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### 11/1954. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS

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Short title. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the –  
FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS.

Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations “Form”, identified by a letter, means the Form of that letter as set out in the Schedule.

Notification. 3. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal or carcass of an animal affected with or suspected of being affected with foot and mouth disease shall with all practicable speed give notice of the fact of the animal or carcass being or having been so affected or suspected of having been so affected to the police officer in charge of the nearest police station, or to an inspector appointed under the Act.

(2) Every police officer upon receiving the information, shall–

(a) forthwith transmit the information by any speedy means to the Chief Technical Officer or an inspector appointed under the Act;

(b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter, confirm in writing to the Chief Technical Officer the transmission of the information;

(c) inform the medical officer for the district in which the disease is reported.

Declaration of suspected place. 4. (1) The Chief Technical Officer or an inspector upon receipt of information pursuant to regulation 3 or having reasonable grounds for suspecting that foot and mouth disease exists or has within forty-six days existed on any premises, shall forthwith cause a notice in Form A to be served on the owner or occupier of any premises whereon the animal is or with respect to which the suspicion exists.

Form A.

(2) The inspector shall immediately after the service of the notice referred to in subregulation (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 full report thereon to the Chief Technical Officer.

(3) For the purposes of his inquiries, the inspector may enter on any part of the premises and collect any specimen he may require for the purposes of diagnosis. The occupier of the premises and the persons in his employment shall render such reasonable assistance to the inspector as may be required.

(4) Every inspector and every person accompanying him shall, before entering any premises in which foot and mouth disease exists or is suspected to exist, put on suitable rubber boots and overall clothing which are capable of being disinfected, and immediately before leaving the premises shall thoroughly disinfect his boots, overall clothing and hands.

5. (1) If the Chief Technical Officer is satisfied that foot and mouth disease exists on any premises he shall cause a notice in Form B to be served on the owner or occupier of the premises.

Notification of  
infected place.  
Form B.

(2) Upon service of the notice, the Chief Technical Officer shall cause notice of the infected premises to be placed in the *Gazette*, and shall inform by any speedy means the police officer in charge of the police station and the medical officer in the district concerned.

(3) If the Chief Technical Officer is satisfied from the report of the inspector that foot and mouth disease does not exist on premises declared suspected premises under regulation 4(1), he shall cause a notice in Form C to be served on the occupier of the premises.

Form C.

(4) Subject as mentioned below, the rules applied to premises declared to be infected under regulation 5(1) shall remain in force until such time as a further notice in Form C is served on the occupier of the place by the Chief Technical Officer.

#### *Action if Disease is Suspected*

6. (1) Where notice has been served by an inspector under regulation 4(1), it shall thereupon be unlawful for any person to move any animal out of the area lying within a radius of five miles from the place of the suspected outbreak or along, over or across a highway, road or lane in such area except –

Restrictions  
applying to  
movement of  
animals within  
suspected area.

(a) where the movement is by lorry and the animal is not untrucked in the area; or

(b) where the movement, being movement entirely within the area is necessary or expedient for the detention of the animal. The movement shall be authorised by a licence in Form D, signed by an inspector and shall be subject to the conditions as are set out on such a licence.

Form D.

(2) Dogs and poultry within a suspected area shall be kept under control by being –

(a) confined to a kennel, pen or other enclosure from which they cannot escape;

(b) effectively secured to some fixed object; or

(c) accompanied and led by the owner or some responsible person deputed by him.

Any dog or poultry not so restrained shall be liable to seizure and destruction.

(3) The inspector acting in accordance with any general or special directions given by the Chief Technical Officer may extend the area by a notice to that effect signed by the inspector, and the aforesaid restrictions shall apply forthwith to the area so extended. The inspector shall forthwith notify any change in the area to the police officer in charge of the police station and the medical officer for the district concerned.

(4) The restrictions imposed by this regulation shall remain in operation until withdrawn by the Chief Technical Officer by the serving of a notice in Form C. Notice of the serving of Form C shall be sent to the police officer in charge of the police station and the medical officer for the district concerned.

Form C.

