

**AMBLYOMMA VARIEGATUM (PREVENTION AND  
CONTROL) REGULATIONS**

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*made under sections 13 and 15*

Citation.

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

Interpretation.

**2.** In these Regulations—

“Act” means the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act;

“Inspector” has the meaning given to it by section 3 of the Act;

“public road” means a road classified in accordance with the classification set out in section 3 of the Highways Act;

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“tick” means the Amblyomma Variegatum Tick.

Notification of Amblyomma Variegatum Tick.

**3.** (1) Where a person has in his possession or under his charge an animal infested with the Amblyomma Variegatum Tick or suspects that the animal is so infested he shall make a report to the Inspector in respect of the said animal.

(2) A veterinary surgeon who, upon examining an animal, is of the opinion that it is infested with the Amblyomma Variegatum Tick, shall forthwith send written notice to that effect to the Inspector.

Duties of Inspector.

**4.** (1) The Inspector shall, upon receipt of any information pursuant to subregulation (3), cause a notice, in the manner set out as Form A in the Schedule, to be served upon the occupier of the premises where the animal is located and such notice shall effectively put the premises under quarantine.

Form A. Schedule.

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

(3) In making an investigation of the circumstances the Inspector shall—

- (a) enter upon and search the said premises in order to determine the presence of the tick and where necessary cause the infested animal to be treated;
- (b) search any vehicle or vessel used in the transportation of any animal to or from the premises; and
- (c) search any vehicle or vessel belonging to the owner of the premises whether on the premises or not.

(4) The Inspector shall notify the public of the infested premises by way of Notification published in the *Gazette* and in at least one daily newspaper.

(5) The Inspector shall place a clearly defined brand, mark or tag upon each animal infested with the tick and make a record in a register of such brand, mark or tag together with the name of the owner of the said animal.

(6) A notice under subregulation (1) shall remain in force until withdrawn by a withdrawal notice in the manner set out as Form B in the Schedule.

Form B.  
Schedule.

- 5.** (1) The owner or occupier of infested premises shall—
- (a) confine all animals to the premises;
  - (b) prevent contact between every non-infested animal and infested animal;
  - (c) prevent access of non-infested animals to any part of the premises which is infested;
  - (d) treat the infested animal and premises with an approved acaricide under the supervision of the Inspector.

Duties of owner  
or occupier of  
infested  
premises.

(2) The owner or occupier of quarantined premises shall identify the said premises with appropriate posters as authorised by the Inspector.

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Movement of animals.

6. (1) No animal shall be moved into or out of infested premises except in accordance with the conditions stipulated in a permit issued by the Inspector.

(2) No carcase, litter, dung or fodder or anything used in connection with an infested animal shall be removed from an infested place except in accordance with the conditions stipulated in a permit issued by the Inspector.

(3) No person, in relation to an animal infested with the *Amblyomma Variegatum* Tick shall—

- (a) have such animal in or near to a market, fair, sale yard or other public place where animals are sold;
- (b) carry, lead or drive or cause to be carried, led or driven such an animal on a public road;
- (c) place, keep or graze or permit to be placed, kept or grazed such animal along a public road, or on land adjoining a public road which is unfenced or insufficiently fenced;
- (d) allow such animal to stray onto a public road or to be on unenclosed land or in any field or place which is insufficiently fenced.

(4) An animal found on premises in contravention of the provisions of these Regulations may, at the direction of the Inspector, be moved to some designated place and there be detained and isolated.

Stray animals.

7. (1) An animal found straying within an infested area may be seized by a police officer or a government veterinary officer and taken to premises designated by the Inspector.

(2) A stray animal seized under the provisions of subregulation (1) shall be examined and treated for the *Amblyomma Variegatum* Tick and detained for ninety-six hours.

(3) If after ninety-six hours the animal is not claimed by its owner, then it shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Inspector.

**8.** (1) The carcase of an animal which dies in an infested place shall, within twelve hours of death, be buried with lime in a pit not less than seven feet deep as near to the place of death as is practicable though not less than one hundred feet from any dwelling house, river, well, watercourse, drain or other channel. Disposal of carcase.

(2) Where for all practical purposes it is impossible to comply with the provisions of subsection (1), the carcase shall be disposed of in such manner as the Inspector, in his discretion, directs.

**9.** (1) No animal shall be imported into Trinidad and Tobago from a country in which Cowdriosis (Heartwater) is present. Importation of animals.

(2) No animal shall be imported into Trinidad and Tobago unless accompanied by a health certificate from a government veterinary officer of the country from which the animal has been shipped, stating that—

- (a) the country is free from Cowdriosis (Heartwater);
- (b) that the animal is free from the *Amblyomma Variegatum* Tick; and
- (c) that the animal has been treated with an approved, named acaricide within three to seven days prior to shipment.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulations (1) and (2) an animal imported into Trinidad and Tobago shall be inspected on entry by a government veterinary officer to determine whether the animal is infested with the *Amblyomma Variegatum* Tick or infected with Cowdriosis (Heartwater) or Dermatophilosis.

(4) An animal imported into Trinidad and Tobago which is subsequently found to be infested with the *Amblyomma Variegatum* Tick or infected with Dermatophilosis shall be treated and placed in quarantine for fourteen days or for such longer period as the Inspector may determine and during the said period the animal shall be subject to further treatments and tests under the supervision of a government veterinary officer.

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(5) An animal imported into Trinidad and Tobago which is subsequently suspected of or determined to be infected with Cowdriosis (Heartwater) shall be euthanised, necropsied and disposed of immediately in accordance with the provisions of regulation 8.

(6) The Minister may, by Notice published in the *Gazette* and at least one daily newspaper, prohibit the landing in Trinidad and Tobago of animals from such countries as he specifies.

Penalties.

**10.** A person who contravenes any of these Regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars.

**SCHEDULE**

**FORM A**

Regulation 4.

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**NOTICE DEFINING AN INFESTED PLACE**

To ..... of .....

I ..... of .....  
 being the Inspector designated under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, hereby give you notice as the occupier of the undermentioned premises that the said premises are hereby declared to be an infested place and are subject to the Amblyomma Variegatum (Prevention and Control) Regulations.

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

.....  
*Inspector*

**DESCRIPTION OF INFESTED PLACE**

Premises	Ward	County

**FORM B**

Regulation 4.

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**WITHDRAWAL NOTICE**

To ..... of .....

I ..... of .....  
 being the Inspector designated under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, do hereby withdraw, as from the ..... day of ....., 20..... the notice relating to premises in your occupation at ..... dated the ..... day of ....., 20..... signed by ..... and served upon you on the ..... day of ....., 20.....

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

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*Inspector*

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