passed to him in accordance with Article 9.

(2) Such notification shall contain the information specified in Part V of Schedule 5 and shall be given by the registered person to the Department at 12 week intervals commencing with the date on which the registered person first receives a report of any test mentioned in paragraph (1).”;

(b) in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 3—

(i) in sub-paragraph (*g*) after the words “in the case of birds” there shall be inserted the words “from a breeding flock of more than 200 birds”;

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

(b) S.R. 1990 No. 50

- (ii) after sub-paragraph (g) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—
- “(gg) in the case of birds from a breeding flock containing no more than 200 birds whose eggs are hatched at a hatchery with a total incubator capacity of less than 1,000 eggs or whose eggs are not being hatched—
- (i) a composite faeces sample consisting of the appropriate number of individual samples calculated in accordance with the table in paragraph 4; or
 - (ii) the appropriate number of cloacal swabs calculated in accordance with the said table and taken at the rate of 1 swab from each bird;
- such samples being taken within 1 week of the birds attaining 26 and 30 weeks of age and at 12 week intervals thereafter”;
- (c) in paragraph 4 of Part I of Schedule 3 for the words “(f) and (g)” there shall be substituted the words “(f), (g) and (gg)”;
- (d) in Schedule 5 after Part IV there shall be inserted the following Part—
- “PART V
Article 11A

INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN THE NOTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF TESTS ON SAMPLES GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A PERSON WHO IS REGISTERED IN THE BREEDING FLOCKS REGISTER IN RESPECT OF A BREEDING FLOCK CONTAINING NO MORE THAN 200 BIRDS

5. The notification of the results of tests on samples given to the Department by a registered person under Article 11A, shall contain the following information:—

- (a) the name and address of the registered person giving the notification;
- (b) a description of the type of sample tested;
- (c) the date on which such a sample was taken, the address of the premises from which it was taken and the identity of the house or group of houses on those premises from which it was taken;
- (d) the result of the test; and
- (e) the name of the laboratory which carried out the test.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on 13th August 1991.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Poultry Breeding Flocks and Hatcheries (Registration and Testing etc.) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990 which requires keepers of breeding flocks with 25 or more birds to register with the Department of Agriculture ("the Department") and to monitor for Salmonella.

In the case of birds from a breeding flock containing no more than 200 birds whose eggs are hatched at a hatchery with a total incubator capacity of less than 1,000 eggs or whose eggs are not being hatched, this Order extends the sampling and testing interval once the birds have attained 31 weeks of age from 8 weeks to 12 weeks (Article 2(b)). The Order also requires a person registered with the Department in respect of such a flock to supply the Department with information concerning the results of tests carried out on samples taken after the birds have reached 31 weeks of age (Article 2(a) and (d)).