*Rules to be Observed in a Suspected Place*

Rules applying to suspected places.

7. Any place or premises declared to be a suspected place under regulation 4(1) or any premises declared to be infected premises under regulation 5(1) shall be subject to the following rules:

(a) No cloven hooved animal shall be moved into or out of a suspected place except under the terms of a licence granted by the inspector.

- (b) No horse, ass or mule shall be moved out of a suspected place unless it has been disinfected to the satisfaction of an inspector and in accordance with a licence granted by the inspector.
- (c) No carcass shall be moved out of a suspected place except in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by an inspector.
- (d) No live poultry, rabbit, dog, cat or other animal or any portion of the carcass of any such animal or poultry shall be removed out of a suspected place except in accordance with the conditions set out in a licence granted by an inspector.
- (e) No fodder, litter, dung, utensil, vehicle or any other thing shall be removed from a suspected place except in accordance with the terms of a licence issued by an inspector.
- (f) All liquid manure, urine or shed washings shall be thoroughly disinfected to the satisfaction of an inspector before being permitted to escape from any shed, yard or other place in which a suspected animal is or has recently been kept.
- (g) No person other than an inspector shall enter or leave an infected place except in accordance with a written permit from the inspector.
- (h) Any person whatsoever entering any shed, field or other place in any suspected place shall wear suitable overall clothing and boots which are capable of being disinfected and are approved by an inspector, and shall before leaving such place thoroughly cleanse and disinfect his overall clothing, rubber boots and hands.
- (i) Any inspector or any valuer, or any other person shall, before entering a suspected place, put on suitable overall covering made of rubber or other impervious substance capable of disinfection, and rubber boots, and shall before leaving the suspected place, thoroughly cleanse and disinfect his overall clothing, rubber boots and hands.
- (j) Where an inspector so directs, any person on leaving a shed, field or other place in which a suspected animal is, or

has recently been kept, shall leave such clothing as the inspector may direct in the shed, field, or other place, and shall thoroughly disinfect his hands and boots.

- (k) Any person attending an animal suspected of being infected with foot and mouth disease shall not attend an animal so suspected except with a written permit from an inspector.
- (l) A receptacle containing an approved disinfectant shall be kept at all exits and at such other places on the suspected place as the inspector may direct.
- (m) Milk from any suspected animal shall not be moved from a suspected place. Unless and until the milk has been boiled, it shall not be used for the feeding of animals. Any utensil used for the milk shall be thoroughly sterilised by boiling water or by other means to the satisfaction of an inspector, before any other milk is placed therein.

Valuation and slaughter of animals exposed to infection. Form B.

8. (1) An inspector shall as soon as is practicable after serving a notice in Form B with respect to any premises, arrange for, and undertake the valuation and slaughter of all cloven hooved animals in the same field, shed or other place, or in the same herd or flock, or otherwise in contact with infected animals or in any way exposed to infection with foot and mouth disease and the disposal of the carcasses of such animals by cremation or by other means authorised by the Chief Technical Officer and in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Compensation for animals slaughtered.

(2) The Government shall pay out of general revenue compensation for animals slaughtered under this regulation –

- (a) where the animal slaughtered was affected with foot and mouth disease, the compensation shall be the value of the animal immediately before it became so affected;
- (b) in every other case the compensation shall be the value of the animal immediately before it was slaughtered;

(3) (a) The Minister may in special circumstances by Order suspend or modify the provisions of regulation 8(1) and (2);

(b) In such case the treatment of affected animals with immune serum or other means authorised by the Chief Technical Officer may be permitted.

*Rules for a Controlled Area*

9. (1) (a) When a notice in Form C declaring an infected place has been served, an area lying within a fifteen mile radius of the infected place shall be termed an infected area.

Rules applying to controlled areas. Form C.

(b) Any farm, holding, pen, property or enclosure which is partly within and partly without an infected area shall be deemed to be wholly within the area. For this purpose, detached parts of farms, holdings, pens and properties or enclosures shall be deemed separate premises.

(2) No animal shall be moved out of an infected area.

