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AGRICULTURE

**The Feeding Stuffs (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

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Coming into operation *30th July 2008*

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety⁽¹⁾ makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 66(1), 68(1), 74A and 84 of the Agriculture Act 1970⁽²⁾, as read with regulation 14 of the Food Standards Act 1999 (Transitional and Consequential Provisions and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000⁽³⁾.

There has been consultation during the preparation of these Regulations in accordance with the requirements of Article 9 of Regulation (EC) No. 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽⁴⁾ laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 30th July 2008.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954⁽⁵⁾ shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of the Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

2.—(1) The Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005⁽⁶⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In Chapter A of Schedule 7 (permitted feeding stuffs intended for particular nutritional purposes and provisions relating to their use), for the entries relating to reduction of the risk of milk fever, substitute the entries set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(1) Formerly the Department of Health and Social Services; see [S.I.1999/283 \(N.I. 1\)](#), Article 3
(2) [1970 c.40](#); sections 66(1) and 84 are modified in their application to Northern Ireland by section 86 of the Act; section 74A was inserted by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act [1972 \(c. 68\)](#)
(3) [S.R. 2000 No. 78](#)
(4) OJ No. L31, 1.2.2002, p.1, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No. 575/2006 (OJ No. L100, 8.4.2006, p.3)
(5) [1954 c.33 \(N.I.\)](#)
(6) [S.R. 2005 No.545](#), as amended by [S.R. 2006 No.18](#), [S.R. 2006 No. 427](#), [S.R. 2006 No. 471](#) and [S.R. 2007 No. 450](#)

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(2)

Entries to be substituted in Chapter A of Schedule 7 to the Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

<i>Particular nutritional purpose</i>	<i>Essential nutritional characteristics</i>	<i>Species or category of animal</i>	<i>Labelling declarations</i>	<i>Recommended length of time for use</i>	<i>Other provisions</i>
Reduction of the risk of milk fever	– Low level of calcium	Dairy cows	– Calcium – Phosphorus – Magnesium	1 to 4 weeks before calving	Indicate in the instructions for use: “Stop feeding after calving”
	and/or – Low cations/anions ratio		– Calcium – Phosphorus – Sodium – Potassium – Chlorides – Sulphur	1 to 4 weeks before calving	Indicate in the instructions for use: “Stop feeding after calving”
	or – High level of zeolite (synthetic sodium aluminium silicate)		Content of synthetic sodium aluminium silicate	The 2 weeks before calving	Indicate in the instructions for use: – “The amount of feed shall be restricted to ensure that a daily intake of 500 g sodium aluminium silicate per animal is not exceeded” – “Stop feeding after calving”
or – High level of calcium in the form of highly available calcium salts		Total calcium content, sources and respective quantity of calcium	From first signs of parturition to 2 days after parturition	Indicate on the package, container or label: – The instructions for use, i.e. the number of applications and the	

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					time before and after calving; – The text “It is recommended that a nutritional expert’s opinion be sought before use”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations further amend the Feeding Stuffs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (S.R. 2005 No.545 as already amended by S.R. 2006 No. 18, S.R. 2006 No. 427, S.R. 2006 No. 471 and S.R. 2007 No. 450) (“the Feeding Stuffs Regulations”).
2. These Regulations provide for the implementation of Commission Directive 2008/4/EC amending Directive 94/39/EC as regards feedingstuffs intended for the reduction of the risk of milk fever (OJNo. L6, 10.1.2008, p.4).
3. The Regulations amend the table in Chapter A of Schedule 7 (permitted feeding stuffs intended for particular nutritional purposes and provisions relating to their use) to the Feeding Stuffs Regulations, by replacing the existing entries relating to the reduction of the risk of milk fever with the revised entries contained in Commission Directive 2008/4/EC. This Directive permits, subject to specified labelling requirements, two additional types of dietetic feed to be marketed for the reduction of milk fever in dairy cows.