

1981 No. 348

ANIMALS

Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made 29th October 1981

Coming into operation 1st November 1981

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(1), 19 and 60(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) 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 Tuberculosis Control (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1981.

Amendment of order of 1964

2. Article 16 of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964(b) is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) in paragraph (1) for "paragraph (6)" there shall be substituted "paragraphs (6) and (6A)";
- (2) in paragraph (6) the words "slaughterhouse, meat plant" where they occur shall be deleted;
- (3) after paragraph (6) there shall be added:

"(6A) A person authorised in that behalf by the Department in writing shall remove the ear tag from each animal or carcase admitted to a slaughterhouse or meat plant; and it shall be the duty of the person operating that slaughterhouse or meat plant to present to that authorised person each animal or carcase on admission and afford to him all reasonable facilities for the purpose of removing any ear tag.

(6B) Any person who removes an ear tag under the provisions of paragraph (6A) shall surrender that ear tag to the Department within 24 hours of its removal.

(6C) The person operating a slaughterhouse or meat plant shall mark or cause to be marked each animal or carcase admitted to that place and after an animal is slaughtered the carcase of that animal in a manner considered by the Department to be sufficient to identify at any time the animal or carcase from which the ear tag has been removed under the provisions of paragraph (6A)."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 29th October 1981.

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S. R. Armstrong
Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1981/1115 (N.I. 22)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964 No. 31 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 76

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Under the provisions of the Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1964 the operator of a slaughterhouse, meat plant, knacker's yard, hide store or kennel is required to remove and destroy the ear tag from each animal and carcase in those premises.

This order amends that provision so that in the case of a slaughterhouse or meat plant the ear tag must be removed by a person authorised by the Department. That person must surrender each ear tag so removed to the Department within 24 hours of its removal.

The operator of the slaughterhouse or meat plant shall ensure that after removal of the ear tag each animal or carcase is marked in such a way that its identity can be related to the animal or carcase from which the ear tag was removed.

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