

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT

REGULATIONS
(under section 12)

THE INFECTIOUS KERATITIS REGULATIONS, 1958

(Made by the Governor in Council on the 5th day of December, 1958) L.N. 288/58

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Infectious Keratitis Regulations, 1958.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“animal” includes cattle or any dog, cat, horse, ass, mule, sheep, goat or other ruminating animal or pig;

“carcass” means the carcass of any animal, and includes part of the carcass or of the meat, bones, hide, skin, hoofs, horns, offal or other part of an animal;

“diseased animal” means an animal affected with Infectious Keratitis;

“inspector” means an inspector or assistant inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act;

“the Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with responsibility for agriculture;

“suspected animal” means an animal suspected of being affected with Infectious Keratitis.

3.—(1) Every person having or having had in his possession or under his charge any animal or carcass affected with or suspected of being affected with Infectious Keratitis shall with all practicable speed give notice of the fact of the animal or carcass being so affected or suspected to a constable at the nearest police station in the area in which the animal or carcass is or was, or to an inspector. Notifica-
tion.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon who examines any animal or carcass and is of opinion or suspects that the animal or carcass is affected with Infectious Keratitis or to have been so affected when it died or was slaughtered shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to a constable of the nearest police station in the area or to an inspector.

- (3) The constable, upon receiving such information shall—
- (a) forthwith transmit the information by telegram or other speedy means to the Minister or Director of Veterinary Services or an inspector; and
 - (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Director of Veterinary Services the transmission by telegram or such other means as may have been used, of such information; and
 - (c) inform the Medical Officer (Health) for the parish in which the disease is reported.

Declaration
of infected
place.

Schedule.
Form A.

4.—(1) Where pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of regulation 3, an inspector receives such information or has reasonable grounds for suspecting that Infectious Keratitis exists or has within sixty days existed on any premises he shall forthwith cause a notice in the Form A of the Schedule to be served on the owner or occupier of any premises whereon such animal or carcass is or was with respect to which such suspicion exists.

(2) Upon service of such notice the place therein specified shall become an infected place subject to confirmation or otherwise by the Minister under the provisions of the Act, and the inspector shall immediately proceed to the place to which such notice refers and shall there make a full investigation of all the circumstances and shall make a report thereon to the Minister:

Provided that the inspector may at any time within seven days of such service and before such confirmation or otherwise, withdraw such notice and thereupon such place shall cease to be an infected place.

(3) For the purposes of his enquiries the inspector may enter on any part of the premises and he may take therefrom any specimen he may require for the purposes of analysis. The occupier of the premises and persons in his employment shall render such reasonable assistance to the inspector as may be required.

Form B.

5. Subject as hereinafter provided the rules applied to premises declared to be infected under paragraph (1) of regulation 4 shall remain in force until such notice is withdrawn by a further notice in the Form B of the Schedule served on the occupier of the premises by an inspector. Notice of the serving of the form shall be sent to the officer in charge of the police for the parish concerned, the local Medical Officer (Health) and the station master of any railway station in the area.

6. Where any place or premises have been declared to be an infected place under paragraph (1) of regulation 4 the inspector may give directions in relation to the steps which should be taken in dealing with any diseased or suspected animal and with any other animal, insects, vehicle, utensil, implement, fodder, litter, dung, or other thing (whether similar to the foregoing or not) within the infected place and the occupier of every such infected place shall comply with such directions.

Inspector
may give
directions.

7.—(1) Any place or premises declared to be an infected place under regulation 4 (1) shall be subject to the following rules—

Rules to
be observed
on infected
place.

Rule (1) — No animal shall be moved into or out of an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a licence in writing granted by an inspector.

Rule (2) — No diseased or suspected animal shall be allowed to stray into or out of an infected place. Any such animal found so doing shall be impounded and kept at the owner's expense.

