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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS

made under section 13

Citation. **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Foot and Mouth Disease Regulations.

Interpretation. **2.** In these Regulations—
“infected animal” means an animal affected with foot and mouth disease;
“suspected animal” means an animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, foot and mouth disease;
“suspected place” means any premises in which foot and mouth disease exists or is suspected to exist.

Notification of outbreak or suspected outbreak of foot and mouth disease. **3.** (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any suspected animal or carcase shall with all practicable speed give notice of the fact of the animal or carcase being or having been so affected or suspected of having been so affected to the constable in charge of the nearest police station, or to the Inspector.

(2) Any veterinary surgeon who examines any animal or the carcase of any animal and is of the opinion that or suspects that the animal or carcase is affected with foot and mouth disease or had been so affected when it died or was slaughtered shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion to the constable in charge of the nearest police station or to the Inspector.

(3) Every constable, upon receiving such information shall—

- (a) forthwith transmit such information by telephone or other speedy means to the Inspector; and
- (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Inspector the transmission of such information.

4. (1) The Inspector, upon receipt of information pursuant to regulation 3(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 certificate in the form set out as Form A in the Schedule to be served on the occupier of any premises whereon the animal is or with respect to which the suspicion exists.

Certificate as to a suspected place.

Form A. Schedule.

(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 (Agriculture).

(3) For the purposes of his enquiries 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) The Inspector and every person accompanying him shall, before entering any suspected place, 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) If the Inspector is satisfied that foot and mouth disease does not exist on premises certified to be a suspected place under subregulation (1), he shall cause notice in the form set out as Form B in the Schedule to be served on the occupier of the premises.

Form B. Schedule.

5. (1) Where a certificate has been signed by the 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 suspected place or along, over, or across a highway, road or lane in the area except where the movement, being movement entirely within the area, is necessary or expedient for the detention of the animal. Such movement shall be authorised by a licence in the form set out as Form E in the Schedule, signed by the Inspector and shall be subject to such conditions as are set out in the licence.

Action if disease is suspected.

Form E. Schedule.

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(2) Dogs and poultry within a suspected area shall be kept under control 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 is liable to seizure and destruction.

(3) The Inspector may extend the suspected area by a notice to that effect signed by him and the restrictions mentioned above 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 district concerned.

(4) The restrictions imposed by this regulation shall remain in operation until the serving of a notice in the form set out as Form B in the Schedule in relation to the suspected place referred to in subregulation (1). Notice of the serving of the form set out as Form B shall be sent to the police officer in charge of the district concerned.

FORM B.
Schedule.

Rules to be
observed on a
suspected place.

6. (1) Any premises certified to be a suspected place under regulation 4(1) shall be subject to the following rules:

Rule 1

No cloven hoofed animal shall be moved into or out of a suspected place except under the terms of a licence granted by the Inspector.

Rule 2

No horse, ass or mule shall be moved out of a suspected place unless it has been disinfected to the satisfaction of the Inspector and in accordance with a licence granted by the Inspector.

Rule 3

No carcase shall be moved out of a suspected place except in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by the Inspector.

Rule 4

No live poultry, rabbit, dog, cat or other animal or any portion of the carcase of any such animal or poultry shall be removed out of a suspected place except in accordance with the conditions set out on a licence granted by the Inspector.

Rule 5

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 granted by the Inspector.

Rule 6

All liquid manure, urine or shed washings shall be thoroughly disinfected to the satisfaction of the Inspector before being permitted to escape from any shed, yard or other place forming part of a suspected place in which a suspected animal is or has recently been kept.

Rule 7

No person other than the Inspector shall enter or leave a suspected place except in accordance with a written permit from the Inspector.

Rule 8

Any person whatsoever entering any shed, field or other place forming part of a suspected place shall wear suitable overall clothing and boots which are capable of being disinfected and are approved by the Inspector and shall, before leaving the place, thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the clothing and boots and also his hands.

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Rule 9

The Inspector or any valuer or any veterinary surgeon 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.

Rule 10

Where the 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.

Rule 11

Any person attending a suspected animal shall not attend an animal other than a suspected animal except in accordance with a written permit from the Inspector.

Rule 12

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.

