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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 IV**

**Transplantation of embryos**

**Licensing of bovine embryo transplantation teams**

**14.** Upon the Department being satisfied that a bovine embryo transplantation team—

- (a) is supervised by a veterinary surgeon; and
- (b) has at its disposal a room or area equipped for cleaning and sterilising instruments and equipment used in the transplantation of embryos,

it shall licence that team and those facilities for the purposes of the transplantation of embryos.

**Transplantation of embryos**

**15.—(1)** A person shall not carry out any transplantation unless he is—

- (a) a member of a bovine embryo transplantation team licensed for the purpose under regulation 14; or
- (b) a veterinary surgeon.

**(2)** A person who is not a veterinary surgeon shall only carry out a transplantation if—

- (a) he is competent to do so;
- (b) he has been trained by the team veterinarian in methods and techniques of hygiene; and
- (c) the transplantation is carried out under the authority of the team veterinarian.

**(3)** A veterinary surgeon shall only carry out a transplantation if he clinically examines the recipient cow before doing so and satisfies himself that—

- (a) it is suitable to receive the embryo; and
- (b) there is no reason at that time to believe that the cow would not be able to carry to term a normal calf of the breed and type of the embryo being transplanted and to calve naturally.

**(4)** A person who is not a veterinary surgeon shall only carry out the transplantation of an embryo if the team veterinarian, or a veterinary surgeon nominated for the purpose by him, has clinically examined the recipient cow within 30 days preceding the transplantation and has certified, in the form specified in Schedule 8, that—

- (a) he has done so and that the cow is suitable to receive the embryo;
- (b) shows no clinical sign of disease; and

- (c) he knows of no reason existing at the time of his examination which would cause him to believe that the cow would not be able to carry to term a normal calf of the breed and type specified in the certificate and to calve naturally.
- (5) A person shall not transplant any embryo unless it has been either—
  - (a) collected, processed, stored or transported in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations or the Bovine Embryo Collection and Transplantation Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994<sup>(1)</sup>;
  - (b) imported into Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 or any Regulations which they supersede;
  - (c) imported into Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions of the Products of Animal Origin (Import and Export) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993<sup>(2)</sup>;
  - (d) imported into Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions of the Landing of Carcases and Animal Products Order (Northern Ireland) 1985<sup>(3)</sup> as amended;
  - (e) imported into Northern Ireland in accordance with the provisions of the Artificial Reproduction of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1975;
  - (f) collected in Northern Ireland before 7th March 1994; or
  - (g) derived by transfer of nuclei.

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.R. 1994 No. 35

<sup>(2)</sup> S.R. 1993 No. 304

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 1985 No. 161 as amended by S.R. 1995 No. 315