

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 30TH JUNE 1903.)

FOREIGN ANIMALS ORDER OF 1903.

The Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

CHAPTER 1.—PROHIBITION.

Animals from Scheduled Countries Prohibited.

1. It shall not be lawful to land in Great Britain any animal brought from any of the countries or parts of countries mentioned in the First Schedule to this Order, which countries and parts of countries are hereinafter referred to as scheduled countries.

Swine from the United States of America Prohibited.

2. It shall not be lawful to land in Great Britain any swine brought from the United States of America.

Prohibition of Landing of Carcases, &c.

3.—(1.) It shall not be lawful to land in Great Britain—

- (a.) a carcase of an animal which has died or been slaughtered on board a vessel while in a port or place in a scheduled country or during the passage from any such port or place to Great Britain; or
- (b.) the dung of any such animal; or
- (c.) any partly consumed or broken fodder that has been supplied to any such animal; or
- (d.) any litter that has been used for or about any such animal; or
- (e.) any fittings, pens, hurdles, or utensils used for or about any such animal unless they have been scraped and then thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water, and then thoroughly sprinkled with a solution of carbolic acid and limewash containing not less than five per cent. of actual carbolic or cresylic acid, and unless the permission of an Inspector of the Board for the landing thereof has been obtained.

(2.) The Principal Officer of Customs may seize and detain any carcase, dung, fodder, litter, fittings, pens, hurdles, or utensils landed in contravention of this Article, and he shall forthwith report the facts to the Commissioners of Customs, who may give such directions as they think fit for the destruction or disposal thereof.

CHAPTER 2.—FOREIGN ANIMALS SUBJECT TO
SLAUGHTER.*Conditions of Landing.*

4.—(1.) The landing of foreign animals at a Foreign Animals Wharf is hereby made subject to the following conditions:

First. That the vessel in which they are imported has not, within twenty-eight days before taking them on board, had on board any animal exported or carried coastwise from a port or place in any scheduled country.

Second. That the vessel has not within twenty-one days before taking on board the animals imported or at any time since taking them on board, entered or been in any port or place in any scheduled country.

Third. That the animals imported have not, while on board the vessel, been in contact

with any animal exported or carried coastwise from any port or place in any scheduled country.

(2.) Animals shall not be landed at a Foreign Animals Wharf unless and until the master of the vessel in which they are imported has on the occasion of such importation delivered to the Commissioners of Customs or their proper officer, a declaration made and signed that all the animals then imported therein are properly imported according to the provisions of this Article.

Charge of Animals on Landing.

5.—(1.) Animals landed at a Foreign Animals Wharf shall, when landed, be placed under the charge of an Inspector of the Board; and, until his arrival, they shall remain under the charge of the Commissioners of Customs.

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any person to move any animals so long as they remain under the charge of the Commissioners of Customs or of an Inspector of the Board except with the permission of the Commissioners or of the Inspector, as the case may be.

Disposal of Animals on Landing.

6. Animals when landed at a Foreign Animals Wharf shall be driven by lairage-men to the nearest available reception-lair or lairs within the limits of the Wharf, there to await the examination of an Inspector of the Board, and, until so examined, shall not be allowed to come in contact with any animals other than those forming part of the same cargo.

Examination of Animals.

7.—(1.) The animals shall be examined in a reception-lair by an Inspector of the Board during daylight.

(2.) If on such examination all the animals are found free from disease, the Inspector of the Board may permit the animals to be retained in such lair, which shall thereupon cease to be a reception-lair, or he may permit them to be moved out of such lair and into such other parts of the Foreign Animals Wharf as the market authority or its officers or the Inspector of the Board shall direct or permit.

Restrictions on Access to Foreign Animals Wharf.

8.—(1.) No person, except the officers of Customs and lairage-men and the Superintendent of the Foreign Animals Wharf and an Inspector of the Board, and such other persons as may be specially authorized in writing by an Inspector of the Board, shall during the time of the landing of the animals enter upon the landing-stage, pier, quay, or other part of the Foreign Animals Wharf at which the animals are landed, and no person except as aforesaid shall at any time enter upon any part of the Wharf which is being used as a reception-lair.

(2.) No person shall during the landing of the animals enter upon the part of the Wharf at which the animals are landed or at any time enter a reception lair unless he is wearing suitable overall coat and leggings, and every person who enters such part of a Wharf or reception lair shall forthwith after leaving the same remove his overall clothes, and thoroughly wash his hands with soap and water and disinfect his boots.

(3.) Overall clothes shall not be removed from a Foreign Animals Wharf unless and until they have been thoroughly disinfected.

(4.) Any person desiring to enter a Foreign Animals Wharf may be required by any officer authorized in writing in that behalf by the market