Rule 13

Milk from any suspected animal shall not be moved from a suspected place. Unless and until such milk has been boiled, it shall not be used for the feeding of animals. Any utensil used for such milk shall be thoroughly sterilised by boiling water or by other means to the satisfaction of the Inspector before any other milk is placed therein.

(2) The Inspector may by notice in writing to the occupier of a suspected place direct that—

- (a) such additional rules as may be specified in the notice shall apply to the suspected place;
- (b) any of the rules prescribed in this regulation shall cease to apply or shall be modified in the manner specified in the notice.

7. (1) Where the Inspector suspects that foot and mouth disease exists on any premises, the notice he is required by section 5(1) of the Act to sign and to be served on the occupier of the premises shall be in the form set out as Form C in the Schedule, and the Inspector shall with all practicable speed send a copy of the notice to the Minister for action in accordance with section 5 of the Act.

Declaration of infected place.

Form C.
Schedule.

(2) Upon service of the notice the Inspector shall cause notice of the infected place to be printed in the *Gazette* and shall inform by telephone or other speedy means the police officer in charge of the district concerned.

(3) Subject as provided below and to the provisions of the Act, the rules applied to premises declared under subregulation (1) to be an infected place shall remain in force until such time as a further notice in the form set out as Form D in the Schedule shall be served on the occupier of the place by the Inspector or until an order is made by the Minister under section 5(5) of the Act revoking the notice.

Form D.
Schedule.

8. Any premises declared to be an infected place under regulation 7(1) shall be subject to the rules set out in regulation 6.

Rules to be observed on an infected place.

9. (1) The Inspector shall, as soon as is practicable after the serving of notice in the form set out as Form C in the Schedule with respect to any premises, with the approval of the Minister, arrange for, and undertake the valuation and slaughter of all cloven hoofed infected animals and, in his discretion, such other animals in the same field, shed or other place or in the same herd or flock,

Valuation and slaughter of diseased animals.
Form C.
Schedule.

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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 as may be slaughtered by cremation or by such other means as he may deem advisable and in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) Compensation for any animals slaughtered under this regulation shall be payable in accordance with section 11 of the Act.

(3) In cases where the Minister does not approve of the slaughter of animals under subregulation (1), any such animals shall be treated in such manner as the Inspector may direct.

Rules for an
infected area.

10. (1) Any area declared by the Minister under section 5(4) or under section 6 of the Act to be an infected area shall be subject to the following provisions of this regulation.

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

(3) No animal shall be moved into an infected area except direct to a farm or slaughterhouse situated not less than two miles from an infected place, and then only if accompanied by and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by the 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 the Inspector. Subject as provided below, the Inspector may grant a licence if in his opinion the movement is so necessary.

(b) Where the place of destination is other than a slaughterhouse, 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 within an infected area. Any animal found so doing shall be impounded and kept at the expense of the owner of the animal.

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

(8) (a) Licences for the movement of animals in accordance with this regulation shall be given by the Inspector in the form set out as Form E in the Schedule. The licence shall set forth the conditions under which such movement may be made.

Form E.
Schedule.

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

(9) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent the movement of animals direct by truck through an infected area from a place outside such an area and to another place outside such area provided any such animals are not untrucked within an infected area.

If for any reason any such animal shall be untrucked within the infected area it shall thereupon become subject to regulation 9.

(10) No manure, wastement trimmings or other waste material shall be moved from any slaughterhouse 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 the Inspector.

(11) All dogs and poultry within two and one-half miles of an infected place shall be kept under control by being—

(a) confined to a kennel or other enclosure from which escape is impossible;

- (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 is liable to seizure and destruction.

(12) The Inspector may (notwithstanding the existence of any footpath or right of way) prohibit the entry of any person into any field, shed or other place in an infected area after giving notice of the prohibition in writing to the occupier thereof.

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 the Inspector.

Notices shall be affixed or exhibited by the Inspector as he may consider desirable to ensure compliance with the restrictions imposed under this regulation.

Cleansing and disinfection of premises for foot and mouth disease.

11. (1) Every shed or other place in which an infected animal has been kept or has died or been slaughtered shall be disinfected and cleansed as follows:

- (a) the whole of the interior of the place including the fittings shall be sprayed by a disinfectant approved by the 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 things that have 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 the Inspector.

(2) All litter, dung or other things 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 like 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.

