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AGRICULTURE

Artificial Insemination of Pigs

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD DECEMBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF THE ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1947.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland (hereinafter called "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 2 and 3 of the Artificial Insemination of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance as to charges hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination (Pigs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January 1972.

Revocation

2. The Artificial Insemination (Pigs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) are hereby revoked.

3. In these Regulations:—

"approved" means approved by the Ministry;

"Artificial Insemination Centre" means a centre providing an artificial insemination service for sows;

"breeder" means a breeder of pigs;

"Inseminator Service" means a service provided by the Ministry for the artificial insemination of sows;

"semen" means boar semen;

"Semen Delivery Service" means a service provided by the Ministry for the supply of semen for use by any breeder in Northern Ireland;

"sow" includes gilt.

PART I

CONTROL OF INSEMINATION

Artificial Insemination Service

4. Where the owner of a sow desires to use the Inseminator Service or the Semen Delivery Service he shall first apply in the form set out in the First Schedule.

Semen Delivery Service

5.—(1) The Ministry may supply semen by public transport for use by any breeder in Northern Ireland.

(a) 1947. c. 17.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 101.

(2) The insemination shall be carried out by the breeder or a person appointed by him or an approved inseminator.

Inseminator Service

6. The Ministry may provide an Inseminator Service for the areas set out in the Second Schedule and only breeders resident in these areas may use such Inseminator Service.

7. The Ministry shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury of any kind arising from the use of the Inseminator Service or the Semen Delivery Service or in any way be held responsible for damage resulting from the use of such services or if the use of such services fail to produce progeny.

Artificial Insemination Centres

8. No person shall distribute or sell semen from an Artificial Insemination Centre except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and in accordance with the conditions set out in the Third Schedule and such other conditions if any as may be specified in the licence.

9. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 8 shall ensure that each pig artificially inseminated with semen supplied by the Artificial Insemination Centre if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed ear mark or any other recognised form of earmarking is tattooed or earmarked at the first insemination, in one ear with such a mark as will enable it to be identified.

10. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 8 shall ensure that each pig resulting from an artificial insemination with semen supplied by the Artificial Insemination Centre is tattooed or earmarked in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

11. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 8 shall keep a record showing:—

- (a) the date and place of each artificial insemination of a sow with semen supplied by the Artificial Insemination Centre;
- (b) the name and address of the owner of the sow;
- (c) the breed and name or other sufficient identification of the sow;
- (d) such other matter as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

All such records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised officer of the Ministry who shall be at liberty to make any copy thereof or extracts therefrom.

Private sale of semen

12. The Ministry may grant a licence authorising the distribution or sale of semen other than from an Artificial Insemination Centre for any purpose approved by it subject to such conditions if any as may be specified in the licence.

PART II

MOVEMENT OF SEMEN INTO NORTHERN IRELAND

Application

13. No person shall bring semen into Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and such licence shall be in such form as the Ministry may determine.

Veterinary certificate

14. Every consignment of semen brought into Northern Ireland shall be accompanied by one copy of a certificate in such form as the Ministry may determine signed by a veterinary surgeon authorised by the Government of the country of origin but if the semen is obtained from a boar located at a recognised Artificial Insemination Centre in Great Britain or the Republic of Ireland such certificate will be accepted if signed by the veterinary surgeon in charge of such a centre. The authenticated copy of the certificate accompanying consignments of semen sent to Northern Ireland shall be affixed to the outside of the package containing the consignment and the original of the certificate shall be forwarded by post to the Ministry at Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SB.

Records

15. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 13 shall keep a record showing:—

- (a) the place of origin of the imported semen;
- (b) the breed name and other information sufficient for the identification of the boar from which such semen was obtained;
- (c) the date on which the collection of such semen was made;
- (d) the date and place of each artificial insemination of a sow with a part or the whole of such semen;
- (e) the breed, name and other information sufficient for the identification of each sow inseminated;
- (f) the date of birth and number of the resultant progeny;
- (g) such other matters as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

All such records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by any authorised officer of the Ministry who shall be at liberty to make any copy thereof or extracts therefrom.

Use in herds

16. Semen which has been brought into Northern Ireland in accordance with Regulation 13 may not be used in any herd other than the herd of the importer without the written consent of the Ministry.

Identification marks

17.—(1) The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 13 shall ensure that each sow artificially inseminated with imported semen if not already identifiable by means of a tattooed earmark is tattooed at the first insemination in one ear with such mark as will enable it to be identified.

(2) The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 13 shall ensure that each pig resulting from an artificial insemination with imported semen is tattooed in one ear within one month of birth with a sufficient identification mark.

PART III

MOVEMENT OF SEMEN OUT OF NORTHERN IRELAND

Application

18. No person shall take semen out of Northern Ireland except under the authority of a licence issued by the Ministry and in accordance with the conditions set out in the Fourth Schedule and such other conditions if any as may be specified in the licence. Such licence shall be in such form as the Ministry may determine.

19. The holder of a licence issued by the Ministry under Regulation 18 shall keep a record showing:—

- (1) the name and other information sufficient for the identification of the boar from which the semen for taking out of Northern Ireland was obtained;
- (2) the date on which and the place at which the collection of such semen was made;
- (3) the name and address of the person to whom such semen was consigned;
- (4) such other matters as the Ministry may from time to time determine.

