

place on the Continent of Europe outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man gives notice in writing of the intended shipment to the Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Ministry to examine horses, asses or mules shipped from such port so as to reach the Veterinary Inspector not later than 2 p.m. on the day preceding that on which the animals are to be shipped. The addresses of the Veterinary Inspectors appointed to examine horses before export at the authorised ports of shipment may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1. The notice shall state—

(a) the name and address of the owner, and the number of horses, asses or mules intended to be shipped;

(b) the name of the vessel on which the animals are intended to be shipped;

(c) the name of the wharf, quay or dock at an authorised port of shipment at which the animals are intended to be shipped;

(d) the date and approximate time at which the animals will arrive at the place of proposed shipment; and

(e) the date and the approximate time of sailing of the vessel on which the animals are intended to be shipped.

Detention of Horses, Asses and Mules at Place of Examination.

3. The Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry may refuse to examine any horse, ass or mule until it has undergone such period of rest and observation as the Inspector may consider necessary.

Fees for Examination.

4. The fee payable for the examination of a horse, ass or mule by a Veterinary Inspector under the above-mentioned Acts shall be the sum of five shillings for each animal, and such fee shall be paid before the examination takes place to the Veterinary Inspector, unless he is satisfied that payment has been made to the Ministry.

Provisions as to vessels carrying Horses, Asses and Mules.

5. The provisions of this Article shall, except as provided in paragraph (14) thereof, apply to all vessels on which horses, asses or mules are carried from any port in Great Britain, or to any such port from a port in the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man.

Method of carrying Horses, Asses and Mules, and Fittings of Vessels.

(1) Each horse, ass or mule shall be carried athwartships either in a separate stall or in a portable box. Each stall and the moveable fittings thereof shall be numbered for purposes of identification: Provided that small ponies, asses, small mules, mares with foal at foot, and young unbroken horses may be carried together in pens of suitable size formed by removing the division boards between a number of stalls and by fastening a sufficient number of boards to the front of the stanchions under the breast rail to keep the animals in the pen.

(2) Horses, asses and mules shall not be

carried during the months of October to March inclusive, except under a permanent deck cover, and in fittings constructed in accordance with this Article. This paragraph shall come into operation forthwith.

(3) Boxes shall be secured to the vessel separately and in such a manner as to prevent their displacement by the motion of the vessel.

(4) The flooring of each box, stall or pen shall, in order to prevent slipping, be fitted with suitable wooden battens and be strewn with a proper quantity of sand or other suitable substance.

(5) Horses, asses and mules while on a vessel shall be protected against injury or suffering from exposure to the weather.

(6) The fittings on any vessel used for the carriage of horses, asses or mules shall be so constructed as to be of a substantial character and of sufficient strength to withstand the action of the weather and resist the weight of any animals that may be thrown against them.

(7) Fittings shall be constructed in accordance with the specifications prescribed in the Schedule to this Order. This paragraph shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-two.

(8) The fittings or other parts of a vessel, box, stall or pen likely to cause injury or suffering to horses, asses or mules shall be properly and securely fenced off or padded as the case may require. Alternatively, the heads of all the animals shall be protected, before the animals are embarked and during the voyage, by the use of poll pads of a pattern approved by an Inspector of the Ministry.

(9) Suitable provision shall be made for slinging the animals carried on board the vessel when necessary.

Method of Securing Animals on Board.

(10) Every stall and every box shall be provided with a strong head-stall with ropes attached on either side. In stalls the head-stalls shall be secured to the rings provided on the front of the stanchions so as to prevent the animals irritating and biting each other, and also to prevent their heads striking the deck above. In the case of animals carried in boxes, the head-stalls shall be placed on the animals before they enter the box, and each box shall have strong rings securely fastened to the sides of the corner uprights (well below the level of the top of the doors) to which the head ropes shall be fastened in such a manner as to prevent an animal getting its front legs over the top of the door.

Passage-Ways.

(11) Every part of the vessel where horses, asses or mules are carried shall be provided with passage-ways giving free frontal access at all times to every stall or box, of a minimum width of three feet from the inside of the breast rail (in the case of any single row of stalls), or from the front of boxes, as the case may be, and a minimum width of six feet from the inside of the breast rails between two rows of stalls in which the animals face each other. All such passage-ways shall be kept