

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order which has been made with the approval of the Northern Ireland Trade Statistics Consultative Committee prescribes that an undertaking employing not more than twenty-four persons shall be exempt from any requirement to furnish a return in respect of the Census of Production for the year 1960 and also exempts from the scope of the census all undertakings engaged in mining and quarrying.

1960. No. 197

[NC]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Hay and Straw

ORDER, DATED 6TH DECEMBER, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 18 AND 23 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (1) of Section 18 and sub-section (1) of Section 23 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Hay and Straw Order (Northern Ireland), 1960, and shall come into operation on the 7th day of December, 1960.

Revocations

2. The enactments listed in the Schedule are hereby revoked as from the date of commencement of this Order.

Interpretation

3. In this Order:—

“act” means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958;

“hay and straw” includes materials composed partly of hay or straw, but does not include articles manufactured from such materials or from hay or straw.

Prohibition on Importation

4.—(1) A person shall not bring or cause to be brought into Northern Ireland any hay or straw except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Ministry or an officer duly authorised by the Ministry.

(2) A licence may refer to an individual consignment or to a number of consignments or may be in respect of a period of time specified in the licence.

(a) 1958, c. 13.

(3) A licence shall be in such form and subject to such conditions as the Ministry may from time to time require, and may be withheld or revoked by reason of non-compliance with such conditions. The Ministry may refuse to issue a licence to a person who has previously failed to comply with the provisions of this Order or the conditions of a licence.

(4) This article shall not apply to hay and straw originating in, and imported direct from the Republic of Ireland.

Opening of Containers

5. Where an inspector has reason to believe that merchandise being brought into Northern Ireland is packed in hay or straw, he may open or cause to be opened any package or container, in order to determine whether such package or container holds any hay or straw.

Notices of Destruction or Re-exportation

6.—(1) A notice signed by an officer of the Ministry may require any person who has brought or caused to be brought or transported into Northern Ireland any hay or straw in contravention of this Order to have such hay or straw destroyed or re-exported to its place of origin within forty-eight hours of the issue of such notice.

(2) Until such notice has been complied with the hay or straw to which it relates shall not be permitted to come in contact with any animal or any other hay or straw, and shall not be moved to any other place without the written consent of an officer of the Ministry.

(3) Where any person fails to comply with the terms of such notice within the prescribed time the Ministry shall have power to destroy the hay or straw to which the notice relates.

Offences

7. Any person who brings or causes to be brought into Northern Ireland any hay or straw in contravention of the provisions of this Order or fails to comply with the conditions of a licence or any notice issued in accordance with this Order shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this sixth day of December, nineteen hundred and sixty.

(L.S.)

J. C. Baird,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

The enactments revoked in accordance with Article 2 are as follows:—

The Foreign Hay and Straw (Ireland) Order of 1912	S.R. & O. 1912, No. 368
The Foreign Hay and Straw (Ireland) Order of 1912 Amendment Order of 1913	S.R. & O. 1913, No. 1296
Amendment Order of 1914 (No. 2)	S.R. & O. 1914, No. 1689
Amendment Order of 1922	S.R. & O. 1922, No. 395
Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order of 1923	S.R. & O. 1923, No. 960
Amendment (Northern Ireland) Order, 1938	S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1938, No. 124
The Hay and Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1922	S.R. & O. 1922, No. 72