

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993, No. 18

Animals (Prevention and Control of *Amblyomma variegatum* and Associated Diseases) Regulations, 1993, made by the Minister under section 12 of the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act Cap. 110.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Prevention and Control of *Amblyomma variegatum* and Associated Diseases) Regulations, 1993. Short title.

2. In these Regulations — Interpretation.

"infected area" means an area which is declared to be an infected area for purposes connected with the control and elimination of *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis;

"infected place" means any place which is declared by the Minister to be an infected place for purposes connected with the control and elimination of *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis.

3. (1) Any person having in his possession or under his charge any animal infected with or suspected of being infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis or the carcass of an animal so infected or suspected, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal or carcass being or having been so infected or suspected, to the Chief Veterinary Officer, or to an Agricultural Extension Officer, or to the officer in charge of the nearest Police Station. Notification of diseased animal.

(2) Every Veterinary Surgeon who, upon examining any animal or the carcass of any animal, is of the opinion or suspects that such animal is, or was when it died or was slaughtered, infected with *Amblyomma* tick, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the infection or suspicion of infection, to the Chief Veterinary Officer or to the Agricultural Extension Officer or the officer in charge of the nearest Police Station.

(3) Every officer in charge of a police station upon receiving such notice shall:

- (a) forthwith, transmit the information to Chief Veterinary Officer; and
- (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter, confirm in writing to the Chief Veterinary Officer, the transmission of such information.

Authority of Chief Veterinary Officer.

4. (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after receipt of the notice referred to in paragraph (1) or (3) of regulation 3, proceed to the place to which the notice refers.

(2) The Chief Veterinary Officer may give directions in relation to the steps, which should be taken in dealing with any animal infected with the *Amblyomma variegatum* tick, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis, and any other animal within any infected area or infected area or infected place shall comply with such directions.

Duty of owner of infected place.

5. The owner or occupier of the infected place shall

- (a) Prevent access of any other animal to any part of the premises, which has been exposed to infection by any other animal infected with or suspected of being infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis; and
- (b) Detain on the premises any animal infected with or suspected of being infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis and any other animal which has been in the same shed, stable, building, yard or field with any such animal.

Control of infected animal.

6. (1) No person shall, in relation to any animal infected with, or suspected of being infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis —

- (a) expose any such animal in any market, fair, sale yard or in any other place where animals are exposed for sale;
- (b) place any such animal in any place adjacent to any market, fair, sale yard or other place at which animals are exposed for sale ;

- (c) carry, lead or drive or cause to be carried, led or driven, on any highway or thoroughfare, any such animals are exposed or sold;
- (d) place, keep or graze, or permit to be placed, kept or grazed on the sides of any public road, or any land adjoining a public road which is unfenced or insufficiently fenced any such animal;
- (e) allow any such animal to stray on to a public road or on the sides thereof or to be on un-enclosed land or in any field or place which is insufficiently fenced.

(2) In addition to any penalty recoverable against any person convicted of an offence against this regulation, every animal found in any place in contravention of the provisions of this regulation may be moved by or at the directions of the Chief Veterinary Officer to some convenient place and there detained and isolated.

7. The Chief Veterinary Officer shall place or cause to be placed a clearly defined brand or mark or tag upon each animal infected or suspected to be infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and shall make a record of such brand or mark or tag together with a notation of the name of the owner of or tag together with a notation of the name of the owner of such animal in a register which he shall keep for the purpose.

Infected animals to be marked.

8. The carcass of every animal which dies within an infected place shall:

Disposal of carcass.

- (a) within twelve (12) hours of death be buried within the infected place as near as practicable to the place where such animal died; and
- (b) be buried with lime within the infected place in a pit, not less than seven feet deep and such pit shall be dug as near as possible to the place where such animal died, and shall in no case be less than one hundred (100) feet from dwelling house, river, well, water course, drain or other channel.

9. It shall not be lawful for any animal to be moved from an infected area or place to an uninfected area or place, from an uninfected area or uninfected area or place to an infected area or place, by the owner or person in charge of such animal. Areas

Prohibition of movements of animals.

Cap 110 declared as infected areas pursuant to the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act shall also be declared and announced in the newspapers and on the radio and television by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Entry into land 10. It shall be lawful for the Chief Veterinary Officer or any person acting under his direction to enter any land, premises or farm during normal working hours with or without police assistance for the purpose of inspecting any and to ascertain whether such animal is infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and to cause the infected animal to be treated.

Power to search vehicles. 11. The Chief Veterinary Officer may at all times enter and search any vehicle, vessel or boat in which or in respect whereof he has reasonable grounds for believing that any regulation has not been or is not being complied with.

Stray animals 12. (1) Any stray animal found straying within the area infected with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis may be seized by a police officer of Veterinary Officer and taken to premises designated by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

(2) Any stray animal so seized under the provision of sub-regulation (1) shall be treated for *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and shall be kept for 36 hours.

(3) If within 36 hours the animal is not claimed by its owner, such animal, may, on the directions of the Chief Veterinary Officer, be slaughtered.

Quarantine 13.(1)(a) Any premises, place or locality where the existence of the *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis is officially confirmed, shall be placed under quarantine. The notification of quarantine shall be in writing, which shall be handed to the owner or to the person in charge of the farm, premises or infected place. The quarantine shall include all the animals in the premises or infected place.

(b) The quarantined area shall be identified with posters indicating the terms and conditions under which the movement of animals out of the said area shall be permitted.

- (c) Any place or premises in which animals illegally moved from any quarantined area have been kept shall also be placed under quarantine. In addition, places or premises where animals have been moved into from infected areas shall also be placed under quarantine.

(2) No animal shall be moved from any area, place or premises placed under quarantine by the Chief Veterinary Officer because of the presence of the *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis except where such animal is being moved under a permit granted by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

14. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months. Penalty.

Made by the Minister on this 3rd day of March, 1993.

**Hilroy Humphreys,**  
*Minister.*