

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 23RD APRIL 1908.)

SWINE-FEVER ORDER OF 1908.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Notice of Disease.

1.—(1.) Every person having in his possession or under his charge a diseased or suspected pig, i.e., a pig affected with or suspected of swine-fever, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the pig being so affected or suspected to a constable of the police force for the police area wherein the pig is.

(2.) The constable receiving such notice shall immediately transmit the information to the Board by telegram addressed "Agrif London."

(3.) The constable shall also forthwith give information of the receipt by him of the notice to an Inspector of the Local Authority, who shall forthwith report the same to the Local Authority.

Duty of Inspector to act immediately.

2.—(1.) An Inspector of a Local Authority who (a) receives notice of disease under the preceding Article or (b) has reasonable ground for suspecting that swine-fever exists or has within twenty-eight days existed on any premises, shall forthwith serve a Notice (in the Form A set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) on the occupier of the premises on which there is or was the pig to which the notice of disease refers, or on the occupier of the premises on which he has reasonable ground for suspecting that swine-fever exists or has within twenty-eight days existed, as the case may be, and shall in such Notice specify the limits of the Swine-Fever Infected Place.

(2.) On service of such Notice the premises within the limits specified by the Notice shall become a Swine-Fever Infected Place (in this Order referred to as an Infected Place) subject to the Rules contained in Article 3 of this Order.

(3.) The limits specified in the Notice shall as far as practicable include only the sty, shed or other inclosure in which a diseased or suspected pig is, or recently has been, but movement of swine into or out of any other adjoining premises in the same occupation as the said sty, shed or other inclosure shall by reason of such Notice become subject to the Rules contained in Article 5 of this Order, except that every licence must be granted by an Inspector of the Board.

(4.) An Inspector may place a notice or mark on any sty, shed or other inclosure if in his opinion this is necessary or convenient for identification with a Notice under this Article.

(5.) The Inspector of the Local Authority shall with all practicable speed send a copy of the Notice (Form A) to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 4, Whitehall Place, London, S.W., and shall also send copies of the same to the Local Authority and to the police officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

(6.) The restrictions imposed by a Notice under this Article shall continue in force until such Notice is withdrawn by a written Notice to that effect served by or on behalf of an Inspector or officer of the Board on the occupier of the Infected Place.

(7.) The limits of an Infected Place may at any time be altered by an Inspector or officer of the Board by Notice in writing served on the occupier of the Infected Place.

Rules for Infected Place.

3.—Rule 1. Swine shall not be moved into or out of an Infected Place except with a licence granted by an Inspector or officer of the Board.

Rule 2. Any carcase of a pig may be removed from an Infected Place if the carcase is intended to be used for the food of man and has been dressed for that purpose, and is not the carcase of a diseased or suspected pig or of a pig slaughtered under the Act of 1894, but the person who removes a carcase shall forthwith notify to an Inspector of the Local Authority of the District the fact of such removal, the place to which it was removed, and the name and address of any person to whom it was consigned. Subject to this provision carcasses of swine shall not be removed from an Infected Place except with permission in writing from an Inspector or officer of the Board or an Inspector of the Local Authority. The stomach and intestines of a pig shall not be removed from an Infected Place except by an Inspector or officer of the Board or an Inspector of the Local Authority for examination or destruction.

Rule 3. Litter, dung, utensils, pens, hurdles, or other things shall not be removed from an Infected Place except with permission in writing from an Inspector or officer of the Board or an Inspector of the Local Authority, which permission shall not be granted until such things have been thoroughly disinfected.

Rule 4. No person (except the person tending the pig) shall, unless authorised by an Inspector or officer of the Board, or an Inspector of the Local Authority, enter any sty, shed or other inclosure, being part of an Infected Place, in which a diseased or suspected pig is or has recently been kept.

Rule 5. Every person upon leaving any such sty, shed or other inclosure shall thoroughly wash his hands with soap and water, and his boots with a solution of carbolic acid or other suitable disinfectant.

Rule 6. A person tending a diseased or suspected pig shall not tend any pig not diseased or suspected.

Provision for placing Premises under Movement Restrictions.

4.—(1.) For the purpose of preventing the spread of disease an Inspector of the Local Authority may serve a Notice (in the Form B set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) on the occupier of any premises defined in the Notice on which he has reason to believe that there is, or recently has been, either a diseased or suspected pig, or a pig which has been exposed to infection, or the dung of a diseased or suspected pig, or some other possible source of infection, and thereupon movement of swine into or out of such premises shall by reason of such Notice become subject to the Rules contained in Article 5 of this Order.

(2.) A Notice under this Article may be served on the occupier of any premises immediately after