

ANIMAL DISEASES REGULATIONS (FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE), 1959¹

By virtue of the powers vested in me by Sections 18 and 20 of the *Animal Diseases Ordinance*, 1945 (hereafter - the Ordinance)² and Sections 14(a) and 2(d) of the *Law and Administration Ordinance*, 1948³, I hereby enact these Regulations:

1. Definitions:

"Animal" - cattle, sheep, goats, camels and wild animals of the class Mammalia;

"Cadaver" - the carcase of an animal, which died, including the meat, bones, hoofs, horns, wool, hair, offal and other parts of a dead animal;

"Carcase" - the carcase of an animal which was slaughtered or killed, including the meat, bones, hoofs, horns, wool, hair, offal and any other part of a slaughtered or killed animal;

"Disease" - foot and mouth disease;

"Infected" - infected with the Disease, including suspected of being infected;

"Milk" - includes whey, butter-milk and milk products;

"Prescribed disinfectant" -

- (1) A two percent solution of sodium hydroxide (caustic soda) or
- (2) A four percent solution of sodium carbonate;

"Veterinary Officer" - a government veterinarian.

2. Duty to Notify about Diseases:

Any person who knows or suspects that an animal, carcase or cadaver is infected shall immediately notify a Veterinary Officer or the nearest police station.

¹ Published in "Kovetz Ha-Takanot (Sections of the Official Gazette containing subsidiary legislation) No. 960 of 19 November 1959, p. 227; amended on 6 April 1961, 18 June 1962, 25 October 1962 and December, 1985.

² Official Gazette 1945, Suppl. 1, No. 1457, p. 155.

³ Official Gazette 1948, Suppl. 1, No. 2, p.1.

3. Movement of Infected Animal, Carcase or Cadaver:

No person shall move, cause to be moved, allow or assist to be moved an infected animal, carcase or cadaver from a place where it is found, save with the written permission thereto of a Veterinary Officer.

4. Slaughter of an Infected Animal:

No person shall slaughter, cause to be slaughtered or assist to slaughter an infected animal save with the written permission thereto of a Veterinary Officer.

5. Order by Veterinary Officer or Inspection:

A Veterinary Officer or an Inspector may order the isolation, disinfection, transfer, vaccination, slaughter, burial, destruction or detention of an infected animal, carcase, or cadaver, as the case may be, or the destruction of dung, fodder or litter, in a manner prescribed by the Director of Veterinary Services.

6. Declaration of an Infected Place:

(a) A Veterinary Officer may serve a notice, in Form A of the Schedule to the owner or the occupier of any house, shed, stable, pen, slaughter house, pig slaughter house, field or other premises (hereafter place), that contains, or has contained within 21 days previous to the date of such notice, an animal, carcase or cadaver, which he considers to be infected, or on the owner or occupier of a milk-collection station to which milk of an infected animal has been delivered.

(b) The following provisions shall apply to the place where a notice in accordance with Subregulation (a) has been served.

- (1) Every animal on the place at the date of the service of the notice shall either be removed, isolated, slaughtered or destroyed, as directed by the Veterinary Officer;
- (2) The owner or the occupier of the place shall place therein receptacles containing a prescribed disinfectant, in accordance with directions of the Veterinary Officer;
- (3) Any person who has been in contact with an infected animal or with the pen where such an animal is confined, or with the animal's dung or litter, shall not leave the place until he or she has changed his or her clothes and boots and washed his or her hands, and if boots were not worn – his or her feet have been washed;
- (4) Dogs and poultry shall be tied up or penned in such a manner as to prevent them from coming into contact with an infected animal;
- (5) No milk shall be removed from the place save with the approval of a Veterinary Officer;

- (6) Milk from an infected animal shall not be used for feed of any other animal, unless it has been boiled or otherwise sterilised;
 - (7) No horse, donkey, mule or vehicle shall be moved out of the place save with the written approval of a Veterinary Officer;
 - (8) The occupier of the place shall clean and disinfect it at a time and in a manner directed by the Veterinary Officer;
 - (9) No fodder, straw, litter or dung shall be moved out or within the limits of the place save with the written approval of a Veterinary Officer;
 - (10) No animal shall be moved in or out of the place except in accordance with Subregulation (1);
 - (11) A Veterinary Officer may order the destruction of dung, litter or fodder present on the place;
- (c) A notice under these Regulations shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by Form B of the Schedule to these Regulations, served to the owner or occupier of the place by a Veterinary Officer; however, if removal of all animals from the place has been ordered in accordance with Subregulation (b) (1) no animal shall be re-introduced into the place until the elapse of twelve months from the date of service of the notice, save with the written approval of a Veterinary Officer.

