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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2004 No. 361**

**Brucellosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 2004**

**PART II**

**NOTIFICATION**

**Notification of the presence of disease**

**3.—(1)** A keeper of an affected or suspected animal or a herd keeper who knows or suspects that any animal in his herd –

- (a) has been exposed to the possibility of infection by being in contact with an affected animal (other than an animal in his own herd), or
- (b) has been in any other way exposed to the disease

shall, with all practicable speed, give notice of the fact to a Divisional Veterinary Office.

(2) Where the Department knows or suspects that any animal is affected with disease, it may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease notify –

- (a) any veterinary surgeon;
- (b) the keeper of any herd to which the disease may spread; or
- (c) any person who, within the last 56 days has visited, or, in the future is likely to visit or arrange to visit, any holding on which the animal is or has been kept.

**Notification of abortion**

**4.—(1)** The keeper of a herd shall, with all practicable speed, notify a Divisional Veterinary Office if he knows or has reason to suspect that any animal in his herd has had an abortion.

(2) A veterinary surgeon shall, with all practicable speed, notify a Divisional Veterinary Office if in his opinion an animal has had an abortion.

(3) In the event of an animal having an abortion, the keeper shall immediately house the animal in isolation from other animals and shall, with all practicable speed, liberally spray the immediate area where the abortion took place with an approved disinfectant.

(4) An animal which has had an abortion shall be retained in isolation until the Department has tested it and has informed the keeper that it may rejoin the herd.

(5) Manure containing discharges or fluids from an animal which has had an abortion shall be stored away from access by livestock for at least 6 months and shall not be spread on grazing fields for a period of at least 12 months.