

THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT

REGULATIONS
(under section 14)

THE ANIMALS DISEASES (IMPORTATION) CONTROL REGULATIONS, 1948

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals Diseases (Importation) Control Regulations, 1948.

General

2. For the purposes of these Regulations—

“animal” shall not include a monkey;

“inspector” means an inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act.

3. No animal shall be imported into the Island except in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

4. No animal shall be imported into the Island except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Veterinary Services.

5.—(1) No animal shall be landed at any port other than Kingston or at any aerodrome other than the Norman Manley International Airport.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) the Director of Veterinary Services may in his absolute discretion grant a permit in writing for an animal to be landed at such port or at such aerodrome and upon such conditions as may be specified in such permit.

6.—(1) Every animal before being landed shall be subject to inspection by the inspector who may—

(a) if satisfied—

(i) that any such animal is suffering from any disease; or

- (ii) that any condition of a permit permitting the importation of any such animal has not been complied with, refuse permission for any such animal to be landed; or
- (b) grant permission for any such animal to be landed either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he may impose.

(2) No animal shall be landed without the prior written permission of the inspector.

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of regulations 6 and 9 and if so required by the inspector every animal upon being landed in the Island shall be removed by such means, in such manner and subject to such conditions as the inspector may direct to a quarantine depot approved by such inspector for the purpose of quarantine and shall there be kept in quarantine for such period as the inspector may direct.

(2) The release from quarantine of any animal shall be subject to and dependent upon the result of re-inspection and of any diagnostic examination and any tests which the inspector may deem necessary to employ for the detection of disease.

(3) Notwithstanding the expiry of the period of quarantine directed by the inspector under paragraph (1) no animal shall be removed from any quarantine depot without the prior written permission of the inspector and such permission may be either unconditional or subject to such conditions as may be specified.

8.—(1) The expenses of and incidental to the keeping in quarantine of an animal shall be borne by the consignee of such animal.

(2) Every animal shall be kept in quarantine at the risk of the consignee.

(3) When any animal, while in quarantine in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, develops or, in the opinion of the inspector, shows symptoms of, any disease, the spread of which would endanger the health of livestock in the Island, such animal may, with the approval of the Minister, be destroyed without payment of compensation.

9.—(1) The provisions of such of these Regulations as relate to the importation of animals shall not apply—

- (a) to any animals (other than cats) imported by or on behalf of the Government of Jamaica;

- (b) to any animals (other than cats and dogs) belonging to and imported by or on behalf of any Unit of Her Majesty's Forces posted to this Island or station or operating therein.

(2) Any animal of the class described in sub-paragraph (a), or of the class described in sub-paragraph (b), of paragraph (1), shall be imported in accordance with the terms of a permit which the Director of Veterinary Services may grant for such purpose and the importation shall be subject to such conditions as he may deem fit to impose in each particular case.

Dogs and Cats

10.—(1) No dog or cat shall be imported into the Island unless such dog or cat is imported directly from one of the countries specified in Part I of the First Schedule.

First
Schedule.
Part I.

(2) No dog or cat so imported shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate issued by the appropriate authority stating—

(a) in respect of a dog, that such dog—

- (i) received a series of vaccinations against canine parvo virus enteritis during the six months immediately preceding the date of importation; and
- (ii) received the last of such vaccinations not less than three weeks preceding such date;

(b) in respect of a dog or a cat, that—

- (i) such dog or cat is in good health and free from any symptoms of infectious or contagious disease; and
- (ii) there has been no rabies among unquarantined dogs, cats or other animals in the country from which such dog or cat was exported during the six months immediately preceding the exportation of such dog or cat from such country.

(3) The appropriate authority means—

- (a) in the case of a dog or cat shipped from Great Britain, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;
- (b) in the case of a dog or cat shipped from Northern Ireland, the Ministry of Agriculture; and
- (c) in the case of a dog or cat shipped from Eire, the Department of Agriculture.

(4) No dog or cat so imported shall be landed in the Island if it has been in contact during the period of transportation with any other dog or cat, other than a dog or cat—

- (a) in respect of which a certificate referred to in paragraph (2) has been given; or
- (b) which has been released from quarantine in any of the countries specified in Part I of the First Schedule, as being in good health and free from rabies or any other infectious or contagious disease.

(5) Nothing in this regulation shall affect the operation of regulation 7.

Horses

Part II.

11.—(1) No horse shall be imported into the Island unless it is imported directly from one of the countries specified in Part II of the First Schedule (hereafter in this regulation referred to as the scheduled countries) and has been resident in a scheduled country for not less than three months prior to the date of exportation.