All such records shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by an authorised officer of the Ministry who shall also be at liberty to take any copy thereof or extract therefrom.

PART IV

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Semen Delivery Service

20. For semen supplied under the Semen Delivery Service the charge shall be £1 per dose but shall not include any further supply of semen for re-insemination purposes.

Inseminator Service

21. Under the Inseminator Service the charge shall be £3 and shall include such inseminations as the Ministry considers necessary subject to a maximum of three inseminations provided that such inseminations are carried out within three months from the date of the first insemination.

Certificate of insemination

22. Where a certificate is required by the owner of a sow artificially inseminated with semen which is obtained from the Ministry under this Scheme to enable the resulting progeny to be entered in any herd book or register the Ministry shall furnish such certificate on payment of a fee of 25p.

Semen purchased by Ministry

23. Where artificial insemination is undertaken by an officer of the Ministry with semen purchased by the Ministry the fee for such insemination shall be such amount as the Ministry may determine to be necessary to cover the cost of undertaking the insemination together with the cost of purchasing, transporting and storing the semen and the said charge shall also cover such re-inseminations as the Ministry may consider necessary.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of December 1971, in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. Parke,

Assistant Secretary.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves of the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 4th day of January 1972, in the presence of

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,

Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Article 4

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (PIGS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971

Application for Artificial Insemination of Pigs

1. Name:
Address:

Telephone No. where messages can be taken:

2. Location of herd if different from address:

3. Herd particulars:	No. of Gilts	No. of Sows	Breed
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4. Which A.I. Service do you wish to use?
The following questions should also be completed if application is made under Semen Delivery Service Scheme.

5. Inseminations will be carried out by: Name:
Breeder/Stockman/Breeder's Veterinary Surgeon

6. Does the Inseminator keep or attend any pigs other than those on the farm for which the application is made? Yes/No.

If 'yes' give the address at which these pigs are kept:

7. Please send the semen by Delivery Service to Bus Depot where it will be collected by me.

Undertaking in respect of Artificial Insemination Service

Being aware of the conditions under which pig herds are accepted for artificial insemination by the Ministry of Agriculture, I hereby make application to have my pig herd inseminated. I hereby confirm that my herd is located in the area prescribed overleaf and I undertake that if my herd is accepted for artificial insemination I will comply with the conditions laid down for this service.

Signed:

Date:

Undertaking in respect of Semen Delivery Service

I hereby agree that if my herd is accepted in the Semen Delivery Service I will comply with the conditions of the service and I further agree to pay to the Ministry the prescribed charge for the semen supplied.

Signed:

Date:

SECOND SCHEDULE

Article 6

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (PIGS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971

Areas provided with an Artificial Insemination for Pigs

<i>Antrim Rural District</i> <i>Electoral Divisions:</i>	<i>Belfast Rural District</i>	<i>Larne Rural District</i>
Antrim Rural	Ballyduff	Ballycorr
Antrim Urban	Ballygolan	Ballynure
Ballyclare Rural	Ballysillan	Carrickfergus Rural
Ballyclare Urban	Carnmoney	Carrickfergus Urban
Ballyrobin	Jordanstown	Eden
Carnall	Monkstown	Glynn
Cogry	Whiteabbey	Islandmagee North
Craigarogan	Whitehouse	Islandmagee South
Donegore		Middle Division
Dunadry		Raloo
Dundesert		Templecorran
Kilbride		Whitehead Urban
Muckamore		
Templepatrick		

THIRD SCHEDULE

Conditions for the distribution or sale of semen from an
Artificial Insemination Centre

- (a) All the operations shall be under the effective supervision and control of a Veterinary Surgeon approved by the Ministry for the purpose.
- (b) No person other than an approved person shall be employed in the collection and storage of semen and in the performance of the operation of artificial insemination.
- (c) No premises other than approved premises shall be used for the collection and storage of semen and only approved equipment shall be used for and only approved methods employed in the collection and storage of semen.
- (d) No semen shall be collected from a boar unless the boar is at the time approved for the purpose.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Conditions for the movement of semen out of Northern Ireland

- (a) All operations in connection with the collection, preparation and despatch of semen for taking out of Northern Ireland shall be under the effective supervision and control of an approved Veterinary Surgeon.
- (b) No person other than an approved person shall be employed in the collection, preparation or despatch of such semen.
- (c) No premises other than approved premises shall be used for the collection, preparation and despatch of such semen.
- (d) No equipment or method other than approved equipment or methods shall be employed for the collection and preparation for despatch of such semen.
- (e) No semen shall be collected from a boar for taking out of Northern Ireland unless the boar is at the time approved for the purpose.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide for the control by the Ministry of Agriculture of the practice of artificial insemination in pigs and set out the conditions under which licences may be issued for (a) the distribution and sale of boar semen; (b) the movement of semen into and out of Northern Ireland. In addition general conditions have been laid down for the collection and importation of semen for private breeders.

The Regulations also prescribe the fees which the Ministry of Agriculture with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may charge in respect of the provision of artificial insemination services.