

## 1984 No. 153

## DOGS

**Dogs (Grants to District Councils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984**

Made . . . . . 4th May 1984

Coming into operation . . . . . 12th June 1984

The Department of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 49(2) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These regulations may be cited as the Dogs (Grants to District Councils) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 12th June 1984.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations—

“approved” means approved by the Department in writing;

“expenditure” means initial expenditure incurred by a district council in the establishment of a dog pound under Article 40(a) of the Order;

“grant” means grant under Article 49(1) of the Order;

“the Order” means the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983.

*General*

3. Subject to compliance with the conditions set out in these regulations, grant shall be payable to a district council in respect of expenditure incurred before 31st December 1984.

*Exclusive use of dog pound*

4.—(1) The interest or rights of the district council in or over the land on which the dog pound is established shall be such as to enable the council to have the exclusive use of that land for a period of at least five years from 1st January 1985.

(2) Where a dog pound is being shared by two or more district councils the condition set out in paragraph (1) shall be satisfied in relation to at least one of those councils.

*Application for grant*

5.—(1) A written application for grant containing the particulars set out in paragraph (2) shall be submitted by the district council to the Department by 31st July 1984.

(2) The application mentioned in paragraph (1) shall contain—

(a) a description (including a plan and full specifications) of the proposed dog pound;

(b) an estimate of the cost of the proposed dog pound;

- (c) where applicable, official tender documents and a statement signed by the Clerk of the district council certifying the tender accepted by the council; and
- (d) a statement signed by the Clerk of the district council certifying that planning permission has been obtained.

*Approval of proposals*

6.—(1) Proposals for a dog pound shall be approved before the commencement of any works.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), proposals for a dog pound shall not be approved unless the Department is satisfied that the dog pound would meet on completion the standards set out in the Schedule.

*Implementation of approved proposals*

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) proposals approved under regulation 6 shall be carried out in accordance with the specifications on which the approval was based.

(2) Alterations to approved proposals may be submitted by a district council to the Department but any works relating to such alterations shall not be undertaken before such alterations have been approved.

*Documents to be furnished by district councils*

8. The district council shall furnish to the Department by 31st January 1985—

- (a) a statement in writing of the total amount of expenditure actually incurred;
- (b) a statement signed by the Clerk of the district council certifying that such expenditure has been properly incurred;
- (c) all vouchers, receipts or other documents evidencing such expenditure; and
- (d) such evidence as satisfies the Department that the condition set out in regulation 4 has been met.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 4th May 1984.

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**Standards of Dog Pounds Established by District Councils**

1. Pens shall be constructed of durable material.
2. Internal walls shall be hard, impervious and smooth finished with all corners coved.
3. Floors shall be hard and impervious and shall be so laid as to facilitate cleansing and disinfection and permit adequate drainage.
4. Doors and gates shall be of metal construction or otherwise capable of being adequately cleansed and disinfected.
5. All pens shall be provided with facilities to ensure adequate ventilation, lighting and exercise for the dogs and to ensure that dogs are not subjected to extremes of temperature or exposed continually to direct sunlight.
6. Accommodation shall include adequate isolation facilities to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious diseases among the dogs.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations prescribe the conditions on which grant is payable by the Department of Agriculture towards the initial expenditure incurred by district councils in relation to the establishment of dog pounds under Article 40(a) of the Dogs (Northern Ireland) Order 1983. The regulations also provide that grant shall only be payable in respect of such initial expenditure incurred before 31st December 1984 (regulation 3).

The conditions prescribed cover—

- (i) the interest or rights of a district council in or over the land on which a dog pound is established (regulation 4);
- (ii) the submission by a district council of an application for grant (regulation 5);
- (iii) the approval by the Department of Agriculture of proposals for a dog pound and the standards which a dog pound must meet on completion for the purposes of such approval (regulation 6 and the Schedule);
- (iv) the implementation of approved proposals (regulation 7); and
- (v) documentation to be furnished by 31st January 1985 to the Department of Agriculture by a district council in connection with a dog pound (regulation 8).

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**1984 No. 154**

**Roads (Temporary Speed Limit) (Motorway M2) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 1984**

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.

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**1984 No. 155**

This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1977. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES.