

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

RETURN No. 13/1944. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 1st to 15th JULY 1944.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 1st to 15th July 1944.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Parasitic Mange.*		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 1st to 15th July 1944	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	53	51
Corresponding period in { 1943	7	8	—	—	—	—	1	23	17
{ 1942	16	17	29	3,988	—	—	1	15	10
{ 1941	8	9	2	72	—	7†	3	29	20
Total 1st January to 15th July 1944	113	120	27	3,031	6	18	61	471	363
Corresponding period in { 1943	171	192	10	1,956	6	11	101	281	210
{ 1942	188	200	74	9,751	26	65	118	247	152
{ 1941	282	326	257	26,599	10	39	137	824	410

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

* Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

† These animals relate to an outbreak confirmed prior to 1st July 1941.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*exanthema costale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

No case of Fowl Pest (*pestis aviium*) has been confirmed in Great Britain since the 11th January 1937, the date as from which the disease was first notifiable. So far as is known, however, Fowl Pest has not existed in Great Britain since 1933.

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER OF 1938.

The number of bovine animals slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order of 1938 during the period 1st April to 30th June 1944 was 3,484.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
25th July 1944.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS.

1. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that Tenders will be received at the Chief Cashier's Office, at the Bank of England, on Friday the 4th August 1944, at 1 p.m., for Treasury Bills to be issued under the Treasury Bills Act, 1877, the National Debt Act, 1889, and the National Loans Acts, 1939 to 1944, to the amount of £110,000,000.

2. The Bills will be in amounts of £5000, £10,000, £50,000, or £100,000. They will be dated at the option of the Tenderer on any business day from Tuesday the 8th August 1944 to Saturday the 12th August 1944 inclusive, and will be payable at three months after date.

3. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

4. Each Tender must be for an amount not less than £50,000 and must specify the date on which the Bills required are to be dated, and the net amount per cent. (being an even multiple of one penny) which will be given for the amount applied for. Separate Tenders must be lodged for Bills of different dates.

5. Tenders must be made through a London Banker, Discount House, or Broker.

6. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same not later than the following day, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England by means of Cash or a Banker's Draft on the Bank of England not later than 1.30 p.m. (Saturday 12 noon) on the day on which the relative Bills are to be dated.

7. Members of the House of Commons are not precluded from tendering for these Bills.

8. Tenders must be made on the printed forms which may be obtained from the Chief Cashier's Office, Bank of England.

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,
28th July 1944.

PURCHASE TAX.

The Treasury hereby give notice, pursuant to the powers of Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, that they propose to make an Order directing that purchase tax on articles being or comprising buttons made wholly of mother of pearl shall be reduced from 100 per cent. to the basic rate of 33½ per cent.

Any representations which interested parties desire to make in regard to this proposal should be addressed in writing to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, City Gate House, Finsbury Square, E.C.2, not later than 12th August 1944.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE, CONTRIBUTORY PENSIONS, AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1941.

Notice is hereby given under the Rules Publication Act, 1893, that it is proposed by the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, and that Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, after the expiration of at least forty days from this date, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by subsection (1) of section 8 of the National Health Insurance, Contributory Pensions, and Workmen's Compensation Act, 1941, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, to make regulations to be entitled the National Health Insurance (Society for Seafarers) Regulations, 1944;

And that, on account of urgency, the National Health Insurance Joint Committee and the Minister of Health, acting jointly, and that Committee and the Ministry of Labour for Northern Ireland, acting jointly, under section 2 of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, made regulations dated June 28, 1944, and entitled the National Health Insurance (Society for Seafarers) Regulations, 1944, to come into operation forthwith as provisional rules and to continue in force until regulations have been made in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of that Act.