(3) No animal shall be moved into a controlled area except direct to a farm or slaughter house situated not less than two miles from the infected place, and then only if accompanied by and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by an inspector.

(4) (a) No animal shall be moved within an infected area unless accompanied by and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by an inspector. Subject as mentioned below, an inspector may grant a licence if in his opinion the movement is so necessary.

(b) Where the place of destination is other than a slaughter house, the animal shall on arrival be detained for a period of fourteen days.

(c) No licence shall be granted for the movement of any animal to farm premises or elsewhere for the purposes of sale or exhibition thereon.

(d) No licence shall be granted for the movement of any animal within two miles of an infected place.

(5) No animal shall graze on any roadside or unenclosed or insufficiently enclosed pasture within any infected area.

(6) No animal shall be allowed to stray on any highway, road or unenclosed land. Any animal found so doing shall be impounded and kept at the owner's expense.

(7) No exhibition or sale of animals shall be held in any infected area.

(8) (a) Licences for the movement of animals in accordance with this regulation shall not be legal unless given by an inspector on the

Form D.

form prescribed as Form D. The licence shall set forth the conditions under which the movement may be made.

(b) No person shall efface, alter, obliterate or remove or attempt to efface, alter, obliterate or remove any mark printed, stamped or clipped on any animal as required by the conditions of any licence granted under these Regulations.

(9) Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent the movement of animals direct by lorry through a controlled area from a place outside such an area and to another place outside such area, provided that the animals are not untrucked within an infected area. If for any reason any such animal is untrucked within the infected area, it shall thereupon become subject to regulation 8.

(10) No manure, waste meat trimmings or other waste material shall be moved from any slaughter house or other premises within an infected area except to other premises within the same infected area and then subject to the conditions set out in a permit given by an inspector.

(11) All dogs and poultry within five miles of any infected place shall be kept under control by being –

- (a) confined to a kennel or other enclosure from which escape is impossible;
- (b) being effectively secured to some fixed object; or
- (c) accompanied and led by the owner or some responsible person deputed by him.

Any dog or poultry not so restrained shall be liable to seizure and destruction.

(12) (a) An inspector may (notwithstanding the existence of any footpaths or right of way) prohibit the entry of any person into any field, shed or other place in an infected area by giving notice in writing to the occupier.

(b) In such cases the owner or occupier or his servants may enter the premises or place for the purpose of feeding or tending any animals. No other person shall enter the premises or place except with a written licence granted by an inspector.

(c) Notices shall be affixed or exhibited by the inspector as he may consider desirable to ensure compliance with the restrictions.

*Cleansing and Disinfection of Premises  
from Foot and Mouth Disease*

10. (1) Every shed or other place in which an animal affected with foot and mouth disease has been kept while so affected or has died or been slaughtered shall be disinfected and cleansed as follows:

Disinfection of sheds, etc. where affected animals were kept.

- (a) the whole of the interior of such or other place including the fittings shall be sprayed with a disinfectant approved by an inspector;
- (b) all dung and other discharges shall be scraped from the walls, fittings and floors, and the shed or other place then swept out. The sweepings and all litter, dung, or other thing that has been in contact with or used about any animal shall be effectively removed from the shed; and
- (c) the floor of the shed or other place and all other parts thereof with which an animal or its droppings or any discharge may have come in contact shall again be thoroughly washed or sprayed with a disinfectant approved by an inspector.

(2) All litter, dung or other thing removed from the shed or other place shall be forthwith thoroughly disinfected, burnt or otherwise destroyed to the satisfaction of the inspector.

(3) Where any field or other place is not capable of being so disinfected and cleansed, it shall be sufficient if the field or place is disinfected and cleansed to the satisfaction of the inspector.

*Disinfection of Vehicles*

11. (1) Any cart, van, truck or other vehicles used for the conveyance of any animal or carcass thereof into, within or out of an infected area or with respect to which any inspector shall issue a notice requiring disinfection shall, as soon as practicable after each occasion on which it is so used and before any other animal or any fodder or litter or any other thing intended for use on or about animals is placed therein, be disinfected by and at the expense of the person using or the person in charge of the same in the following manner:

Disinfection of all vehicles used in infected area.

