1979 No. 64

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Animals and Poultry Quarantine Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . *6th March* 1979

Coming into operation . . . . *9th April* 1979

The Department(a) of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 43A of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(b) as inserted by Section 13 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(c) and amended by Article 12 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(d) with the approval of the Department(a) of Finance and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Animals and Poultry Quarantine Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 shall come into operation on 9th April 1979.

Application

2. This Order shall apply to imported animals, poultry and hatching eggs.

Interpretation

3. In this Order:—

"animals" means cattle, goats, sheep, all other ruminating animals and swine;

"Department" means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

"poultry" means live day-old chicks or turkey poults;

"hatching eggs" means eggs of commercial breeding poultry which are intended for incubation and hatching in the Quarantine Station;

"the Quarantine Station" means—

(*a*) the Quarantine Station established by the Department at Tolan's Point, Craigavon, County Armagh; or

(*b*) premises or accommodation approved by the Department for the holding of animals or poultry for a further period of isolation following release from the premises referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*).

"importation" means a consignment or batch of poultry or hatching eggs or any combination of poultry or hatching eggs admitted to the Quarantine Station.

Fees

4.—(1) With respect to any animal, poultry or hatching eggs admitted into the Quarantine Station there shall be paid such fees as are specified in the Schedule.

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1958 c. 13 (N.I.)
(c) 1965 c. 3 (N.I.)
(d) S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)

(2) In the case of an animal the fees shall be paid by the importer when the animal is due for release from the Quarantine Station.

(3) In the case of poultry and hatching eggs—

(*a*) the basic charge shall be paid by the importer not less than 2 months prior to the date of the proposed importation; and

(*b*) the fee for each bird released including birds hatched from an importation of hatching eggs shall be paid by the importer when such birds are due for release from the Quarantine Station.

(4) The fees shall be paid to the Department or to the Veterinary Officer in charge of the Quarantine Station.

Revocation

5. The Animals and Poultry Quarantine Fees Order (Northern Ireland) 1978(e) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 6th March 1979.

(L.S.) *S. R. Armstrong*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves this Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 6th March 1979.

(L.S.) *F. G. Dougall*
Assistant Secretary

(e) S.R. 1978 No. 58 (I, p. 140)

SCHEDULE

1. The fee per head for the feeding, housing and care in the Quarantine Station of animals other than suckling lambs and kids for a period of 4 weeks shall be:—

(*a*) For animals imported for retention in Northern Ireland:—

cattle	£66·00
sheep or goats	£13·20
pigs	£33·50

(*b*) For animals imported in course of transit to any place out of Northern Ireland:—

cattle	£118·50
sheep or goats	£31·00
pigs	£40·75

2. The fee per head for the feeding, housing and care in the Quarantine Station of animals other than suckling lambs and kids imported direct to Northern Ireland from countries outside Great Britain, Isle of Man or Channel Islands after the termination of the period of 4 weeks referred to in paragraph 1 shall be £2·36 per day for bulls, £0·47 per day for sheep or goats and £1·20 per day for pigs.

3. The fee for the care and housing of poultry and hatching eggs in the Quarantine Station for a period of 16 weeks shall be:—

(*a*) Basic charge for each importation	£2,400·00
(*b*) Fee for each bird released	£1·60

In the case of eggs for hatching there shall be no charge for the incubation of the eggs at the Quarantine Station; the 16 weeks quarantine period will commence for the resultant day-old chicks or turkey poults from the date of the completion of the hatch.

4. The fee per head for the care and housing of suckling lambs and kids born in or admitted to the Quarantine Station shall be 17 pence per day.

5. Subject to paragraph 2 where animals other than suckling lambs and kids, or poultry are detained in the Quarantine Station for a period in excess of the respective periods of 4 weeks and 16 weeks referred to in paragraphs 1 and 3, the Department may impose additional fees per day for each animal or each importation of poultry at a rate not exceeding in the case of bulls £2·36 per day, in the case of sheep or goats £0·47 per day, in the case of pigs £1·20 per day and in the case of poultry £21·47 per day.

6. Where an animal dies before completion of the prescribed quarantine period the fees may be waived or repaid in full or in part.

7. The fees do not include the cost of medicine or equipment considered by the Department to be necessary for the treatment or welfare of any animal or poultry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Order increases fees payable to the Department of Agriculture for business transacted under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 with respect to care and housing of imported animals, poultry and hatching eggs including, in the case of animals, feeding in a Quarantine Station provided by the Department.