

GUIDE TO THE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY (CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2007

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Introduction

This Guide explains the background to the Cleansing and Disinfection Order and provides some advice on it. The Order can be found at www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2007/279/contents/made.

Background

Following the introduction of the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No.3) Order 2003 in GB, and in order to maintain parity with GB, it was necessary to update the existing Northern Ireland legislation. The order replaced the Transport of Animals and Poultry (Cleansing and Disinfection) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000.

Animal Health Requirements

The principle of cleansing and disinfecting farm animal transport after each use for animal health reasons has been included in animal health legislation since 1927. This principle is one of the mainstays of the UK's (and other European countries') policy on preventing the spread of animal disease. These principles remain in the new Order, and are to be found at Article 3. It should be noted that the rules of Article 3 do not apply to the transport of horses.

The Articles and Schedules

Article 3 - This article contains cleansing and disinfection requirements to the transport of hoofed animals, poultry and racing pigeons.

Article 4 – This is a new article dealing specifically with the transport of horses.

Article 5 – As there were health and safety concerns about the use of disinfectants in drivers' cabs, this article confirms that any requirements to disinfect animal transport in the Order do not apply to such cabs.

Article 6 - This article keeps the requirements to dispose of litter etc properly.

Article 7 - This article gives powers to inspectors to serve notices on “any person appearing to them to be in charge of that means of transport” relating to cleansing and disinfection.

Schedule 1 – This schedule gives details of how the cleansing and disinfection of means of transport is to be carried out.

Schedule 2 – This schedule describes the circumstances in which the cleansing and disinfection requirements of Articles 3 & 4 do not apply to certain journeys within a single farm enterprise, between the same two points, the transport of certain horses and journeys to and from livestock or horse shows.

Approved Disinfectants

Paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 requires that disinfection is undertaken using a disinfectant approved under the Diseases of Animals (Approval of Disinfectants) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008. The most recent list of DAERA approved disinfectants and the dilution rates at which they should be used can be found at www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/approved-disinfectants.