- (a) the floor, roof, sides and ends of the inside of the vehicle and all other parts thereof with which any animal or its droppings or discharges have or may have

come in contact, shall be scraped and swept, and the scrapings and sweepings and all dung, sawdust, litter and other matter shall be effectually removed therefrom, the same parts of the vehicle shall then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water and then be disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed with a disinfectant approved by an inspector;

(b) the scrapings and sweepings of the vehicle and all dung, sawdust, litter, bedding or other matter removed therefrom shall forthwith be well mixed with quicklime and buried or shall be forthwith burnt.

(2) Every crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with the conveyance of animals as aforesaid shall, on each occasion when the vehicle is required by this regulation to be disinfected, be disinfected by being thoroughly coated, washed or saturated with a disinfectant approved by an inspector and at the expense of the person in charge of the vehicle.

(3) If the owner or person using, or the person in charge of any vehicle or other thing used in connection with the conveyance of an animal fails to cleanse to the satisfaction of an inspector the vehicle or the thing as required by this regulation or by a notice served by an inspector, the Chief Technical Officer may cause the vehicle to be cleansed and disinfected and may recover from the owner or person the expenses of the cleaning and disinfection as a civil debt.

#### *Control of Movement of Animals exposed to Infection*

12. (1) Where an inspector as a result of information received, believes that any animal or herd or group of animals have been exposed to infection with foot and mouth disease, or, if he considers it expedient to do so for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease, he shall serve a notice in Form E, on the owner or person in charge of the animal or animals.

(2) After service of a notice under subregulation (1), it shall not be lawful for any person until the operation of the notice terminates, or the notice is withdrawn by the serving of Form F, signed by an inspector –

(a) to move any animal on, to, or into such place; or

(b) to permit any animal to which the notice relates to stay out of such place or to come into contact with any other animal.

Power of inspectors to control movement of animals exposed to infection.  
Form E.

Form F.

(3) The inspector may insert in any notice given under this regulation such conditions governing the isolation, housing, pasturage, movement or handling of any animal or group of animals as he may consider expedient.

(4) In the case where any animal or group of animals may be in such a situation as to make effective isolation impracticable the inspector may require that such animal or animals be removed, before the serving of the notice (Form E) to such more convenient and isolated place as he may direct.

13. (1) If an inspector has reasonable grounds for believing that the movement of any person, animal or thing on, to, or from any place may be attended with risk of spread of foot and mouth disease or that the animal, place or thing has been exposed to the infection of such disease, he may, acting under the general or special direction of the Chief Technical Officer and for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease, prohibit the movement of any person, animal, or thing on, to, or from any place or direct the movement of any person, animal or thing from any place or impose any condition or any such movement or any requirement in relation to the person, place, animal, or thing either in respect to subsequent detention or disinfection or otherwise, by the service of a notice in writing to that effect on such person or on the owner or person in charge of the animal or thing.

(2) Any disinfection required by a notice under this regulation shall, if so required by the notice, be carried out by and at the expense of the person on whom the notice is served.

SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Reg. 4).

CERTIFICATE OF SUSPECTED DISEASE

I,.....being an Inspector under the Animals Diseases Act, hereby certify there are reasonable grounds for suspecting the undermentioned premises to be affected with Foot and Mouth Disease.

These premises are, until further notice, subject to the provisions of regulation 6 of these Regulations.

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

Signed.....

*Inspector.**Description of Suspected Place*

Premises	Parish

(Reg. 5).

## FORM B

## NOTICE DEFINING INFECTED PLACE

**WHEREAS** inquiry has shown that the disease known as Foot and Mouth Disease exists, or has existed at the place or premises known as \_\_\_\_\_ in the district of \_\_\_\_\_

**NOW THEREFORE** I hereby give you notice as the occupier of the aforesaid premises that the place or premises specified below are hereby declared to be an infected place and are subject to the rules prescribed in regulations 7 and 8 of these Regulations.

This notice shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a subsequent notice (Form C).

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

Signed.....

*Chief Technical Officer**Description of Infected Place*

Premises	Parish

FORM C

(Regs. 5 and 6).

