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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1976 No. 1040**

**Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1976**

**Liability for damage and expenses due to straying livestock**

5.—(1) Subject to Article 6, where livestock belonging to any person strays onto land in the ownership or occupation of another and—

- (a) damage is done by the livestock to the land or to any property on it which is in the ownership or possession of the other person; or
- (b) any expenses are reasonably incurred by that other person in keeping the livestock while it cannot be restored to the person to whom it belongs or while it is detained in pursuance of Article 9, or in ascertaining to whom it belongs;

the person to whom the livestock belongs is liable for the damage or expenses.

- (2) For the purposes of this Article any livestock belongs to the person in whose possession it is.

**Changes to legislation:**

Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1976, Section 5 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Instrument am. (prosp.) by [1998 c. 32 s.74\(1\)Sch.4 para. 11](#)