(2) No horse shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector an official certificate stating—

- (a) that the country from which such horse was exported—
 - (i) is free from foot and mouth disease; or
 - (ii) if such country is not free from foot and mouth disease, that the area from which such horse originated and through which it was transported to the port of embarkation is free from foot and mouth disease; and
- (b) that such horse was healthy and clinically free from infectious or contagious disease; and
- (c) that such horse has not more than thirty days prior to the date of exportation been subjected to the Mallein test for glanders or farcy with negative results; and
- (d) that so far as it has been possible to ascertain no case of duorine (mal du coit), mal de caderas, glanders, farcy, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, influenza, equine infectious anaemia (swamp fever), encephalomyelitis or mange has occurred within a radius of fifteen miles of the stables where such horse was kept during the thirty days immediately prior to the date of exportation:

Provided that if during the period of thirty days prior to exportation to this Island the horse has been kept in more

than one country it shall be necessary to produce, for the purpose of this sub-paragraph and to the intent that a period of thirty days is covered, official certificates from each such country stating that during the period of the horse's stay in that country so far as it has been possible to ascertain no such disease as aforesaid has occurred within such radius as aforesaid; and

- (e) if the country from which the horse is exported is declared by the Minister to be a country where either encephalomyelitis or equine infectious anaemia (swamp fever) is endemic (in this regulation referred to as an "infectious territory") that—
 - (i) such horse was vaccinated against encephalomyelitis not less than twenty-eight days and not more than six months prior to the date of export;
 - (ii) the particular area (the general size of which should be indicated) in which the horse was kept during the twelve months immediately preceding the date of export was not an area where encephalomyelitis or equine infectious anaemia (swamp fever) is endemic.

(3) No horse shall be landed in the Island unless it is accompanied by an affidavit sworn before a notary public by the exporter that *en route* to Jamaica such horse was transported only through areas free of equine infectious anaemia.

(4) Every horse imported from an infectious territory shall upon arrival in the Island and during such period thereafter as the inspector thinks fit—

- (a) be subject to inspection and to such serological or other test for the detection of disease as the Director of Veterinary Services may require; and
- (b) be kept in quarantine at the Quarantine Station at the Palisadoes for a period which shall not be less than twenty-eight days:

Provided that if such horse does not show a feverish condition it may, with the permission of the inspector, be allowed to exercise or race with local horses.

(5) In this regulation—

"horse" includes mare, mule, donkey, zebra;

"local horses" means all horses in the Island which are not for the time being subject to inspection pursuant to paragraph (4);

"official certificate" means a certificate purporting to have been given—

- (a) in the case of a horse shipped from Great Britain, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- (b) in the case of a horse shipped from Northern Ireland, by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (c) in the case of a horse shipped from Eire, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (d) in the case of a horse shipped from the United States of America, by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Husbandry;
- (e) in the case of a horse shipped from Trinidad and Tobago, by the Minister of Agriculture;
- (f) in the case of a horse shipped from Barbados by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Cattle, Pigs, Sheep and Goats

12.—(1) No cattle, pig, sheep or goat shall be imported into the Island unless any such animal is imported directly from one of the countries specified in the Second Schedule.

Second
Schedule

(2) No cattle so imported shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate stating that any such cattle—

- (a) are physically sound, in good health, and free of symptoms of paratuberculosis (Johne's Disease) and other infectious diseases;
- (b) have passed negative to an intradermal tuberculin test within ten days prior to the date of shipment;
- (c) (i) in the case of males, have reacted negatively to the serum-agglutination test for Brucellosis within thirty days prior to the date of shipment, and in the case of females, have reacted negatively to the serum-agglutination test for Brucellosis within thirty days prior to shipment; or
- (ii) have been inoculated with *Brucella abortus* vaccine (Strain 19) when between four and eight months of age and within three years prior to the date of shipment; or
- (iii) have reacted negatively to the serum-agglutination test for Brucellosis and have subsequently and within fourteen days of such negative reaction, been inoculated with *Brucella abortus* vaccine (Strain 19) when over eight months of age and within three years prior to the date of shipment; or
- (iv) having been previously vaccinated with *Brucella abortus* vaccine (Strain 19) have been revaccinated within three

years of the previous vaccination, and within three years prior to the date of shipment.

(3) No pig shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof, a certificate stating that such pig originated from a herd where no infectious diseases of swine had existed for thirty days prior to the date of the shipment of such pig. Such certificate shall purport to be given—

- (a) in the case of Great Britain, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- (b) in the case of Northern Ireland, by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (c) in the case of Eire, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (d) in the case of Canada, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (e) in the case of the United States of America, by the Bureau of Animal Husbandry.

(4) No sheep so imported shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate stating that within ten days prior to shipment such sheep was physically sound, in good health and free from communicable disease and such certificate shall purport to be given—

- (a) in the case of Great Britain, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- (b) in the case of Northern Ireland, by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (c) in the case of Eire, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (d) in the case of Canada, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (e) in the case of the United States of America, by the Bureau of Animal Husbandry.