Rule (3) — No person shall place, keep or graze, or cause, or allow, any diseased or suspected animal, to be placed, kept or grazed, on the sides of any public road or on any land adjoining a public road where such land is unenclosed or insufficiently enclosed.

Rule (4) — Any diseased or suspected animal required for the purpose of meat, shall be slaughtered on the premises on which it happens to be, and the head burnt or buried prior to the removal of the carcass from the infected premises.

(2) Licences for the movement of animals granted under this regulation shall be in the Form C of the Schedule. Every such licence shall state the conditions under which movement may be made.

Form C.

(3) No person shall efface, alter, obliterate, or remove, or attempt to efface, alter, obliterate or remove any mark painted, stamped or clipped on any animal as required by the terms of any licence granted under this regulation.

(4) An inspector acting under the direction of the Director of Veterinary Services may by notice in writing to the occupier of an infected place direct that—

(a) such additional rules as may be specified in such notice shall apply to the infected place;

- (b) any of the rules prescribed in this regulation shall cease to apply to the infected place or shall be modified in the manner specified in such notice.

Treatment
of animals
within
infected
place.

8.—(1) Every owner of any animal within an infected place shall, if required by the Director of Veterinary Services or an inspector, and at his own risk and expense cause such animal to be so treated in such manner and with such substances as the Director of Veterinary Services or inspector may direct.

(2) Every such owner shall comply with any directions which an inspector may from time to time give with regard to the care, management and method of handling of any such animal during and subsequent to the time of any such treatment.

Rules for
an infected
area.

9. Whenever the Minister shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the Act, by order declare any area to be infected with Infectious Keratitis, such area shall be subject to the following provisions—

- (a) any farm, holding, pen, property or enclosure which is partly within and partly outside an infected area shall be deemed to be wholly within the area. For this purpose the detached parts of farms, pens, properties or enclosures shall be deemed separate premises;
- (b) subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) no animal shall be moved out of or into an infected area;
- (c) nothing contained in this regulation shall prevent the movement into or out of any such area of any horse, mule, ass, dog or cat unless an inspector is of the opinion that there is a danger of the spread of the Infectious Keratitis disease, in which event a licence in writing granted by an inspector shall be necessary for the movement of any such animal into or out of any such area;
- (d)
 - (i) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (ii) no cattle, sheep, or goat shall be moved within an infected area;
 - (ii) any such animal required for the purposes of meat may be moved from the premises on which it happens to be to the nearest slaughter-house and shall be slaughtered immediately on its arrival;

- (iii) any such movement shall be in accordance with the terms of a licence in writing granted by an inspector;
- (e) no diseased or suspected animal shall graze on any roadside or unenclosed or insufficiently enclosed pasture within any infected area;
- (f) no diseased or suspected animal shall be allowed to stray on any public highway, road or unenclosed land within any infected area. Any animal found so doing shall be impounded and kept at the owner's expense;
- (g) no exhibition or sale of animals shall be held in any infected area;
- (h)
 - (i) licences for the movement of animals granted under this regulation shall be in the Form C of the Schedule. Every such licence shall state the conditions under which movement may be made;
 - (ii) no person shall efface, alter, obliterate or remove or attempt to efface, alter, obliterate, or remove any mark painted, stamped or clipped on any animal as required by the terms of any licence granted under this regulation;
- (i) nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the movement of animals direct by railway through an infected area from a place outside such area, provided that the animals are not untrucked within an infected area.

10.—(1) Any cart, van, railway truck or other vehicle used for the conveyance of any animal or carcass thereof into, within or out of an infected area (or with respect to which an inspector shall issue a notice requiring disinfection) shall as soon as practicable after each occasion on which it is so used, and before any other animal or any fodder or litter, or any other thing intended to be used for or about animals is placed therein be cleansed and disinfected at the expense of the owner thereof in accordance with the directions of an inspector.

Disinfection
of vehicles.

(2) Every crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with the conveyance of animals as aforesaid shall, on each occasion when the vehicle is required by this regulation to be cleansed and disinfected, be cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the directions of an inspector.

