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DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Foot and Mouth Disease

ORDER, DATED 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1968, 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 (Retention and Records) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968, shall come into operation on 19th February 1968.

Revocation

2. The Foot and Mouth Disease (Control of Livestock Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) and the Foot and Mouth Disease (Control of Livestock Movement) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967(c) are revoked as from the date of commencement of this Order.

Interpretation

3. In this Order:—

"auctioneer" means a person responsible for conducting a public sale of livestock;

"description" means breed, sex, approximate age and any identification mark;

"livestock" means bovine animals, sheep, pigs and goats;

"public sale" means any sale by auction conducted at a market or on a farm.

Retention of Livestock on Farm

4. Any livestock:

(i) purchased at a public sale of livestock and brought on to a farm; or

(ii) taken to a public sale of livestock and brought back to a farm; or

(iii) brought on to a farm in Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland,

shall not be removed from the farm to which such livestock were brought before the passage of 21 days from the date on which such livestock are brought on or back to such farm, unless:—

(a) 1958. c. 13.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 315.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 324.

(*a*) the livestock are moved direct to a slaughterhouse for immediate slaughter; or

(*b*) the livestock are moved in accordance with a licence issued by the Ministry.

Records to be kept of Sheep and Goats

5.—(1) An owner of any sheep or goats shall keep an accurate written record of the sheep or goats in his possession and such records shall show:—

(*a*) the number of sheep or goats in his possession at the 1st March 1968 and thenceforth;

(*b*) in regard to each purchase of sheep or goats by him:—
(i) the number and description of sheep or goats bought;
(ii) the date of purchase; and
(iii) the name and address of the seller or auctioneer;

(*c*) in regard to each sale of sheep or goats by him:—
(i) the number and description of the sheep or goats sold;
(ii) the date of sale; and
(iii) the name and address of the purchaser or auctioneer;

(*d*) in regard to additions to or reductions in his stock by the birth or death of sheep or goats:—
(i) the number and description of such sheep or goats; and
(ii) the date of birth or death;

(*e*) in regard to sheep or goats acquired or disposed of otherwise than by purchase, sale, birth or death:—
(i) the number and description of such sheep or goats;
(ii) the date of acquisition or disposal; and
(iii) the name and address of the person from whom such sheep or goats were acquired or to whom they were disposed of.

(2) An auctioneer shall keep an accurate written record of all sheep or goats sold by him and such records shall show:—
(i) the date of the sale;
(ii) the number and description of the sheep or goats sold;
(iii) the name and address of the seller of such sheep or goats; and
(iv) the name and address of the purchaser of such sheep or goats.

(3) (i) Any record required by this Article shall be retained for not less than six months from the date of entry.
(ii) Any record required by this Article may be inspected by an Inspector of the Ministry or a constable, and such inspector or constable may make copies of any entries therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 15th day of February 1968, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. V. Bateman,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the Foot and Mouth Disease (Control of Livestock Movement) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967, and substitutes two new provisions. The first is that all livestock which have been in a public sale and are brought back to a farm must remain on that farm for a period of twenty-one days unless moved for immediate slaughter or under licence. The same provision applies to animals brought into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland. The second new provision is that both farmers and auctioneers must keep adequate records of sheep and goats.