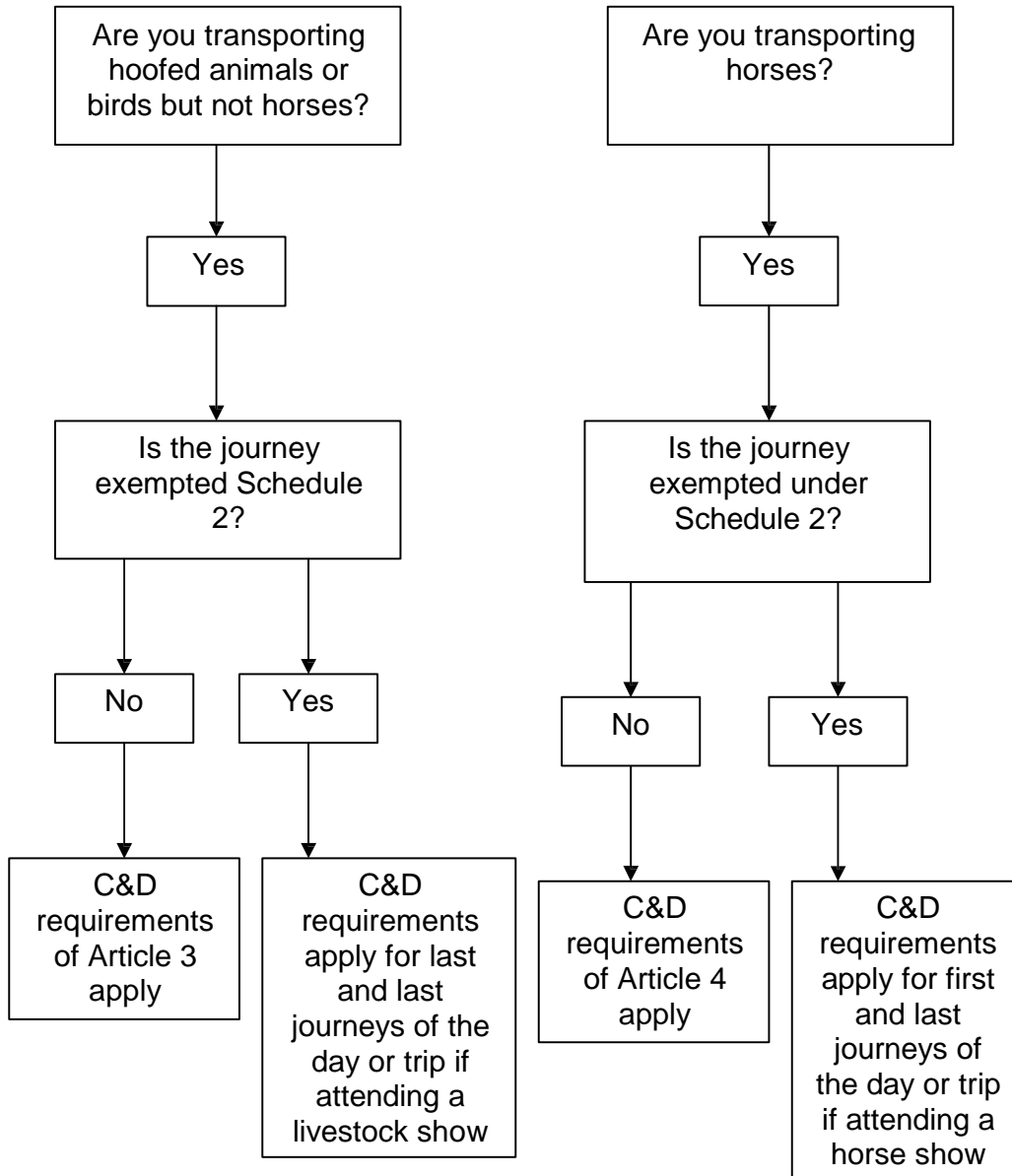
Alternatively, a complete list of DAERA approved disinfectants along with details of manufacturers' names and addresses can be obtained from Animal Disease Control Branch, Room 714, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3SB. This list is regularly updated so care must be taken to ensure that reference is made to the most current list.

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Annex 1

Cleansing and Disinfectant Requirements



Annex 2

Circumstances in which article 3 does not apply (Schedule 2)

There are a few circumstances when the full cleansing and disinfection for the transport of hoofed animals (excluding horses) and poultry outlined in article 3 are not necessary. They are:

- If the journey is made within a single farming enterprise in one ownership;
- If the journeys are between the same two points, over the course of a single day and in vehicle used exclusively for that purpose.

Journeys to or from livestock shows not in the course of a single day provided that

- The vehicle has come directly from the premises of origin to the show and does not leave the show before the return journey.
- The only animals on the vehicle while it is at the show are animals that it transported to the show.
- On the return journey, the vehicle is used to transport animals that were transported in it to the show and
- The vehicle returns from the show directly to the premises of origin.

Circumstances in which article 4 does not apply (Schedule 2):

- Transport of horses used for recreational or sporting purposes only
- Horses kept at racing stables to or from race meetings or to or from a place at which horses kept at such stables undergo training for racing

If Article 4 is complied with in relation to the first and last journeys of the day

Journeys to or from horse shows not in the course of a single day provided that

- The vehicle has come directly from the premises of origin to the show and does not leave the show before the return journey.
- The only animals on the vehicle while it is at the show are animals that it transported to the show.
- On the return journey, the vehicle is used to transport animals that were transported in it to the show and
- The vehicle returns from the show directly to the premises of origin.

Temporary Unloading

If animals are unloaded from the vehicle solely to be fed or watered, or for some other temporary reason, and then reloaded.

For further information please contact:-

- Your local Divisional Veterinary Office- www.daera-ni.gov.uk/contacts/dard-direct-regional-offices; or
- DAERA Helpline: 0300 200 7840.