

Animals (Diseases and Importation)

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**ANIMALS (DISEASES)
(ANTHRAX) REGULATIONS, 1951**

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Made by the Minister under section 12 of the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act. Cap. 253.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Diseases) (Anthrax) Regulations, 1951.

1A. For the purpose of these regulations, "Inspector" includes any person authorised, whether generally or for the specific purpose, to assist the Senior Veterinary Officer in the carrying out of his various duties under the Act or under these regulations.

2. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax, or the carcass of an animal so affected or suspected, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal or animals being or having been so affected or suspected to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(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, affected with anthrax, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every such constable upon receiving any such notice shall forthwith transmit the information to the Senior Veterinary Officer and to the Inspector.

3. (1) The Senior Veterinary Officer or the inspector shall upon receipt of any information pursuant to paragraph (3) of regulation 2 forthwith cause a notice in the Form 1 in the Schedule to these regulations to be served upon the occupier of any premises whereon such animal happens to be.

(2) The Inspector shall immediately after the service of the notice referred to in paragraph (1) proceed to the place to which such notice refers and shall there make a full investigation

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of all the circumstances and shall make a report thereon to the Senior Veterinary Officer.

(3) The Senior Veterinary Officer, on the advice of the Inspector, shall give directions in relation to the steps which should be taken in dealing with any animal affected with anthrax and with any other animal, 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.

(4) A notice under paragraph (1) shall remain in force until withdrawn by a withdrawal notice in the Form 2 in the Schedule.

4. The owner or occupier of any infected place shall—

(a) prevent access of any other animal—

- (i) to any animal or carcass affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax;
- (ii) to any part of the premises which has been exposed to infection by any animal or carcass affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax;

(b) detain on the premises any animal affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax, and any other animal which has been in the same shed, stable, building, yard or field with any such animal;

(c) disinfect, as soon as practicable, with a five per cent solution of Jeyes fluid or carbolic acid or such other antiseptic as the Inspector may in any particular case authorise, any place where the animal or carcass has lain or where its blood or body discharges have escaped.

5. The occupier of any infected place shall give to the Inspector every reasonable facility for entering the infected place and making investigations concerning such disease, and every occupier who fails to afford every such facility to the Inspector shall be guilty of an offence.

6. (1) No animal shall be moved into or out of an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector.

(2) No animal shall be allowed to stray into or out of an infected place.

(3) No carcass, litter, dung, fodder, utensils, pens, hurdles or other things (whether similar to the foregoing or not) used in connection with any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax, shall be moved from an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector.

7. The carcass of every animal which dies within an infected place shall—

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

8. No person, except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the inspector, shall open any pit in which the carcass of any animal has been buried pursuant to the provisions of regulation 7, or dig up or remove such carcass or any part thereof.

9. No person shall skin, open or in any way mutilate the carcass of any animal which died or is suspected to have died from anthrax:

Provided, however, that the provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any autopsy or diagnostic examination performed by, or on the instructions of, the Inspector.

10. No milk obtained from any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax shall be used as food either for human beings or for animals, and any container in which such milk has been shall be thoroughly sterilised before being used for any other purpose.

11. Every occupier of an infected place shall, at his own

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expense and in such manner as the Inspector shall direct, cleanse and disinfect—

- (a) all parts of any shed, stable, buildings, field or other place in which any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax has died or was slaughtered or was kept prior to its death or slaughter;
- (b) every utensil, pen, hurdle or other thing (whether similar to the foregoing or not) used in connection with any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with anthrax.

12. (1) No person shall, in relation to any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax—

- (a) expose any such animal in any market, fair, sale yard or in any other place at which 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) send or carry or cause to be sent or carried by rail, canal, inland navigable water or on any coasting vessel, any such animal;
- (d) carry, lead, or drive, or cause to be carried, led, or driven on any highway or thoroughfare, any such animal;
- (e) place, keep or graze, or permit to be placed, kept or grazed on the sides of any public road or on any land adjoining a public road which is unfenced or insufficiently fenced, any such animal;
- (f) allow any such animal to stray on to a public road or on to the sides thereof or to be on unenclosed 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 direction of the Inspector to some convenient place and there be detained and isolated.

13. (1) Every owner of any animal within an infected place shall, if required by the Inspector and at his own risk and

expense, cause such animal to be vaccinated, inoculated or otherwise treated in such manner and with such substances as the Senior Veterinary Officer or the Inspector may direct.

(2) Every such owner shall comply with such directions as the Inspector may from time to time give with regard to the care, management and method of handling any such animal during and subsequent to the time of such vaccination, inoculation or other treatment.

(3) Every such owner shall from time to time report to the Inspector the number of animals which have been vaccinated, inoculated or otherwise treated, and such report shall indicate the respective numbers of each type of animal and the date upon which each such animal was so treated.

14. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and upon summary conviction before a magistrate shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

SCHEDULE

FORM I

Animals (Diseases) (Anthrax) Regulations, 1951

(Regulation 3 (1))

Notice Declaring an Infected Place

Whereas notice has been received that there is (or has been) an animal (or carcass) which is affected with, or is suspected of being affected with, anthrax, at the premises known as
in the parish of

Now, therefore, I hereby give you notice as the occupier of the aforesaid premises that the premises specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be an infected place and that until this notice is withdrawn it is unlawful for any person—

- (a) to move any animal into or out of the infected place except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector;

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