(5) No goat so imported shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate stating that any such goat—

- (a) has passed negative to an intradermal tuberculin test within ten days prior to the date of shipment;
 - (b) is free from Brucellosis as indicated by a negative reaction to the serum-agglutination test for that disease;
 - (c) is physically sound, in good health, and free of indications of infectious diseases including Takosis,
- and every such certificate shall purport to be given—
- (i) in the case of Great Britain, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
 - (ii) in the case of Northern Ireland, by the Ministry of Agriculture;

- (iii) in the case of Eire, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (iv) in the case of Canada, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (v) in the case of the United States of America, by the Bureau of Animal Husbandry;
- (vi) in the case of Puerto Rico, by the Department of Agriculture:

Provided that where cattle are being imported from Puerto Rico, the certificate shall state, in addition to the requirements set out in subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) that the cattle were born in one of the countries specified in the Second Schedule.

Second
Schedule.

(6) No cattle, pig, sheep or goat shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate stating that the country from which such cattle, pig, sheep or goat was exported—

- (a) is free from foot-and-mouth disease; or
- (b) if such country is not free from foot-and-mouth disease, that the area from which such cattle, pig, sheep or goat originated and through which it was transported to the port of embarkation is free from foot-and-mouth disease.

Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Fish, Turtles and Caged Birds

13.—(1) No rabbit, guinea pig, fish, turtle or caged bird shall be imported into the Island from any of the countries specified in the Third Schedule.

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(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not be deemed to apply to any fish or turtle native to any of the countries specified in the Third Schedule which is caught alive near the coast of this Island and which is imported into the Island only for use in any aquarium.

Monkeys

14. No monkey shall be imported into the Island.

Carcasses

15.—(1) No fresh carcass, whether frozen or chilled, nor any cured or pickled carcass, of any animal whatsoever, or any portion of any carcass, shall be imported into the Island except such carcass or portion thereof is imported—

(a) *directly* from any of the countries specified in the Fourth Schedule; and

(b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Veterinary Services.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

(a) any importations made by or on behalf of the Government of Jamaica; or

(b) any thoroughly cooked boneless meat imported in hermetically sealed metal cans.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation "thoroughly cooked meat" means meat that has been subjected to heat treatment and which has attained a temperature of not less than 170°F. at the central point for a period of not less than two hours.

15A.—(1) No meat other than deboned frozen beef shall be imported into the Island from Costa Rica or Belize.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3), no deboned frozen beef so imported shall be landed in the Island, unless there is produced to the inspector an official certificate stating that no cases of vesicular stomatitis have occurred within a radius of fifteen miles of the farm where the cattle from which such beef originated was kept during a period of six months immediately prior to the date of slaughter.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (2) shall not apply to the import of deboned frozen beef from Belize unless an outbreak of vesicular stomatitis occurs in that country during the period of such importation.

15B.—(1) No meat other than carcass of poultry shall be imported into the Island from Trinidad and Tobago.

(2) The importation of any carcass of poultry pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Veterinary Services.

Fodder and Litter

16.—(1) No fodder and litter shall be imported into the Island except—

(a) *directly* from any of the countries specified in the Fifth Schedule; and

(b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Veterinary Services.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), no fodder or litter imported from Great Britain shall be landed in the Island unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries stating that the area from which such fodder or litter originated and the district through

which it was transported to the port of shipment is free from foot-and-mouth disease.

Dung

17.—(1) No dung (other than the excrements of birds) shall be imported into the Island.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any dung which is contained in any box or crate in which any animal is lawfully imported into the Island.

*Used or Second-hand Animal Blankets, Saddle Cloths,
Felting, Pads, etc.*

18.—(1) No used or second-hand animal blanket, saddle cloth, felting, pad or other similar article shall be imported into the Island.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) shall not apply to any such articles which accompany and form part of the clothing or individual accoutrement of any animal lawfully imported into the Island if such articles were new at the time of shipment.

Used or Second-hand Animal Trappings

19. No used or second-hand harness, saddle, halter, rein, girth, rope, yoke, chain or other trapping shall be landed in the Island unless such trappings shall first be treated by the inspector with an insecticide approved by the Director of Veterinary Services, at the risk of the person to whom such trapping is consigned before delivery to the consignee.

Biological Products

20.—(1) No biological product of any animal intended for use in veterinary medicine shall be imported into the Island except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Veterinary Services.

(2) In this regulation "biological product" includes any substance commonly known as vaccines, sera, toxins, anti-toxins and antigens intended for use in the practice of veterinary medicine.

*Importation of Animals from the Turks and Caicos Islands
and the Cayman Islands*

21. No animal shall be imported into the Island from the Turks and Caicos Islands or the Cayman Islands.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Regulation 10)

PART I

Great Britain
Northern Ireland
Eire

PART II (Regulation 11)

Great Britain
Northern Ireland
Eire
United States of America
Trinidad and Tobago
Barbados

SECOND SCHEDULE (Regulation 12)

Great Britain
Northern Ireland
Eire
Canada
United States of America
Puerto Rico

THIRD SCHEDULE (Regulation 13)

Trinidad and Tobago
Any country forming part of the
Continent of South America

FOURTH SCHEDULE (Regulation 15)

Great Britain
Northern Ireland
Eire
Canada
New Zealand
Australia
United States of America

FIFTH SCHEDULE (Regulation 16)

Great Britain
Canada
United States of America.