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The Swine Vesicular Disease (Scotland) Order 2009

PART 4

Disease control measures

CHAPTER 6

Slaughterhouses

Notification of suspicion at a slaughterhouse

36.—(1) This article applies where—

- (a) notification is given to the Divisional Veterinary Manager in respect of a pig or carcase at a slaughterhouse; and
- (b) no notice under article 37 has been given to the occupier of the slaughterhouse.

(2) The occupier must ensure that, unless approved by a veterinary inspector—

- (a) no pig is moved to or from the slaughterhouse;
- (b) a suspect pig is kept alive; and
- (c) if a suspect pig has been slaughtered at the date of notification that the carcase of that pig (and that of any pig in contact with that carcase) is—
 - (i) stored separately; and
 - (ii) does not come into contact with a pig, or with a carcase not from a suspect pig; and
- (d) a carcase in respect of which notification is given is stored separately.

(3) In this article and article 37, “suspect pig” means a pig in respect of which notification is given, a pig from the same premises as that pig, and any pig in contact with such pigs.

Control measures at a slaughterhouse

37.—(1) This article applies where notification is given to the Divisional Veterinary Manager in respect of a pig or carcase at a slaughterhouse.

(2) A veterinary inspector must examine—

- (a) a suspect pig;
- (b) the carcase of such a pig (and that of any pig in contact with that carcase); and
- (c) a carcase in respect of which notification is given.

(3) A veterinary inspector who is satisfied after such examination that neither swine vesicular disease nor the virus is present at the slaughterhouse must give notice to the occupier that article 36 does not apply.

(4) If a veterinary inspector suspects after such examination that either swine vesicular disease or the virus is present at the slaughterhouse then paragraphs (5) to (9) apply.

- (5) A veterinary inspector must ensure that—
 - (a) a suspect pig is slaughtered separately from any other pig; and
 - (b) the carcase of a suspect pig is stored separately from a carcase of a pig other than a suspect pig.
- (6) The occupier of the slaughterhouse must cleanse and disinfect the premises after such slaughter as directed by notice by a veterinary inspector.
- (7) A veterinary inspector must take samples from 2 or more—
 - (a) pigs at the slaughterhouse;
 - (b) pigs at the premises of origin of a suspect pig; and
 - (c) carcasses at the slaughterhouse,and test them for evidence of swine vesicular disease or the virus.
- (8) If the test results are negative, and a veterinary inspector is satisfied that paragraph (6) has been complied with, then the inspector must give notice to the occupier that article 36 does not apply.
- (9) If a test result is positive then—
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers must destroy a carcase stored under article 36 and this article;
 - (b) the occupier must cleanse and disinfect a place where the carcase was stored,and a veterinary inspector, if satisfied that paragraph (6) and sub-paragraph (b) have been complied with, must give notice to the occupier that article 36 does not apply.