WITHDRAWAL NOTICE DEFINING AN  
INFECTED OR SUSPECTED PLACE

To \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
From \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ the notice served by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ and served upon you on that date is hereby withdrawn.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

*Chief Technical Officer*

*Note.*—If the limits of a suspected or infected place have been altered by a notice served by the Chief Technical Officer, this notice applies to the suspected or infected place as so altered.

FORM D

(Reg. 6(1)).

MOVEMENT LICENCE GIVEN UNDER REGULATIONS  
5 AND 9 OF THE FOOT AND MOUTH  
DISEASE REGULATIONS

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector approved in accordance with the Animals Diseases Act, hereby authorise the movement of the undermentioned animals or animal products to the place or premises specified in column III, *subject to the conditions set out* on the back of this permit.

Before it is valid, this form must be fully completed in all particulars and signed by an Inspector.

I	II	III	IV
Name and address of person to whom licence is granted.	Number and description of animals or animal products to be moved.	Name or description of the premises from which the animals or animal products are to be moved.	Name or description of the premises to which the animals or animal products are to be moved.

This licence is available for six days including the day of issue, unless otherwise specified.

The conditions of the licence are set out on the back. *They should be carefully read and observed. Failure to comply with these conditions renders a person liable to severe penalties.*

This licence may be cancelled at any time by a notice served by an Inspector to the person whose name appears in column I.

Date.....19.....

Signed.....  
*Inspector.*

### *Conditions governing this Licence*

1. A licence for movement between different parts of the same farm or holding may, at the discretion of the inspector, be made valid for use as often as required. Such a licence shall be endorsed "occupation licence" by the Inspector, and shall remain in force until written cancellation is given by an Inspector.

2. The animals shall be moved by the manner and route specified in the licence. If no special provision is made the animals shall be moved by the nearest available route, and without avoidable delay to the place of destruction specified in the licence, and not elsewhere.

3. The animals shall be kept as far as practicable apart from other animals during the movement.

4. Where the number of animals moved is less than the number for which the licence was granted, the inspector shall endorse the licence at column II for the number of animals actually moved. The licence shall not be valid for any further movements, except as provided in condition No. 1.

5. Before movement other than movement between different parts of the same farm, animals shall be marked with a letter "M" on the neck.

6. The licence shall accompany the animals throughout the movement and shall be produced on demand to an inspector or a police officer.

7. The licence, unless marked "occupation licence" (see condition No. 1) shall be delivered to the nearest police station immediately upon arrival of the animals at the place of destination.

8. Unless the place of destruction specified in column IV be a place of slaughter, the animals shall on arrival, be detained for a period of fourteen days from the date of arrival.

9. Any special conditions governing this licence.

FORM E

(Reg. 12).

**NOTICE TO OWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE  
OF ANIMALS, PROHIBITING MOVEMENT**

To .....of.....  
*(Name of owner or person in charge)* *(Address)*

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector appointed under the Animals Diseases Act, hereby prohibit the movement of the following animals, namely –

*(describe animals)*

from or

*(describe farm, field, shed, sty or other place of detention)*

And I hereby require you to take notice that under the Foot and Mouth Disease Regulations, and consequent on the serving of this notice, it is not lawful for any person until the day of , 19 or until this notice is withdrawn –

- (a) to move such animal or any other animal from or out of such place as aforesaid;
- (b) to move any animal on, to or into such place; or
- (c) to permit any such animal to stray out of such place or to come in contact with any other animal.

In addition, the above-named animals are subject to such conditions as are set out in the Schedule below.

Schedule of any special conditions of this Notice

Date.....19....

Signed.....  
*Inspector.*

(Reg. 12(2)).

## FORM F

WITHDRAWAL OF FORM E  
(Regulation 12)

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector appointed under the Animals Diseases Act, hereby withdraw as from the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ the notice as set out in Form E signed by \_\_\_\_\_ and served upon you on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ prohibiting movement of the animals referred to in that notice.

Date.....19....

Signed .....  
*Inspector.*

\_\_\_\_\_