

**AMBLYOMMA VARIEGATUM, HEARTWATER AND
DERMATOPHILOSIS (PREVENTION AND CONTROL) REGULATIONS**

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**AMBLYOMMA VARIEGATUM, HEARTWATER AND DERMATOPHILOSIS
(PREVENTION AND CONTROL) REGULATIONS – SECTIONS 1, 13, 14, 15 AND 16**

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Commencement

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Short title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis (Prevention and Control) Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“**infested area**” means an area which is declared to be an infested area for purposes connected with the control and elimination of *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis;

“**infested place**” means any place which is declared by the Governor in Council to be an infested place for purposes connected with the control and elimination of *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis;

“**Inspector**” means a Veterinary Inspector appointed under section 3 of the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act.

Notification of *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis

3. (1) Any person having in his possession or under his charge any animal infested with or suspected to be infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis or the carcass of an animal so infested or suspected, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal or carcass being or having been so infested or suspected, to the Chief Veterinary Officer, or the Director of Agriculture.

(2) Every Veterinary Surgeon or Inspector 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, infested with *Amblyomma tick*, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the infestation or suspicion of infestation, to the Chief Veterinary Officer or to the Director of Agriculture.

Authority of Chief Veterinary Officer

4. (1) The Chief Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after receipt of the notice referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation 3, proceed to the place to which the notice refers.

(2) The Chief Veterinary Officer may give directions in relation to the steps, which should be taken in dealing with any animal infested with the *Amblyomma Variegatum tick*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis, and any other animal within any infested area or place and the owner or occupier of every such infested area or place shall comply with such directions.

Duty of owner of infested place

5. The owner or occupier of an infested place shall—

- (a) prevent access of any other animal to any part of the premises, which has been exposed to infestation by any other animal infested with or suspected of being infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis;
- (b) detain on the premises any animal infested with or suspected of being infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis and any other animal which has been in the same shed, stable, building, yard or field with any such animal.

Control of infested animals

6. (1) No person shall, in relation to any animal infested with, or suspected of being infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis—

- (a) expose any such animal in any market, fair, sale, yard or in any other place where 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 exposed for sale;
- (c) carry, lead or drive or cause to be carried, led or driven, on any highway or thoroughfare, any such animals are exposed for sale;
- (d) place, keep or graze, or permit to be placed, kept or grazed, on the sides of any public road, or any land adjoining, or any land adjoining a public road which is unfenced or insufficiently fenced any such animal;
- (e) allow any such animal to stray on to a public road or on 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 these Regulations may be moved by or at the directions of the Chief Veterinary Officer to some convenient place and there detained and isolated.

Infested animals to be marked

7. The Chief Veterinary Officer shall place or cause to be placed a clearly defined brand or mark or tag upon each animal infested or suspected to be infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis, and shall make a record of such brand or mark or tag together with a notation of the name of the owner of such animal in a register which he shall keep for the purpose.

Disposal of carcass

8. The carcass of every animal which dies within an infested place shall—
- (a) within twelve hours of death be buried within the infested place as near to the place where such animal died as practicable; and
 - (b) be buried with lime within the infested place in a pit not less than seven feet deep and such pit shall be dug near to the place where such animal died as practicable, and shall in no case be less than 100 feet from any dwelling house, river, well, water course, drain or other channel.

Prohibition of movement of animals

9. It shall not be lawful for any animal to be moved from an infested area or place to an uninfested area or place by the owner or person in charge of such animal. Areas declared as infested areas pursuant to the *Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act* shall also be declared and announced in the newspapers and on radio by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Entry into land

10. It shall be lawful for the Chief Veterinary Officer or any person acting under his direction to enter any land, premises or farm during normal working hours with or without police assistance for the purpose of inspecting any land to ascertain whether

any animal is infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and to cause the infested animal to be treated.

Power to search vehicles, etc.

11. The Chief Veterinary Officer may at all times enter and search any vehicle, vessel or boat in which or in respect whereof he has reasonable grounds for believing that any regulation has not been or is not being complied with.

Control over the importation of animals

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- (a) Any animal imported into the Island shall on entering be inspected by a Veterinary Officer or Inspector to determine whether the animal is infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis.
 - (b) No animal shall be imported in the Island which is infested with Heartwater disease.
 - (c) Any animal imported in the Island which is found to be infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum* or Dermatophilosis shall be treated with an acaricide upon arrival within the Island, and placed in quarantine for fourteen (14) days or for such longer period as the Chief Veterinary Officer may prescribe and during the period in quarantine shall be subject to further acaricide treatment by a Veterinary Officer.
 - (d) The Governor in Council whenever he deems it necessary in order to prevent the introduction of any disease into the Island or the spread of the disease may, by notice, prohibit the landing in the Island of such animals as he may specify in the Notice, which have been or may be brought into the Island from such country as he may specify in the Notice.
 - (e) All animals imported into the Island shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Veterinary Officer of the country from which such animal has been shipped that the animal is free from *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and that the animal has been treated with an acaricide within 7 days before the date of shipment. The certificate should also state the acaricide used for the treatment of the animal.

Stray animals

13. (1) Any stray animal found straying within any area infested with *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis may be seized by a police officer, a Veterinary Officer or Inspector and taken to premises designated by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

(2) Any stray animal so seized under the provisions of sub-regulation (1) shall be treated for *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis.

(3) If within three days the animal is not claimed by its owner, such animal, may, on the directions of the Chief Veterinary Officer, be slaughtered.

Quarantines

- 14.** (1) (a) Any premises, place or locality where the existence of the *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis is officially confirmed, shall be placed under quarantine. The notification of quarantine shall be in writing, which shall be handed to the owner or to the person in charge of the farm, premises or infested place. The quarantine shall include all the animals in the premises or infested place.
- (b) The quarantined area shall be identified with posters indicating the terms and conditions under which the movement of animals out of the said area shall be permitted.
- (c) Any place or premises in which animals illegally moved from any quarantined area have been kept shall also be placed under quarantine. In addition, places or premises where animals have been moved into from infested areas shall also be placed under quarantine.
- (2) No animal shall be moved from any area, place or premises placed under quarantine by the Chief Veterinary Officer because of the presence of the *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis except where such animal is being moved under a permit granted by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Penalty

- 15.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.
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