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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2011 No. 440**

The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet  
Animals Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

PART 4

ENFORCEMENT

**Powers of inspectors**

**12.**—(1) An inspector may, on producing a duly authenticated authorisation if required, enter any premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of enforcing the relevant instruments. In this Part the “relevant instruments” are the Pets Regulation, Decision [2003/459/EC](#), Decision [2006/146/EC](#), Decision [2007/25/EC](#), the supplementary Regulation and this Order.

(2) The inspector may be accompanied by such other persons as the inspector considers necessary, including any representative of the European Commission.

(3) Admission to any premises used wholly or mainly as a private dwelling house may not be demanded as of right unless the entry is in accordance with a warrant granted under paragraph (4).

(4) A lay magistrate may by signed warrant permit an inspector to enter premises used wholly or mainly as a private dwelling house, if necessary by reasonable force, if satisfied on sworn complaint in writing—

- (a) that there are reasonable grounds to enter those premises for the purpose of enforcing the relevant instruments; and
- (b) that any of the conditions in paragraph (5) are met.

(5) The conditions are—

- (a) entry to the premises has been, or is likely to be, refused, and notice of the intention to apply for a warrant has been given to the occupier;
- (b) asking for admission to the premises, or giving such notice, would defeat the object of entry;
- (c) entry is required urgently; or
- (d) the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent.

(6) A warrant granted under this Order continues in force for one month.

(7) An inspector who enters any unoccupied premises shall leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as they were before entry.

(8) An inspector who has entered premises for the purposes of enforcing the relevant instruments may for those purposes—

- (a) carry out any examination, investigation or test;
- (b) inspect and search the premises;

- (c) require the production of any document or record (including a passport or health certificate) and inspect and take a copy of or extract from such document or record;
- (d) require any person to provide such assistance, information or facilities as is reasonable;
- (e) seize and detain a pet animal or bird.