

Government Circular No. 1990/0010



Improvement of Livestock Act 1949

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION REGULATIONS 1989¹

Approved by Tynwald: 16 January 1990
Coming into Operation on the day on which they are approved
by Tynwald

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry by section 15 of the Improvement of Livestock Act 1949¹, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the following Regulations are hereby made: —

Editorial Note: This instrument, made under the Improvement of Livestock Act 1949, is continued by virtue of section 35(10) of the Animal Health Act 1996.

1 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Artificial Insemination Regulations 1989 and shall come into operation on the day on which they are approved by Tynwald.

2 Interpretation

(1) In these Regulations —

“**authorised person**” means a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner and any other person authorised for the purpose by the Department;

“**approved bull**” means a bull in respect of which a licence has been issued under section 2(1)(a) of the Improvement of livestock Act 1949;

“**artificial insemination**” means, except in regulation 16, the artificial insemination of a cow;

“**collection**”, in relation to semen, means the obtaining of semen from a bull but does not include such obtaining by a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner for the purpose of evaluation;

“**cow**” includes heifer and any other female bovine;

“**evaluation**”, in relation to semen, means the examination of semen to assess its suitability for use in artificial insemination but does not include such examination by a veterinary surgeon or a veterinary practitioner;

¹ Vol. XVII p.753.

“**flask**” means a cryogenic flask;

“**process**”, in relation to semen, means any one or more of the following —

- (a) dilute (except for the purpose of, or in the course of, the collection or the evaluation of semen);
- (b) add any substance (except for the purpose of, or in the course of, the collection of semen) which is calculated to prolong the natural life of the semen;
- (c) add any antibiotic for the purpose of promoting and safeguarding animal health;
- (d) package into straws;
- (e) freeze (except for the purpose of, or in the course of, the evaluation of semen);
- (f) quarantine for a period of 28 days following freezing under (e);

and “processed” and “processing” shall be construed accordingly, except that semen shall not become processed and processing shall not be completed until all the processes listed above have been carried out;

“**quarantine**” means holding in authorised isolation;

“**raw semen**” means semen which has not been diluted or treated in any way so as to prolong its natural life or to promote or to safeguard animal health;

“**semen**” means, except in regulation 16, semen from a bull;

“**straw**” means a container holding one dose of processed semen for use in artificial insemination;

“**teaser animal**” means a bovine animal which is used as an aid in the collection of semen.

- (2) Any application for a licence, and any notice, authorisation, or licence which is made, given or granted under these Regulations shall be in writing.

3 General prohibition of collection, etc. of semen

The following are prohibited except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence issued by the Department —

- (a) the collection, evaluation, processing, keeping in quarantine, storage or movement of Semen, or the causing or permitting of such collection, evaluation, processing, keeping in quarantine, storage or movement;
- (b) the delivery to farms of equipment or materials required for the storage and the use of semen in artificial insemination, or the servicing whilst on a farm of such equipment.

4 Licences

- (1) For the purpose of these regulations the Department may issue licences.
- (2) Where the Department issues licences for different purposes to the same person it may, if it thinks fit, issue the licences in the form of a combined licence.
- (3) The Department may at any time by notice to the licenceholder modify, suspend or revoke any licence issued under this regulation including any conditions subject to which such licence was issued.

5 Collection of semen

No person shall collect semen from a bull for evaluation or processing unless he is an authorised person.

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No authorised person shall collect semen from a bull for processing unless that bull is an approved bull and such collection for processing is done under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

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A teaser animal may be used only if authorised by an authorised person.

8 Evaluation of semen

No person shall evaluate semen, or cause or permit semen to be evaluated, except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

9 Processing of semen

- (1) No person shall process semen, or cause or permit semen to be processed, unless he knows or reasonably believes it to be semen collected in accordance with the provisions of regulation 6.
- (2) No person shall process semen, or cause or permit semen to be processed, except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

10 Keeping of semen in quarantine

No person shall keep semen in quarantine, or cause or permit semen to be kept in quarantine, except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

11 Storage of semen

No person shall store semen, or cause or permit semen to be stored, except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

12 Movement of semen

No person shall move semen, or cause or permit semen to be moved from any place where it is stored, except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

13 Supply of semen

No person shall supply semen, or cause or permit semen to be supplied except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence.

14 General prohibition on use of semen

No person shall use semen in artificial insemination if —

- (a) that semen was collected, processed, stored or moved in contravention of these Regulations or any licence issued under these Regulations; or
- (b) he is not an authorised person.

15 Delivery and service of equipment required for storage and use of semen

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall deliver to a farm any equipment or materials (including liquid nitrogen for farm storage flasks) required for the storage and use of semen in artificial insemination, or service such equipment whilst on the farm, except under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of, a licence for the time being in force.
- (2) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the holder of a licence permitting the storage of semen from servicing equipment which belongs to him or from collecting any equipment or materials for use on his own premises.

16 Animals other than cattle

- (1) No person shall use semen from a stallion, ram, goat, boar or poultry in the artificial insemination of horses, sheep, goats, swine or poultry respectively unless he is an authorised person and such use is carried out under the authority of, and in accordance with the conditions of a licence.²
- (2) Regulation 15 shall apply, with the necessary modifications, in respect of horses, sheep, goats, swine and poultry as those regulations apply in respect of cattle.³

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ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

¹ The format of this legislation has been changed as provided for under section 75 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Legislation Act 2015. The changes have been approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Clerk of Tynwald as required by section 76 of the Legislation Act 2015.

² Para (1) amended by SD2023/0320.

³ Para (2) amended by SD2023/0320.