
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

Use of approved premises

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person having the charge or control of any approved premises shall not use them or cause or permit them to be used unless during the whole of the rest period of any animals—

- (a) suitable, sufficient and clean bedding is provided;
- (b) an adequate supply of wholesome food is provided on the premises and is offered to the animals in accordance with the following provisions, namely—
 - (i) the food for sheep, goats or cattle (other than calves on a liquid diet and unweaned animals) shall be placed in racks or troughs which shall be easily accessible to the animals and by their number and dimensions shall be such as to enable all the animals to eat simultaneously;
 - (ii) the food for swine (other than unweaned piglets) shall be placed in troughs which shall be easily accessible to the swine and by their number and dimensions shall be such as to enable all the swine to eat simultaneously;
- (c) there is provided on the premises suitable food for calves which are on a liquid diet together with suitable arrangements for preparing such food and for feeding such calves;
- (d) no milk other than milk reconstituted from dried milk is fed to the animals;
- (e) an adequate supply of wholesome water is provided on the premises in such a way as to make it easily accessible to the animals and enable not less than one-tenth of the number of each species of animal to which it is offered to drink simultaneously;
- (f) all animals, other than the animals which are being detained in accordance with the provisions of this Order or of a licence granted under Article 13, are excluded from the premises;
- (g) animals which are being detained on the premises are so accommodated as to ensure that they are not disturbed by the arrival or departure of animals in other consignments;
- (h) any pen or enclosure being used by the animals detained on the premises—
 - (i) is so constructed as to be suitable for the animals using it,
 - (ii) is capable of being cleansed and disinfected,
 - (iii) is so constructed and kept in such a condition as to prevent animals from slipping,
 - (iv) does not have any sharp edge or any projection which is likely to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the animals,
 - (v) is of such dimensions as to enable all animals detained in it to have easy access to the food and water provided,
 - (vi) has sufficient space to enable the inspection of each animal detained in it,
 - (vii) does not contain any animals of different species at one time, and

- (viii) does not at any time contain more than 30 cattle (other than calves), or 40 calves, or 40 swine, or 100 sheep or 100 goats;
 - (i) any passageway used by the animals detained on the premises complies with the requirements of sub-paragraph (h)(i) to (iv) and is not used by animals of different species at one time;
 - (j) animals where they are being detained in pens or enclosures are, having regard to their fitness and to any differences in their age and size, so contained and distributed within the pens or enclosures as to avoid unnecessary suffering through injury, overcrowding or any other cause;
 - (k) animals are detained on the premises in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule;
 - (l) an animal which is ailing or which is causing or is likely to cause any injury or unnecessary suffering to other animals is kept in isolation in a separate pen or enclosure provided on the premises;
 - (m) animals in milk, unless suckling, are milked within 2 hours of their arrival at the approved premises and at intervals of not more than 12 hours thereafter, and suitable milking facilities are provided on the premises for this purpose;
 - (n) permanent artificial lighting is installed capable of providing an illumination of not less than 50 lux to the exposed surfaces of any wall, partition or floor with which the animals have direct contact and an illumination of 100 lux in that part of the premises, pens or enclosures, where animals are inspected;
 - (o) facilities are provided at the premises where the loading and unloading of animals and such facilities and arrangements for the loading and unloading of animals have been approved by a veterinary inspector;
 - (p) an experienced and competent stockman is available to supervise the care and feeding and watering of the animals in accordance with the provisions of this Order;
 - (q) all reasonable facilities and assistance are afforded to an inspector or to any constable for examination of the animals, and for the observation of their treatment during detention.
- (2) Nothing in this Article shall require unweaned animals and calves which are on a liquid diet to be offered water. Nothing in paragraph (1)(b) shall prevent food being offered to the animals in such other way as may be specified in the approval of the premises, and nothing in paragraph (1)(d) shall prevent unweaned animals from being suckled by their dams.