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ANTHRAX ORDER

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made under section 10

[10th February 1955]

Commencement.

1. This Order may be cited as the –

Short title.

ANTHRAX ORDER.

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 any animal so affected or suspected of being so affected, shall, with all practicable speed, give notice of the animal being or having been so affected or suspected, to the police officer in charge of the nearest police station.

Notification of
diseased animals.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon or inspector who, upon examining any animal or the carcass of any animal, is of opinion, or suspects that the 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 police officer in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every such police officer upon receiving the notice shall –

- (a) forthwith transmit the information either to the Chief Technical Officer or to an inspector; and
- (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Chief Technical Officer the transmission of the information.

3. (1) The Chief Technical Officer or an inspector shall, upon receipt of any information pursuant to clause 2(3), forthwith cause a notice as set out in Form A in clause 13 to be served upon the occupier of any premises whereon the animal is.

Notice of infected
place.

(2) The inspector shall immediately after the service of the notice referred to in subclause (1), proceed to the place to which the notice refers, and shall there make a full investigation of all the circumstances, and shall make a report thereon to the Chief Technical Officer.

(3) The inspector may 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 the directions.

(4) A notice under subclause (1) shall remain in force until withdrawn by a Withdrawal Notice as set out in Form B in clause 13.

Duties of owners
or occupiers of
infected places.

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 an 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.

Permit to move
animals into or
out of infected
places.

5. (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 an 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 removed from an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by an inspector.

6. The carcass of any animal which dies within an infected place shall –

Disposal of carcass in an infected place.

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

7. 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 clause 6 or dig up or remove the carcass or any part thereof.

Permit to exhume animals in infected place.

8. 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; but this clause shall not apply to any autopsy or diagnostic examination performed by or on the instruction of an inspector.

Permit to skin or open diseased carcass.

9. 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 the milk has been, shall be thoroughly sterilised before being used for any other purpose.

Milk and containers of diseased animals.

10. Any occupier of an infected place shall at his own expense and in such manner as the inspector shall direct, cleanse and disinfect –

Occupier of an infected place to disinfect.

- (a) all parts of any shed, stable, building, 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.

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

Offences.

- (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 clause, every animal found in any place in contravention of the provisions of this clause may be moved by or at the direction of the inspector to some convenient place and there detained and isolated.

Compulsory
vaccination.

12. (1) Every owner of any animal within an infected place shall, if required by the Chief Technical Officer or an inspector, and at his own risk and expense, cause the animal to be vaccinated, inoculated or otherwise treated in such manner and with such substances as the Chief Technical Officer or the inspector may direct.

(2) Every owner shall comply with such directions as an 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 the vaccination, inoculation or other treatment.

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

13. The following forms shall be used for the purposes of this Order: Forms.

FORM A

(Clause 3(1)).

NOTICE DECLARING AN INFECTED PLACE

WHEREAS notice having 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 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 an inspector;
- (b) to allow any animal to come in contact or be associated with any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with anthrax.

Dated....., 19.....

(Signature).....

(Title of Office).....

SCHEDULE

Description of Infected Place

Premises	Parish

(Clause 3(4)).

FORM B

WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

To.....of.....
I,.....of..... being
an Inspector appointed under the Animals Diseases Act, do hereby withdraw,
as from.....,19....., the notice relating
to premises in your occupation at.....
dated.....19....., signed by.....and served upon you
on.....,19.....

Dated, 19.....

(Signature)

(Title of Office)
