

Section 17

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT

1. In these regulations-

"Permanent Secretary" means the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture.

Amended by [\[GN No. 18 of 1955\]](#); [\[GN No. 189 of 1968\]](#); [\[GN No. 65 of 1972\]](#); [\[GN No. 171 of 1984\]](#)

2. (1) No person shall import any live animal, carcase, egg, meat, meal, bone meal, fodder, litter, fresh *or* untanned hide, manure *or* other fertiliser of animal origin unless he holds a permit issued by the Permanent Secretary and pays the appropriate fee specified in Part I of Schedule A.

(2) The Permanent Secretary may attach to a permit issued under paragraph (1) any condition that he thinks fit in order to prevent the introduction of any animal disease into Mauritius.

(3) No owner, operator *or* agent of an aircraft *or* ship shall unload *or* allow the unloading of any live animal in Mauritius unless he pays the veterinary clearance fee specified in Part I of Schedule A.

Amended by [\[GN No. 18 of 1955\]](#); [\[GN No. 189 of 1968\]](#); [\[GN No. 65 of 1972\]](#); [\[GN No. 144 of 1973\]](#); [\[GN No. 171 of 1984\]](#)

3. (1) Where any animal has been unloaded from an aircraft *or* ship in Mauritius, the Permanent Secretary may order the animal to be kept under observation at a quarantine station for such period as he think. fit.

(2) No person shall remove any animal kept under observation at a quarantine station under paragraph (1) unless he pays the appropriate fee specified in Part II of Schedule A.

Amended by [\[GN No. 18 of 1955\]](#); [\[GN No. 65 of 1972\]](#); [\[GN No. 171 of 1984\]](#)

4. Repealed by [\[GN No. 202 of 1984\]](#)

ANTHRAX

5. No animal coming from a port or place in which anthrax has existed, or is reported to have existed, during the six months previous to shipment, shall be unshipped unless accompanied by a certificate stating that the animal has, within ten days of shipment, been inoculated with anti-anthrax vaccine, and until it has undergone, since shipment, a period of quarantine of twenty-eight days including the voyage.

Amended by [\[GN No. 176 of 1953\]](#); [\[GN No. 18 of 1955\]](#)

6. The veterinary officer may dissect the carcass of, or remove portions of, an animal which has died of anthrax for the purpose of diagnosis.

7. When an animal has died, or is suspected to have died of anthrax, the owner or person in charge of the carcass shall cause the same to be properly burned or buried in lime to a depth of at least three feet.

8. Any animal suffering from or suspected to be suffering from anthrax, or which has been in contact with any such animal, may be ordered to be inoculated or slaughtered. If such animals are grazing at pasture, no animal shall be removed from such pasture without a permit from the veterinary surgeon.

9. The owner or person in charge of an animal ordered to be slaughtered shall give effect to such order without delay.

10. If an animal ordered to be inoculated is not inoculated within a period of forty-eight hours, such animal shall be slaughtered and the carcass destroyed by the owner, or in case of non-compliance, by order of the veterinary surgeon, without compensation.

PIROPLASMOSIS (INCLUDING EAST COAST FEVER, RED WATER, GALL SICKNESS)

11. No animal coming from a port or place in which piroplasmosis (including east coast fever, red water, gall sickness) has existed, or is reported to have existed, during the six months previous to shipment, shall be unshipped. Animals coming from Africa, although not from areas infected with piroplasmosis, shall be landed in quarantine for the purpose of being dipped or sprayed with a tick-destroying solution, and shall be kept under observation until they have undergone, since their landing, a period of quarantine of fifty days.

12. Any animal suffering or suspected to be suffering from piroplasmiasis, or which has been in contact with any animal so suffering or suspected to be so suffering, shall be dipped or sprayed with an effective tick-destroying solution at such intervals as may be considered necessary, and in case such operations are not carried out to the satisfaction of the veterinary officer, they may be carried out by Government at the expense of the owner.

EPIZOOTIC LYMPHANGITIS

13. No animal coming from a port or place in which epizootic lymphangitis has existed, or is reported to have existed, during six months previous to shipment, shall be unshipped.

14. No equine shall be allowed to enter a stable which is occupied by an animal suffering from epizootic lymphangitis or any stable which has been occupied by such animal, until such stable shall have been properly disinfected. Any such contacts may be ordered to be isolated for definite specified periods.

15. When isolated, if treatment be not undertaken, or if the affected animal is, in the opinion of the veterinary officer, incurable, such animal shall be slaughtered without compensation.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE

16. No animal coming from a port or place in which foot-and-mouth disease has existed, or is reported to have existed, during three months previous to shipment, shall be unshipped.

17. No person shall remove, or cause or permit to be removed, milk from any place or premises where foot-and-mouth disease exists or is suspected to exist.

18. All carcasses of animals which have died of foot-and-mouth disease shall be burned, and the veterinary officer may order any animal suffering or suspected to be suffering from foot-and-mouth disease, or which has been in contact with any such animal, to be slaughtered.