(3) If the owner or the person using, or the person in charge of any vehicle or other thing used for or in connection with the conveyance of an animal as aforesaid, fails to cleanse and disinfect to the satisfaction of an inspector, it shall be lawful for the Director of Veterinary Services to cause such vehicle or other thing to be cleansed and disinfected and to recover from such owner or person the expenses of such cleansing and disinfection as a civil debt.

SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Regulation 4)

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT

Notice defining an Infected Place

To..... of.....

I, the undersigned, being an inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act, hereby give you notice as the occupier of the undermentioned premises, that in accordance with the provisions of the Infectious Keratitis Regulations, 1958, under which this notice is served, the undermentioned premises are hereby declared to be a place infected with Infectious Keratitis for the purposes of the said Regulations, and that the said premises accordingly become subject to the rules set out below. Any person infringing these rules is liable to heavy penalties.

This notice remains in force until it is withdrawn by a subsequent notice (Form B) served by an inspector on the occupier of the infected place.

Dated this day of , 19 .

(Sgd.).....

Inspector

Address.....

Description of Infected Place

Premises	Parish

Rules governing Infected Place

(Infectious Keratitis regulation 7)

N.B. Copies of this notice should be sent to—

Director of Veterinary Services
Officer in charge of Police
Medical Officer (Health)

FORM B

(Regulation 5)

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT

Withdrawal of Notice defining Infected Place

To..... of.....

I, the undersigned, being an inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act, hereby withdraw as from the day of 19 , the notice (Form A) signed by.....and served upon you on the day of , 19 .

Dated this day of , 19 .

(Sgd.).....

Inspector

Address.....

N.B. Copies of this notice should be sent to—

Director of Veterinary Services
Officer in charge of Police
Medical Officer (Health)
Station Master of Railway Station in Area

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SCHEDULE, *contd.*

FORM C

(Regulations 7 and 9)

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Movement Licence

I, the undersigned, being an inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act, hereby authorize the movement of the undermentioned animals or animal products to the place or premises specified in column IV *subject to the conditions set out on the back hereof*. These conditions should be carefully read and observed. Failure to comply with them renders a person liable to prosecution and heavy penalties.

I Name and address of person to whom this licence is granted	II Number and description of animals or animal products to be moved	III Name or description of the place or premises from which the animals or animal products are to be moved	IV Name or description of the place or premises to which the animals or animal products are to be moved

This licence is available for six days, including the day of the date hereof, or such less period as may be specified on the licence by the inspector granting it, and no longer.

This licence may be cancelled at any time by a notice served by an inspector on the person to whom this licence is granted.

Dated this day of , 19 .

(Sgd.).....
Inspector

N.B. Copies of this licence should be sent to—

Director of Veterinary Services
Officer in charge of Police

SCHEDULE, *contd.*FORM C, *contd.**Conditions applicable to this Licence*

A licence for movement between different parts of the same farm or holding, if endorsed by the inspector granting it "occupation licence", is available for movement of the animals or animal products as often as required, and shall remain in force until cancelled in writing by an inspector.

2. The animals or animal products shall be moved in the manner and by the route specified in the licence. If no such provisions are specified the animals or animal products shall be moved by the nearest available route, and without avoidable delay to the place of destination specified in the licence and not elsewhere.

3. The animals shall be kept as far as practicable apart from other animals during the movement.

4. Where the number of animals moved (except with an occupation licence) is less than the number in respect of which the licence was granted, the inspector shall endorse on the licence at column II, the number of animals actually moved, and the licence shall not be valid for any further movements.

5. Before movement other than movement between different parts of the same farm, animals shall be marked with a letter "M" on the neck.

6. The licence shall accompany the animals throughout the movement and shall be produced on demand to an inspector or a police constable.

7. The movement licence, unless marked "occupation licence" shall be delivered to the nearest police station immediately upon arrival of the animals at the place of destination.