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The Aujeszky's Disease Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

PART 3

SUSPICION AND CONFIRMATION OF AUJESZKY'S DISEASE

CHAPTER 1

Scope of Part II and initial controls

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6. This Part applies to all premises other than slaughterhouses.

Initial Controls following notification

7.—(1) This article shall apply where the Department is notified under article 5 of a suspect pig or carcase and a veterinary inspector considers that further investigation relating to the possible presence of disease is necessary.

(2) The veterinary inspector shall orally or by notice inform the keeper of the suspect pig or carcase that further investigation is necessary, and the controls in paragraph (3) and (4) then apply.

(3) Except as permitted in writing by a veterinary inspector, the person in possession or charge of a notified pig or carcase shall ensure that—

- (a) the notified pig or carcase is not moved from the premises where it is; and
- (b) no other pig or carcase or anything likely to spread Aujeszky's Disease virus is moved from or to those premises, and

failure to do so is an offence.

(4) Except as permitted in writing by a veterinary inspector, the person in possession or charge of a notified pig or carcase shall ensure that any person—

- (a) who has been in contact with any pig or carcase on the premises; or
- (b) has been on any part of the premises that may be contaminated with Aujeszky's Disease virus,

takes all biosecurity precautions notified by the inspector under paragraph (2) to reduce the risk of spreading disease or Aujeszky's Disease virus, before leaving the premises.

(5) This article shall apply until a veterinary inspector confirms by notice that the controls in paragraph (3) and (4) no longer apply.

Imposing measures on suspicion of disease

- 8.—(1) This article applies where an inspector suspects—

- (a) that a pig is diseased or a pig or carcase is or has been infected with Aujeszky's Disease virus; or
 - (b) Aujeszky's Disease virus may be present in the premises.
- (2) The inspector shall serve a notice on the keeper or on the owner or the occupier of the premises if different, declaring those premises to be suspect infected premises.

CHAPTER 2

Action on suspicion of disease and declaration of infected premises

Disease investigation

9.—(1) A veterinary inspector shall begin an investigation in any suspect infected premises to establish whether the Aujeszky's Disease virus is present. This shall include taking samples from any pigs or carcasses on the premises and having them tested in accordance with Annex III of Commission Decision [2008/185/EC](#)(1) at a designated laboratory.

(2) If the tests carried out under paragraph 1 demonstrate that Aujeszky's Disease virus is present, the veterinary inspector shall serve a notice on the keeper, or if different from the keeper the owner or occupier of the premises, declaring those premises to be an infected premises and imposing the measures in Schedule 1.

(3) If the tests carried out under paragraph 1 do not demonstrate the presence of Aujeszky's Disease virus and the veterinary inspector is satisfied following the investigation that no Aujeszky's Disease virus is present, the Department shall revoke the notice served under article 8(2).

Notice of intended slaughter

10. Where the Department proposes to cause any pig to be slaughtered, an inspector shall serve a notice of intended slaughter on the keeper of the pig informing the keeper of the proposed slaughter.

Epidemiological investigation

11. Where a veterinary inspector considers it appropriate the Department shall begin an epidemiological investigation to establish—

- (a) the length of time that the Aujeszky's disease virus may have existed on the suspect or infected premises;
 - (b) the movements of pigs into and out of the premises over a period of time determined by the veterinary inspector;
 - (c) the origin of that disease or Aujeszky's disease virus;
 - (d) the identification of other premises contaminated with Aujeszky's disease virus from the same source;
 - (e) the movement of any person or thing that could have carried that Aujeszky's disease virus to or from the premises; and
 - (f) the possibility that pigs living in the wild may be involved in the spread of the disease,
- and shall continue the investigation until these have been established so far as is practicable or the possibility of disease has been discounted.

(1) OJ No.L59, 04.03.2008, p.19

Imposing measures on suspicion of disease relating to pigs living in the wild

12. A veterinary inspector and, when acting under the direction of a veterinary inspector, an inspector or any officer of the Department may—

- (a) undertake surveillance for pigs living in the wild;
- (b) capture pigs living in the wild;
- (c) take samples from pigs living in the wild;
- (d) kill such a pig if the veterinary inspector is satisfied that—
 - (i) it is not possible to take samples from a pig without killing it; or
 - (ii) it is spreading or may spread disease or Aujeszky's Disease virus to another pig.

CHAPTER 3

Removal of measures in Schedule 1 relating to infected premises

Removal of restrictions from infected premises

13. When a veterinary inspector is satisfied that there is no further risk of spread of Aujeszky's Disease Virus from the premises that inspector may serve a notice on the keeper, or if different from the keeper the owner or occupier of the premises revoking the notice served under article 9(2) if—

- (a) all pigs required by the Department have been slaughtered; and
- (b) the premises have been cleansed and disinfected to the satisfaction of the veterinary inspector.

Cleansing and disinfection

14.—(1) A veterinary inspector may, by notice served on the keeper or if different from the keeper the owner or occupier of infected premises requiring the cleansing and disinfection with an approved disinfectant used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions—

- (a) the premises or such part of them as may be specified in the notice; and
- (b) any receptacle or vehicle used for the confinement or movement of pigs or the movement of any carcase, product or feeding stuff to or from the premises.

(2) Where any person on whom the notice served under paragraph (1) fails to comply with the requirements the Department may, without prejudice to any proceedings for an offence arising out of such default, carry out or cause to be carried out such cleansing and disinfection as is required in the notice.

(3) A notice served in respect of any premises shall remain in force until such date as may be specified in the notice or until the notice is suspended or revoked by the service of a notice on the keeper or if different from the keeper, the owner or occupier of the premises by an inspector.