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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 502**

**AGRICULTURE**

**Pig Production Development (Levy)  
Order (Northern Ireland) 1996**

*Made - - - - 21st October 1996*

*Coming into operation 2nd December 1996*

The Department of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(1), (2) and (3) of the Pig Production Development Act (Northern Ireland) 1964<sup>(1)</sup> and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, on the recommendation of the Northern Ireland Pig Production Development Committee<sup>(2)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Pig Production Development (Levy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 2nd December 1996.

**Rate of levy on pigs sold for slaughter or exported**

2. There shall be payable to the Department on behalf of the Committee a levy of 21p by:—
- (a) every holder of a licence under section 1 of the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953<sup>(3)</sup> in respect of each pig slaughtered in the slaughter-house to which the licence relates, not being a pig imported into Northern Ireland for immediate slaughter; and
  - (b) every person exporting pigs from Northern Ireland in respect of each pig so exported by him.

**Keeping of records**

3.—(1) A person required to pay a levy in accordance with Article 2(a) in respect of a pig shall keep a record showing—

- (a) the date on which that pig was slaughtered; and
- (b) the total number of such pigs slaughtered on that day.

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(1) 1964 c. 25 (N.I.) as amended by S.I.1977/1245 (N.I. 12) Art. 17(2) and S.I. 1994/1891 (N.I. 6) Art. 7  
(2) Established under 1964 c. 25 (N.I.) section 1(1)  
(3) 1953 c. 21 (N.I.)

(2) A person required to pay a levy in accordance with Article 2(b) in respect of a pig shall keep a record showing—

- (a) the date on which that pig was exported from Northern Ireland;
- (b) the destination to which that pig was exported; and
- (c) the total number of pigs so exported on that day.

(3) A record kept in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) shall—

- (a) be produced at all reasonable times for inspection by the Department; and
- (b) be retained for a period of at least 2 years from the date of the last entry therein.

### **Payment of levies**

4.—(1) A person required to pay a levy in accordance with Article 2 shall make a return in writing to the Department within 7 days of the end of each month showing—

- (a) the total number of pigs (other than pigs imported into Northern Ireland for immediate slaughter) slaughtered in a slaughter-house to which a licence under section 1 of the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 relates; and
- (b) the total number of pigs exported from Northern Ireland,

in that month.

(2) A return made in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by the appropriate amount of levy in respect of those pigs.

### **Recovery of levy and payment of expenses**

5.—(1) Any sum due in respect of levy under this Order shall be recoverable by the Department as a civil debt.

(2) Any reasonable expenses incurred by the Department in recovering the levy shall be paid out of the Development Fund.

### **Revocations**

6. The following Orders are hereby revoked—

- (a) the Pig Production Development (Levy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981(4);
- (b) the Pig Production Development (Levy) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995(5).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 21st October 1996.

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Assistant Secretary

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(4) S.R. 1981 No. 293  
(5) S.R. 1995 No. 141

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which comes into operation on 2nd December 1996, revokes and replaces the Pig Production Development (Levy) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981.

The Order provides for the payment of a levy to the Department on pigs either slaughtered in Northern Ireland or exported from Northern Ireland. A levy of 21p per head is payable in respect of certain pigs slaughtered by slaughter-house licence-holders under the Slaughter-houses Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 and by exporters in respect of all pigs exported from Northern Ireland (Article 2).

A person required to pay a levy must keep certain records and produce them for inspection and must make monthly returns to the Department (Articles 3 and 4).

Article 5 provides for recovery of levy and payment of expenses.

Article 6 contains revocations.