12. (1) Any cart, van, truck or other vehicle used for the conveyance of any animal or carcase thereof into, within, or out of an infected area or with respect to which the 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, cleansed and again disinfected by and at the expense of the person using or the person in charge of the same in the following manner:

Disinfection of vehicles.

- (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 the 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 the 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.

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(2) Every crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with the conveyance of animals as mentioned above 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 the 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 as mentioned above, fails to cleanse to the satisfaction of the Inspector the vehicle or thing as required by this regulation or by a notice served by the Inspector, it shall be lawful for the Inspector to cause the vehicle to be cleansed and disinfected and to recover from the owner or person the expenses of the cleansing and disinfection as a civil debt.

Control of movement of animals exposed to infection.

13. (1) Where the 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 the form set out as Form F in the Schedule on the owner or person in charge of the animal or animals.

Form F. Schedule.

Form G. Schedule.

(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 a notice in the form set out as Form G in the Schedule, signed by the Inspector—

- (a) to move any animal into or on to such place; or
- (b) to permit any animal to which the notice relates to stray out of such place or to come in contact with any other animal.

(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 an 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 in the form set out as Form E in the Schedule, to such more convenient and isolated place as he may direct.

Form E.
Schedule.

14. (1) If the 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 such animal, place or thing has been exposed to the contamination by such disease, he may 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 on any such movement or any requirement in relation to the person, place, animal or thing either in respect of 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.

Additional
restrictions.

(2) Any disinfection required by the provisions of 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.

15. Any person who contravenes these Regulations or any directions lawfully given or the terms of any notice or licence lawfully imposed by or under the authority of these Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of one thousand dollars.

Penalty.

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(1).

FORM A

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CERTIFICATE AS TO A SUSPECTED PLACE

I,..... being the Inspector under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act hereby certify that 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 regulation 6 of the Regulations.

Dated this day of, 20.....

Inspector

DESCRIPTION OF SUSPECTED PLACE

Table with 3 columns: Premises, Ward, County

Rules Governing a Suspected Place

(Extract from regulation 6 attached).

Regulations 4(5) and 5(4).

FORM B

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WITHDRAWAL OF CERTIFICATE AS TO A SUSPECTED PLACE

To of from this day of, 20..... the Certificate dated day of, 20..... and served on you by on the day of, 20..... is hereby withdrawn.

Dated this day of, 20.....

Inspector

NOTE.—If the limits of a suspected place have been extended by Notice of the Inspector, this Notice applies to the Suspected Place as so extended.

FORM C

Regulations
7(1) and 9(1).

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NOTICE DEFINING AN INFECTED PLACE

Whereas on enquiry I suspect that the disease known as foot and mouth disease exists, or has existed at the place or premises known as in the County of

Now, therefore, I hereby give you notice as the occupier of the aforesaid premises that the place or premises specified in the Schedule below, are hereby declared to be an infected place and are subject to the rules prescribed in regulations 6, 8, 9 and 11 of the Regulations, as set out below.

This notice shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a subsequent notice (Form D) or until an Order is made by the Minister revoking such notice.

Dated this day of, 20..... Inspector

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Description of Infected Place

| Premises | Ward | County |
|----------|------|--------|
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Rules Governing an Infected Place

(Copies of regulations 6, 8, 9 and 11 attached).

FORM D

Regulation 7(3).

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**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE DEFINING AN
INFECTED PLACE**

To of
 from this day of, 20..... the Notice dated the..... day
 of, 20..... and served on you by
 on the day of, 20..... is hereby withdrawn.

Dated this day of, 20..... Inspector

NOTE—If the limits of an Infected Place have been altered by an Order of the Minister, this Notice applies to the Infected Place as so altered.

FORM F Regulation
13(1).
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NOTICE PROHIBITING MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS

To M..... of
(name of owner or person in charge) *(address)*

I, the undersigned, being the Inspector under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act hereby prohibit the movement of the following animals, namely:

.....
(describe animals)

from or to
(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, 20..... or until this notice is withdrawn—
(fill in expiry date)

- (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 into 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.....
.....
Inspector

FORM G Regulation
13(2).
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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE PROHIBITING MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS

I, the undersigned, being the Inspector under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act hereby withdraw as from the day of, 20..... the Notice in the form of Form F signed by and served on you on the day of, 20..... prohibiting movement of the animals referred to in that Notice.

Date
.....
Inspector

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