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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 389**

**Bovine Embryo Collection, Production and  
Transplantation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

**Part III**

**Storage and transport of embryos**

**Storage of embryos for use in intra-Area trade**

**9.—(1)** The Department may, on application, licence a store for the storage of embryos intended for intra-Area trade if it complies with the conditions of this regulation.

(2) The store shall be under the supervision of an approved veterinary surgeon who is the team veterinarian for a team licensed either as a bovine embryo collection team or as a bovine embryo production team and who shall ensure that the conditions of this regulation and any other conditions attached to the licence are complied with.

(3) The store shall consist of a lockable room which shall be locked when not in use.

(4) Nothing shall be stored in the room other than embryos, or bovine semen, eligible for intra-Area trade.

(5) The store shall be easy to clean and disinfect.

(6) Embryos in the store shall be kept at a suitable temperature.

**10.** A person shall not store any embryo for use in intra-Area trade except in a store licensed under regulation 9(1) and in accordance with the conditions of such a licence.

**Storage of embryos not intended for intra-Area trade**

**11.—(1)** The Department may, on application, licence a store for the storage of embryos not intended for intra-Area trade if it complies with the conditions of this regulation.

(2) The store shall, subject to paragraph (7), be under the supervision of an approved veterinary surgeon who shall ensure that the conditions of this regulation and any other conditions attached to the licence granted in relation to that store under paragraph (1) are complied with.

(3) The store shall consist of a lockable room which shall be locked when not in use.

(4) Nothing shall be stored in the room other than embryos eligible to be transferred in Northern Ireland or bovine semen which could lawfully be distributed or sold in Northern Ireland.

(5) The store shall be easy to clean and disinfect.

(6) Embryos in the store shall be kept at a suitable temperature.

(7) In the case of a store used for embryos which will only be used on the same premises as the premises where the store is situated—

(a) the store may be supervised by a person who is not a veterinary surgeon; and

- (b) the person to whom the licence is granted under paragraph (1) shall ensure that the conditions of this regulation and any other conditions attached to the licence are complied with and that the embryos in that store are not removed from the premises on which the store is situate.

**12.** A person shall not store any embryo for use other than in intra-Area trade except in a store licensed under Regulations 9(1) or 11(1) and in accordance with the conditions of such a licence.

**Transport of embryos**

**13.—(1)** A person shall not transport any embryo except under satisfactory hygienic conditions.

(2) A person shall not transport any embryo for the purpose of intra-Area trade except in a sealed container marked in such a way that the number on the seal is the same as the number on the accompanying animal health certificate issued in accordance with the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(1).