
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Export of Animals (Protection) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“airport” includes any place at which animals are loaded into or unloaded from an aircraft;

“animals” means cattle, goats, sheep and swine;

“approved disinfectant” means a disinfectant approved for the time being by the Department under the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972(1);

“approved premises” has the meaning given to it by Article 4(1);

“calves” means cattle under the age of 6 months;

“consignment” means one or more animals transported together in the same vehicle, vessel or aircraft;

“dried milk” means milk, partly skimmed milk or skimmed milk, which has been concentrated to the form of powder or solid by the removal of water;

“international transport” means any movement of animals effected by a means of transport which involves the crossing of a frontier but does not include movement to another member State of the European Union;

“master” includes any person having charge or command of a vessel, except a pilot;

“pilot” in relation to an aircraft, means the pilot or other person having charge or command of the aircraft;

“port” includes any place at which animals are loaded into or unloaded from a vessel;

“receptacle” means a crate, box or other container used for the carriage of animals which is not self-propelled, and which does not form part of a vehicle, vessel or aircraft;

“rest period” has the meaning given to it by Article 4(3);

“unfit” includes infirm, diseased, ill, injured and fatigued;

“vehicle” means—

(a) in relation to carriage of animals by road, any vehicle (including a trailer of any description and the detachable body of a vehicle) constructed or adapted for use on a road whether drawn or propelled by animal or mechanical power, and

(b) in relation to carriage of animals by rail, rolling stock of any description; and

“vessel” includes hovercraft.

(a) (2) (a) For the purposes of this Order the international transport of an animal shall begin when the animal is loaded for export at approved premises. Where an animal is exempted from being rested at approved premises by a licence granted under Article 13, the international transport of that animal shall begin when it is loaded for export at the premises named in the licence. Where two or more animals are to be transported together,

the international transport of all the animals in that consignment shall begin when the first animal is loaded for export. Where an animal is led on foot from approved premises or the premises named in the licence to a vessel or aircraft at a port or airport, the international transport of that animal shall begin when it is loaded into the vessel or aircraft for export.

- (b) For the purposes of this Order the international transport of an animal shall end when the animal has reached its final destination.

(3) Every duty relating to animals imposed by this Order shall be interpreted in its application to individual animals or to animals of a particular class or species according to the needs and characteristics of that individual, class or species.