

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 12TH APRIL 1921.)

IMPORTATION OF HORSES, ASSES,
AND MULES (GREAT BRITAIN)
ORDER OF 1921.

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Regulation of Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules into Great Britain.

1. No horse, ass, or mule, brought to Great Britain from any other country except Ireland, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, shall, subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this Order, be landed in Great Britain unless it is accompanied by a certificate of a qualified veterinary surgeon of the district in the country of origin whence the animal was brought, stating:—

(a) For purposes of identification the breed, age and sex of the animal;

(b) that the animal was examined by the veterinary surgeon immediately before it was moved to a port for shipment to Great Britain and that he found that the animal did not show symptoms of glanders (including farcy), epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine, horse-pox, sarcoptic mange, psoroptic mange, influenza, ringworm, or strangles; and

(c) that the animal was tested by a veterinary surgeon with mallein within ten days before the date of shipment and did not react.

Special Provision for Race-horses, Polo-ponies, Performing animals and animals intended for exportation within 14 days.

2. In the case of an importation of any thoroughbred horse for the purpose of being run in a race, or of a trained pony for playing polo, or of a *bonâ-fide* performing animal, or an animal intended for exportation from Great Britain within fourteen days after landing, the information required in paragraph (c) of the preceding Article may be omitted from the certificate, provided that in all such cases the certificate shall be accompanied by a declaration signed by the owner or person in charge or consignor of the animal, stating (i) the estimated value of the animal, (ii) the name and address of the consignee in Great Britain, (iii) the address of the stables to which the animal is consigned, and (iv) that the animal is being imported for one of the above-mentioned purposes only.

Provisions as to Certificates and Declarations.

3. (1) Certificates and declarations required by this Order shall be in the forms set forth in the Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

(2) A certificate or declaration may refer to more than one animal, but the full particulars required thereon shall be clearly given in respect of each animal referred to in the certificate or declaration.

(3) The certificates and declarations required by this Order shall be delivered up on the landing of the animals referred to in the certificates by the person in charge of the animals to an Officer of Customs and Excise at the port of landing.

Power for Ministry to require Mallein Test on Arrival in Great Britain.

4. (1) For the purposes of preventing the introduction or spread of glanders or farcy, the Ministry may cause any horse, ass, or mule landed in Great Britain from any other country except Ireland, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man to be tested with mallein by a Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry at such time not later than fourteen days after the landing of the animal as the Ministry may think fit. The owner of the animal and occupier of the premises where the animal is located shall give all necessary facilities for such testing.

(2) Where in the opinion of the Veterinary Inspector the application of the test results in definite evidence of glanders or in indications of glanders not amounting to definite evidence of glanders, the animal shall be dealt with under and in accordance with the provisions of the Glanders or Farcy Order of 1920.

Revocation.

5. Chapter 1—Importation—of the Horses (Importation and Transit) Order of 1913 is hereby revoked.

Local Authority to enforce Order.

6. This Order shall, except where it is otherwise provided, be executed and enforced by the Local Authority.

Offences.

7. If any horse, ass or mule is landed in contravention of this Order the owner and the person in charge of the animal, and any person causing or permitting the landing, and the owner and the lessee and the occupier of the place of landing where such animal is landed, and the owner and the charterer and the master of the vessel from which the animal is landed, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Commencement.

8. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

Short Title.

9. This Order may be cited as the IMPORTATION OF HORSES, ASSES, AND MULES (GREAT BRITAIN) ORDER OF 1921.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.



S. Stockman,

Authorised by the Minister.

[SCHEDULE.]