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ANIMALS DISEASES (IMPORTATION) CONTROL REGULATIONS

made under section 12

Commencement.

[10th February 1955]

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the –
ANIMALS DISEASES (IMPORTATION)
CONTROL REGULATIONS.

Monkeys
excepted.

2. For the purposes of these Regulations, “animal” shall not include a monkey.

Importation of
animals.

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

Permit to import.

4. No animal shall be imported into the State except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Chief Technical Officer.

Ports for landing
animals.

5. (1) No animal shall be landed at any ports other than Roseau and Portsmouth or at any airport other than an official airport.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subregulation (1) the Chief Technical Officer may in his absolute discretion grant a permit in writing for an animal to be landed at such port or at such airport and upon such conditions as may be specified in the permit.

Examination by
inspector.

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 regulations 6 and 9, and if so required by the inspector, every animal upon being landed in the State 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 the inspector for the purpose of quarantine, and shall there be kept in quarantine for such period as the inspector may direct.

Quarantine
depots.

(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 consider necessary to employ for the detection of disease.

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

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

Expenses of
quarantine.

(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 State, the animal may, with the approval of the Minister, be destroyed without payment of compensation.

9. The provisions of these Regulations as relate to the importation of animals shall not apply to any animals (other than dogs) imported by or on behalf of the Government of Dominica.

Animals imported
by Government
exempted.

Cats and Dogs

Countries from which cats and dogs may be imported under certificates. [12 of 1990].

10. (1) No dog or cat shall be imported into the State unless the dog or cat is imported directly from one of the following countries: Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic, and the Commonwealth Caribbean Territories.

(2) No dog or cat so imported shall be landed in the State unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof, a certificate stating that the dog or cat is in good health and free from any symptoms of infectious or contagious disease, and that there has been no rabies among unquarantined dogs, cats or other animals in the country from which the dog or cat was exported during the six months immediately preceding the exportation of the dog or cat from such country.

(3) No dog or cat so imported shall be landed in the State 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 subregulation (2) has been given; or

(b) which has been released from quarantine in any of the countries specified in the Schedule to these Regulations, as being in good health and free from rabies or any other infectious or contagious disease.

(4) In this regulation and in regulations 10, 11, 12 and 16 the certificate referred to therein shall purport to be a certificate given by a veterinary officer in the service of and acting on behalf of the Government of the exporting country.

Horses

Countries from which horses may be imported under certificates. [12 of 1990].

11. (1) No horse shall be imported into the State unless the horse is imported directly from one of the following countries: Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and the Commonwealth Caribbean Territories.

(2) No horse shall be landed in the State unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate stating that the country from which the horse was exported –

(a) is free from foot and mouth disease; or

(b) if the country is not free from foot and mouth disease, that the area from which the horse originated and

through which it was transported to the port of embarkation is free from foot and mouth disease; and

- (c) that the horse was healthy and free from infectious disease;
- (d) that the horse was subjected to the Mallein test for glanders or farcy with negative results;
- (e) that so far as it has been possible to ascertain, no case of dourine (mal du coit), mal de caderas, glanders, farcy, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, influenza, infectious equine anaemia, encephalomyelitis or mange has occurred in the stables or on the premises where the horse was kept during the thirty days prior to the date of export.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation "horses" includes mares, mules, donkeys, zebras.

Cattle, Pigs, Sheep and Goats

12. (1) No cattle, pig, sheep or goat shall be imported into the State except any such animal is imported directly from one of the following countries: Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Irish Republic, Canada, United States of America, the Commonwealth Caribbean Territories.

Countries from which cattle, pigs, sheep and goats may be imported under certificates.

[12 of 1990].

(2) No cattle so imported shall be landed in the State 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 from 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 re-vaccinated 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 State unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof, a certificate stating that the pig originated from a herd where no infectious diseases of swine had existed for thirty days prior to the date of the shipment of the pig.

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

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

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

- (a) is free from foot and mouth disease; or
- (b) if the country is not free from foot and mouth disease, that the area from which the 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 State from any of the following countries: Trinidad and Tobago, any country forming part of the continent of South America.

Importation of rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, turtles and caged birds from Trinidad and Tobago and South America prohibited.

(2) Subregulation (1) shall not be deemed to apply to any fish or turtle native to any of the countries specified above, which is caught alive near the coast of this State and which is imported into the State only for use in aquarium.

Monkeys

14. No monkeys shall be imported into the State.

Importation of monkeys prohibited.

Carcasses of Cattle, Pigs, Sheep and Goats

15. (1) No fresh carcass, whether frozen or chilled, nor any cured or pickled carcass, of any cattle, pig, sheep or goat, or any portion of any such carcass, shall be imported into the State except such carcass or portion thereof is imported –

Countries from which frozen and cured carcasses may be imported.

- (a) directly from any of the following countries: Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Irish Republic, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, United States of America, the Commonwealth Caribbean Territories; and
- (b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Chief Technical Officer.

(2) Subregulation (1) shall not apply to –

- (a) any importations made by or on behalf of the Government of Dominica; or
- (b) any cooked or sterilised meat imported in hermetically sealed containers.

Fodder and Litter

Countries from which fodder and litter may be imported and restriction on fodder from Great Britain. [12 of 1990].

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

(a) directly from any of the following countries: Great Britain, Canada, United States of America, the Commonwealth Caribbean Territories; and

(b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Chief Technical Officer.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), no fodder or litter imported from Great Britain shall be landed in the State unless there is produced to the inspector in respect thereof a certificate by an authority to be approved by the Minister stating that the area from which the 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

Importation of dung prohibited.

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

(2) Subregulation (1) shall not apply to any dung which is contained in any box or crate in which any animal is lawfully imported into the State.

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

Importation of second-hand blankets, saddle-cloths, etc., prohibited.

18. (1) Noused or second-hand animal blanket, saddle-cloth, felting, pad or other similar article shall be imported into the State.

(2) Subregulation (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 State if such articles were new at the time of shipment.

Used or Second-hand Animal Trappings

Second-hand animal trappings to be treated with insecticide.

19. No used or second-hand harness, saddle, halter, rein, girth, rope, yoke chain or other trapping shall be landed in the State unless such trapping shall first be treated by the inspector with an insecticide

approved by the Chief Technical Officer 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 State except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Chief Technical Officer. Permit to import vaccines and sera, etc.

(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.

21. Any person who contravenes any of these regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months. Fines for offences.

SCHEDULE

(Section 10(3)(b)).

Great Britain.
Northern Ireland.

Irish Republic.
Commonwealth Caribbean Territories.
