
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 548

ANIMALS

The Zoonoses Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - - *23rd December 1997*

Coming into operation *24th December 1997*

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 7(1) and (2) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(1) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Zoonoses Order (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 24th December 1997.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“animals” means bovine animals, sheep, goats, deer and all other ruminant animals; and

“the 1981 Order” means the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

Designation of spongiform encephalopathies for the purposes of Article 7 of the 1981 Order

3.—(1) Bovine spongiform encephalopathy, being a disease which is carried in animals and constitutes in the opinion of the Department, a risk to human health, is hereby designated for the purposes of Article 7 of the 1981 Order.

(2) The provisions of the 1981 Order listed in the Schedule to this Order shall have effect for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease designated under paragraph (1) to or among humans as they have effect for the purpose of preventing the spread of that disease among animals.

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture on

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23rd December 1997.

R. S. Johnston
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Article 3(2)

Provisions of the Disease of Animals Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 applied in relation to bovine spongiform encephalopathy with a view to reducing the risk to human health from that disease.

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Article 29	Regulations of ports, aerodromes, landing places and imported animals, poultry, etc.
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Article 58	Persons to whom compensation may be paid and liabilities of persons other than owners
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Schedule 3 Part I and II (Matters about which provision may be made in an Order under Article 24)	

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Article 7 of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (“the 1981 Order”) empowers the Department, with a view to reducing the risk to human health from any disease carried in animals or poultry, to make an Order designating any disease which, in its opinion, constitutes such a risk and to apply any provision of the 1981 Order to that disease.

This Order designates bovine spongiform encephalopathy for the purposes of Article 7 (Article 3(1)) and applies certain provisions of the 1981 Order to bovine spongiform encephalopathy with a view to preventing the spread of that disease to or among humans (Article 3(2) and the Schedule).

(2) Paragraph 10A was inserted by [S.R. 1990 No. 135](#)

(3) Paragraph 10C was inserted by [S.R. 1997 No.](#)

(4) Paragraph 12A was inserted by [S.R. 1995 No. 273](#) and further amended by [S.R. 1996 No. 238](#), [S.R. 1996 No. 592](#) and [S.R. 1997 No. 181](#)