

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT

REGULATIONS
(under section 12)THE BOVINE BRUCELLOSIS OR CONTAGIOUS ABORTION
(ERADICATION) REGULATIONS, 1968*(Made by the Minister on the 14th day of June, 1968)*L.N. 233/68
Amd:
L.N. 266/68

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Bovine Brucellosis or Contagious Abortion (Eradication) Regulations, 1968.

2. In these Regulations—

“approved” means approved by the Director;

“Brucellosis Free Listed Herd” means a herd that can be determined by the application of official agglutination or other test, by herd history, and by physical examination is recognized by the Director to be free from brucellosis and in respect of which a certificate has been issued under regulation 15 and such certificate is in force;

“the Director” means the Director of Veterinary Services;

“eradication area” means an area to be declared by the Minister;

“herd” includes a herd consisting of one animal only;

“the inspector” means any inspector appointed by the Governor-General under section 3 of the Act;

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

“reactor” means any animal reacting to the serum agglutination plate or tube tests or any other tests approved by the Minister.

3. Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal affected or suspected of being affected with brucellosis or contagious abortion shall report same to the Minister or the nearest inspector.

4. Every person having in his possession or under his charge a herd, shall have that herd tested against brucellosis on the request of the inspector.

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5.—(1) All blood samples for a test under these Regulations shall be collected by a veterinary surgeon or any other person under the supervision of the inspector.

(2) Every test shall be carried out at the Government Veterinary Laboratory under the supervision of the inspector.

6. After a test the veterinary surgeon shall report the result of such test to the Minister in writing without delay and shall send copies of his report to the owner of the animal and to the Medical Officer (Health).

7. All herds of cattle, excepting any reactors from previous tests, shall be tested periodically, and the owner of any herd of cattle may be required by the Director within a specified time (not less than three months from the date of service of notice upon him by the Director) to have his cattle tested for brucellosis and such owners of such herd shall cause such tests to be carried out.

8. Where as a result of a test of cattle, pigs or goats for brucellosis a reactor is disclosed, except animals vaccinated in accordance with regulation 13 within eighteen months prior to the test, the owner or person in charge of the reactor shall immediately take all practicable steps to secure the effective isolation of the reactor and its maintenance until it is slaughtered. In addition the veterinary surgeon shall cause the reactor to be branded on the left cheek with the letter "B", which shall be three inches high and two and one quarter inches wide.

9.—(1) Where as a result of any test of cattle for brucellosis a reactor is disclosed, the owner shall cause such reactor to be slaughtered at an approved abattoir within ten days from the date of the holding of the test, and he shall not be entitled to any compensation in respect of any cattle so slaughtered.

(2) If the owner of a reactor fails to have that reactor removed to a place of isolation or to an approved place of slaughter within the period specified in these Regulations, the inspector may by notice in the form specified in the Schedule served on the owner, require the slaughter and disposal of such reactor in accordance with the provisions of sections 8 and 9 of the Act, or the removal thereof to an approved place of slaughter, within the period specified in the notice.

(3) Where there is a failure to comply with the requirements of the notice specified in paragraph (2), the inspector may on production, if requested, of his instrument of appointment, take possession of the reactor (such inspector being for this purpose hereby authorized to enter, accompanied by such assistants and vehicles as he may reasonably consider to be necessary on any land or premises at any reasonable time), and such reactor shall be slaughtered at an approved abattoir.

(4) The cost of taking possession of any reactor pursuant to paragraph (3), and of thereafter maintaining and disposing of the reactor, may be recovered on behalf of the Crown as a simple contract debt.

10.—(1) The inspector may, by notice in writing served on the occupier of premises on which a reactor has been disclosed, require such occupier to cleanse and disinfect specified parts of the premises within the period and in accordance with the requirements set out in the notice.

(2) In case there is a failure to comply with the requirements of a notice under paragraph (1), the Minister may cause the requirements to be carried out, and any person carrying out the requirements on behalf of the Minister is hereby authorized to enter on the relevant premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out the requirements.

(3) The cost of carrying out the requirements of a notice under this regulation may be recovered on behalf of the Crown as a simple contract debt.

11.—(1) The owner of any herd of cattle, pigs or goats shall keep records showing—

- (a) number of animals in the herd and their identification marks and types;
- (b) births and deaths of cattle in the herd; and
- (c) cattle comprised in any movement into or out of the herd and, as respect any such movement, the date thereof, the address of premises from or to which the movement took place, the name of the vendor or purchaser (as the case may be) and, in relation to each animal moved out of the herd, whether or not it was for slaughter:

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Provided that where the number of cattle in a herd is less than five it shall not be necessary for the owner of such herd to keep the records specified in this regulation, and it shall be the duty of every such owner to give such information orally which, but for this proviso, would be recorded, to the Ministry of Agriculture.

(2) A person keeping records under this regulation shall produce the records for inspection by an inspector on demand.

(3) Where an inspector makes a demand pursuant to paragraph (2) he shall, if requested, produce his instrument of appointment for examination by the person on whom he makes the demand.

12. Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of a notice served on him under the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence.

13. All young female cattle between the ages of four to nine months shall be vaccinated with *Brucella abortus* strain 19 vaccine of a potency approved by the Director.

14. Eradication shall be done area by area as prescribed by the Minister, and no animal shall be moved into or out of an area under eradication except for slaughter or in the case of animals tested and found negative to brucellosis.

15. On completion of the eradication of brucellosis in a given area the owner of a herd of cattle may apply to the Director to have his herd certified as a Brucellosis Free Listed Herd and to have the herd supervised under the brucellosis eradication policy of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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SCHEDULE

(Regulation 9(2))

Notice to owner of Reactor:

To

Of

I, the undersigned, being an inspector appointed under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act hereby give you notice as the owner of the undermentioned animal which has reacted to a brucellosis test--

- (1) the said animal shall be caused by you to be slaughtered or removed from your premises to an approved place at..... for slaughter and disposal in accordance with the provisions of sections 8 and 9 of the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act;
- (2) such slaughter or removal must be effected within..... days from the date of receipt of this notice; and
- (3) in default of the slaughter or removal of the animal as specified, the Minister will take possession of the said animal and dispose of it as he thinks fit.

Dated this day of , 19 .

Signed.....

Inspector.

PARTICULARS OF ANIMAL

Ear No.	Type	Breed	Description