1967. No. 315 **[NC]**

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Foot and Mouth—Control of Livestock Movement

ORDER, DATED 1ST DECEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(a) 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 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Livestock Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967 shall come into operation on 4th December 1967.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:—

"direct" means the transportation of livestock from a starting point to a destination indicated on a Movement Licence without intermediate unloading of the livestock;

"livestock" means bovine animals, sheep and pigs;

"movement" means transportation by any means and includes movement on foot.

Control of Sales

3. The public sale by auction of livestock except livestock intended for immediate slaughter or for immediate movement out of Northern Ireland is hereby prohibited.

Control of Movement of Livestock

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (2) the movement of livestock along any public highway in Northern Ireland is hereby prohibited except under the authority and subject to the conditions of a Movement Licence issued by an authorised officer of the Ministry.

(2) The prohibition on movement of livestock referred to in Paragraph (1) shall not apply to:—

(*a*) movement by the shortest route along or across a public highway for the purpose of transferring livestock from one part of a farm to another part of the same farm;

(*b*) movement by the shortest route of bovine animals or sheep from a farm in Northern Ireland to a slaughter-house or to a sale by public auction within the terms of this Order;

(*c*) movement by the shortest route of pigs from a farm in Northern Ireland to a slaughter-house.

(a) 1958. c. 13.

Movement Licences

5. The authorisation of movement of livestock by licence shall be subject to the following conditions:—

(1) (*a*) In respect of livestock entering Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland the livestock shall be moved direct by the shortest route:—

(i) to a specified assembly point at a port for shipment; or

(ii) to a specified slaughter-house for slaughter; or

(iii) to the farm of a specified purchaser in Northern Ireland from which the livestock shall not subsequently be moved except for the purposes specified in Article 4(2).

(*b*) In respect of livestock leaving an auction authorised by this Order the livestock shall be moved direct by the shortest route:—

(i) to a specified assembly point at a port for shipment or to a Border post for export to the Republic of Ireland;

(ii) to a specified slaughter-house for slaughter.

(*c*) In respect of livestock in circumstances other than those referred to in paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) movement may be authorised subject to such conditions as an authorised officer specifies provided that licences shall not be issued for the movement of livestock to any point for assembly for sale contrary to the terms of this Order.

(2) The licence shall accompany the livestock to which it relates and shall (except in the case of a licence authorising movement from farm to farm) on completion of the journey and in any case not later than the day following the date of issue, be delivered by the person in charge of the livestock to an officer of the Ministry, to a police constable or to an officer of H.M. Customs and Excise.

Offences

6. Any person committing any breach of the provisions of this Order or any licence issued in accordance with this Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 1st day of December 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.) *A. E. W. Steen,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order controls the movement of livestock into and within Northern Ireland and specifies the conditions under which livestock may be assembled for public sale.