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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 263**

**Tuberculosis Control Order (Northern Ireland) 1999**

**PART II**

**CONTROL OF DISEASE**

**Notification by the Department of diseased or suspected animals**

4. Where the Department knows or suspects that an animal, a herd or a carcase is diseased, it shall serve on the keeper thereof a notice informing him of the fact.

**Restriction on movement of animals**

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (5), a person on whom a notice is served under Article 4 shall detain the animal, herd or carcase to which it relates on the holding on which it is kept, or such part of the holding as may be specified in the notice.

(2) Where an animal in respect of which a notice has been served under Article 4 has been, or may have been, in contact with any other animal, the Department may serve a notice on the keeper of that other animal requiring him, subject to paragraph (5), to detain the other animal on the holding on which it is kept, or such part of the holding as may be specified in the notice.

(3) If a person refuses to permit the official testing of any animal, or refuses or neglects to comply with any requirement imposed upon him in connection with such testing under the Scheme, the Department may, by notice in writing served on the keeper of that animal, require that person to detain it on the holding on which it is kept, or such part of the holding as may be specified in the notice.

(4) The Department may by notice on any person on whom a notice has been served under paragraph (1) or (2) prohibit the movement into or out of any holding or part of the holding to which that notice relates of any manure, slurry, equipment, utensil, appliance or other thing except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department.

(5) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (1) or (2), a person may move any animal, herd or carcase from or to any holding or part of a holding under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department.

(6) The restrictions imposed pursuant to a notice served under this Article or Article 4 shall remain in force until the notice is withdrawn.

(7) Where a notice is served in respect of any animal under Article 4 or 5(2), the keeper of that animal shall comply with such requirements for the isolation of that animal, or such other animals kept by him, as may in the opinion of a veterinary inspector be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.

### **Further precautions against the spread of infection**

6.—(1) A veterinary inspector may by notice served on the keeper of an affected animal or herd require him to take such steps as may be reasonably practicable to prevent any animal kept on the same holding from infecting any animal or non-bovine animal kept on any adjoining premises.

(2) Where a veterinary inspector knows or suspects that there is a serious risk of the spread of infection, he may by notice served on the keeper of an affected animal or herd prohibit the movement of animals—

- (a) into the herd; or
- (b) onto the holding on which the animal is kept,

unless such animals are so moved under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the Department.

### **Cleansing and disinfection generally**

7.—(1) Where, from the results of any official tests carried out in relation to—

- (a) an animal or non-bovine animal;
- (b) a herd; or
- (c) a carcass or the carcass of a non-bovine animal,

it appears to the Department that the animal, herd or carcass is affected, it may serve a notice on the owner or occupier of the holding on which the animal, herd or carcass is kept declaring that holding to be an infected place.

(2) The Department may by the same notice as referred to in paragraph (1), or by any subsequent notice, require the owner or occupier of an infected place to cleanse and disinfect with an approved disinfectant—

- (a) that place or such part of it as may be specified in the notice;
- (b) any receptacle or vehicle used for the confinement or movement of animals or the removal of any carcass from that place; and
- (c) any equipment, utensil, appliance or other thing used in connection with animals or carcasses therein,

at such time and in such manner as may be specified in the notice.

### **Control of manure and slurry**

8.—(1) The Department may serve a notice in writing on the occupier of a holding on which is kept—

- (a) any animal or herd to which a notice under Article 4 or 5 relates; and
- (b) any non-bovine animal which has reacted to an official test.

(2) A notice served on any person under paragraph (1) may require that person to—

- (a) treat and store such manure or slurry on the holding to which it relates as may be specified in the notice in such manner as may be so specified; and
- (b) prohibit him from using such manure or slurry on the holding as may be specified in the notice except for such purpose and in such manner as may be so specified.

### **Compliance with notices**

9.—(1) A person on whom a notice is served under this Part shall comply with the notice.

(2) If any person on whom a notice is served under this Part fails to comply with any requirements imposed on him under or by virtue of the notice, the Department may, without prejudice to any proceedings arising out of such default, carry out or cause to be carried out those requirements.