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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 115**

**The Zoos Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**Application of regulation 21**

**20.**—(1) Regulation 21 applies to a zoo –

- (a) in respect of which a zoo closure direction has been made, from the date on which the direction has effect in accordance with regulation 23(9); or
- (b) whose licence has expired or been surrendered, from the date of its expiry or surrender (as the case may be).

(2) Regulation 21 applies to a section of a zoo which is closed to the public by virtue of amendments to the zoo's licence under regulation 16(3), from the date on which those amendments take effect in accordance with regulation 23(6).

(3) These Regulations shall cease to apply to a zoo when the Department has notified the operator of the zoo, or, where the operator cannot be found, any person appearing to it to be responsible for the zoo, in writing that it is satisfied that –

- (a) all animals which are to be disposed of pursuant to regulation 21 have been disposed of; and
- (b) satisfactory arrangements for the care of any animals kept in the zoo which are not to be disposed of pursuant to regulation 21 are in effect, and there are reasonable grounds for believing that satisfactory arrangements will continue to be maintained for such animals.

(4) If a section of a zoo which was closed to the public by virtue of amendments to the zoo's licence under regulation 16(3) reopens pursuant to further amendments to the licence, regulation 21 shall cease to apply to that section.