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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2019 No. 158**

**EXITING THE EUROPEAN  
UNION, NORTHERN IRELAND  
ANIMALS, NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Animal Health and Welfare (Amendment)  
(Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**

*Sift requirements satisfied*                      *18th December 2018*  
*Made*                      -                      -                      -                      -                      *24th January 2019*  
*Laid before Parliament*                      *1st February 2019*  
*Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21(b) of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018<sup>M1</sup>.

The requirements of paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 7 to the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (relating to the appropriate Parliamentary procedure for these Regulations) have been satisfied.

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [2018 c.16](#)

**PART 1**

Introduction

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Health and Welfare (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and come into force on exit day.

(2) These Regulations extend to Northern Ireland only.

*Status: This version of this Instrument contains provisions that are prospective.*  
*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Animal Health and Welfare (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. (See end of Document for details)*

**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 1 in force at 31.12.2020 on IP completion day (in accordance with [2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)), see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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**PART 2**

Amendment of Primary Legislation

**The Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981**

<sup>F1</sup>2. ....

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Reg. 2 revoked (12.12.2020) by [The Plant Health and Diseases of Animals \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/327\)](#), regs. 1(2), 5

**The Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011**

<sup>F2</sup>3. ....

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Reg. 3 revoked (12.12.2020) by [The Plant Health and Diseases of Animals \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/327\)](#), regs. 1(2), 5

**PART 3**

Amendment of Subordinate Legislation

**The Registration of Establishments (Laying Hens) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**4.—(1)** The Registration of Establishments (Laying Hens) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003<sup>M2</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2, omit the definition of “the Directive”.

(3) In regulation 3—

(a) in paragraph (2), for “the Directive” substitute “ paragraph (3) ”;

(b) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) The distinguishing number must be composed of the appropriate farming method code determined in accordance with paragraphs (5) to (7), followed by the letters “UK” and a unique identification number allocated to the establishment by the Department.

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(4) Where it appears appropriate to the Department to do so, the Department may add further characters to the unique identification number required by paragraph (3) in order to identify single flocks kept in separate buildings of an establishment.

(5) Except where paragraph (6) applies, when the farming method in column A is used, the appropriate farming method code is the corresponding number in column B.

<i>Column A</i>	<i>Column B</i>
Free range	1
Barn	2
Cage	3

(6) Where the farming method used in the establishment produces eggs under the conditions set out in Council Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products, the appropriate farming method code is “0”.

(7) For the purposes of paragraph (5), the farming method used in an establishment is to be determined in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No. 589/2008 laying down rules for implementing Council Regulation (EC) No. 1234/2007 as regards marketing standards for eggs.”.

**Commencement Information**  
I2 Reg. 4 in force at 31.12.2020 on IP completion day (in accordance with 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)), see reg. 1(1)

**Marginal Citations**  
M2 S.R. 2003 No. 538

PROSPECTIVE

**The Welfare of Animals (Transport) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

<sup>F3</sup>5. ....

**Textual Amendments**  
F3 Reg. 5 revoked (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by The Agriculture, Animals and Aquaculture (Health, Identification, Welfare, Trade etc.) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020/324), reg. 1(2), Sch.

PROSPECTIVE

**The Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

<sup>F4</sup>6. ....

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Animal Health and Welfare (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. (See end of Document for details)*

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** Reg. 6 revoked (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [The Agriculture, Animals and Aquaculture \(Health, Identification, Welfare, Trade etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/324\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

**The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

7.—(1) The Welfare of Animals at the Time of Killing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 <sup>M3</sup> are amended as follows.

<sup>F5</sup>(2) .....

<sup>F5</sup>(3) .....

(4) In regulation 28, for paragraph (6) substitute—

“(6) An inspector may be accompanied by such other persons as the inspector considers necessary.”.

<sup>F6</sup>(5) .....

<sup>F6</sup>(6) .....

(7) In Schedule 4, paragraph 3(a), for “competent authority” substitute “ Department of Health ”.

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Reg. 7(2)(3) revoked (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [The Agriculture, Animals and Aquaculture \(Health, Identification, Welfare, Trade etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/324\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

**F6** Reg. 7(5)(6) revoked (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [The Agriculture, Animals and Aquaculture \(Health, Identification, Welfare, Trade etc.\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2020 \(S.R. 2020/324\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch.**

**Commencement Information**

**I3** Reg. 7 in force at 31.12.2020 on IP completion day (in accordance with [2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)), see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Marginal Citations**

**M3** S.R. [2014 No. 107](#) to which there has been an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made in exercise of powers in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16) in order to address failures of domestic legislation to operate effectively and other deficiencies (in particular, under paragraphs (a), (d) and (g) of section 8(2) of the Act) arising from the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union.

These Regulations make amendments to the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and the Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 as well as subordinate legislation in the fields of animal welfare at slaughter, animal welfare at transport and the welfare of farmed animals which applies to Northern Ireland.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

**Status:**

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**Changes to legislation:**

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