7. Provisions to Apply in an Infected Area:

The following provisions shall apply to an area, which has been declared to be infected under Section 17 of the *Ordinance*⁴, in addition to the provisions specified in Section 18 of the *Ordinance*⁵:

- (1) No person shall move, allow or assist to be moved, any animal, cadaver, fodder, litter, or dung from, into or within an infected area, save with the written approval of a Veterinary Officer;
- (2) No person shall graze animals in an infected area save with the written approval of a Veterinary Officer;
- (3) No person shall remove, cause or assist to be removed, a carcass out of the limits of a municipality, local council, rural council, village, communal settlement, tented camp, kibbutz or any other settled area, save with the written permission of a Veterinary Officer;
- (4) The Director of Veterinary Services may prescribe the manner of treatment and transfer of milk from a certain area;

⁴ Section 18 of the Animal Diseases Ordinance [new version] 1985.

⁵ Section 20 of the Animal Diseases Ordinance [new version] 1985.

- (5) The Director of Veterinary Services, a Veterinary Officer or Inspector may direct the owner of an animal in an infected area to isolate the animal from other animals within the area or to remove such animal from the area to such other place, within such time, as he or she may direct;
- (6) A Veterinary Officer may direct the possessor of anything, which has come, or is suspected to have come, in contact with an infected animal, on the means and treatment to be done in order to prevent such thing from spreading disease.

8. Injecting Vaccine Serum:

No person shall inject an animal serum or vaccine for the prevention of spread of the Disease save with the written approval of the Director of the Veterinary Services.

9. Violation of Provisions:

A Veterinary Officer or Inspector may order the detention or seizure of an infected animal with regard to which an offence was committed against provisions of the *Ordinance*, or these Regulations or any order, direction, approval, permit or condition that were issued or given under the *Ordinance* or in accordance with these Regulations.

10. Vaccination Fees:

For vaccination against each of the types of foot and mouth disease by a Veterinary Officer or Inspector, a fee shall be collected⁶.

11. Revocation:

*Animal Diseases Regulations (Foot and Mouth Disease)*⁷ are revoked.

12. Citation:

These Regulations may be cited as "*Animal Diseases Regulations (Foot and Mouth Disease), 1959.*"

⁶ See current fees in *Regulations on Agricultural Fees* (which are updated periodically).

⁷ Laws of Palestine Vol 3, p. 1597.

**The Schedule
(Regulation 6)**

FORM A

ANIMAL DISEASES ORDINANCE, 1945

Animals Diseases Regulations (Foot and Mouth Disease), 1959

To: _____

Take notice that foot and mouth disease broke out _____ days prior to the date of this notice in the shed/pen/field or other premises _____ occupied by you at _____ which are hereby declared to be an infected place, and that by virtue of this notice the provisions prescribed in Regulation 6 of the *Animal Diseases Regulations* (Foot and Mouth Disease), 1959, shall apply to the shed/pen/field or other premises _____, and on all lands and buildings contiguous thereto in your occupation, from the date of the service of this notice.

Given this day _____ month _____ year _____

(Sgd.) _____
Veterinary Officer

**State of Israel
Ministry of Agriculture
Veterinary Services**

FORM B

ANIMAL DISEASES ORDINANCE, 1945

Animal Diseases Regulations (Foot and Mouth Disease), 1959

To: _____

This notice is signed by _____ and served on you on the day _____ of
month _____ year _____ is hereby withdrawn.

Given this day _____ month _____ year _____

(Sgd.) _____
Veterinary Officer

4 November 1959

Kadish Luz
Minister of Agriculture.