

arm of the sea or over any ferry or on a river, canal, or other inland water, but the fittings of the vessel shall be such as to protect the animals so carried from injury and suffering and provision shall be made in order to prevent the animals slipping by strewing the deck with sand or other suitable substance.

*Approaches, Gangways and other Apparatus.*

(21) Approaches, gangways, passage-ways, cages and other apparatus used for the loading or unloading or movement of horses, asses or mules on or from a vessel, shall be so constructed that injury or suffering shall not be caused to the animals.

*Overcrowding.*

(22) A vessel shall not be overcrowded in any part or pen so as to cause injury or suffering to the horses, asses or mules carried thereon or therein.

*Injured Horses, etc.*

(23) If any horse, ass or mule on a vessel has a limb broken or is otherwise seriously injured so as to be incapable of being disembarked without cruelty, the Master of the vessel may, and shall where so required by the Diseases of Animals Act, 1910, forthwith cause that animal to be slaughtered. The person in charge of the animal shall forthwith report the injury to the Master of the vessel.

*Approved Killing Instruments.*

(24) Every vessel on which a horse, ass or mule is carried shall carry a proper humane killing instrument discharging a bullet and approved by the Ministry, and it shall be the duty of the owner or Master of every such vessel to see that the vessel is provided with such an instrument, and the Master, if so required by an Inspector of the Ministry or of the Local Authority, shall produce the instrument for his inspection.

*Bargeing.*

(25) Horses, asses or mules shall not be embarked on an open barge at a port in Great Britain for the purpose of transhipment to a vessel lying at the port: Provided that this Article shall not apply to an animal carried under special circumstances in a properly constructed box in a barge from a quay to the vessel if the box is properly lashed to the bottom and side of the barge and is transferred with the animal direct to the vessel in which it is to be shipped.

*Unloading of Horses on the Continent on Sundays.*

(26) Horses, asses or mules shall not be embarked in a vessel at a port in Great Britain if they cannot be discharged within a reasonable time after their arrival at the Continental port.

*Power for Inspector to serve Notice prohibiting Shipment on Vessels not in compliance with Order.*

6. Where an Inspector of the Ministry has reason to believe that a vessel, or part of a vessel, does not comply with the provisions of the foregoing Article, he may serve a Notice to that effect on the master of the vessel, and thereupon it shall not be lawful for the master to permit to be shipped any horse, ass or mule

in the vessel, or part of the vessel, specified in the Notice unless and until the Notice has been withdrawn.

*Water at Shipping and Unshipping Places.*

7. At every place where horses, asses or mules are put on board of or landed from vessels in Great Britain, provision shall be made to the satisfaction of the Ministry for a supply of water to the animals, and water shall be supplied there gratuitously to any animal on request of an Inspector of the Ministry or of the Local Authority or of any person having charge of the animal.

*Provision to be made at Unshipping Places.*

8. At every place where horses, asses or mules are landed from vessels in Great Britain provision shall be made to the satisfaction of the Ministry for the speedy and convenient landing of the animals and for a supply of food for them, and food shall be supplied there by the occupier of the place where the animals are landed to any horse, ass or mule on request of an Inspector of the Ministry or of the Local Authority or of any person having charge of the animal, at such price as the Ministry approves.

*Carriage of Unfit Horses Coastwise or to Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.*

9.—(1) No horse, ass or mule shall be permitted by the owner thereof, or his agent, or any person in charge thereof, to be embarked in a vessel for carriage thereon from any port in Great Britain to a port in Great Britain, Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man if, owing to infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or any other cause, it cannot be carried without avoidable suffering during the intended passage.

(2) If any animal is embarked in a vessel contrary to the provisions of this Article, the owner of the animal or his agent or any person in charge thereof shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

*Notification by Inspectors of Unfitness of Horses, etc., for Conveyance.*

10. Where an Inspector of the Ministry or of a Local Authority is of opinion that a horse, ass or mule intended to be carried on a vessel from any port in Great Britain cannot, owing to infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or any other cause, be so carried without avoidable suffering, he shall serve a Notice to that effect on the person in charge of the animal and also, when practicable, on the master of the vessel, and until such Notice is withdrawn by an Inspector it shall be unlawful to carry the animal on a vessel, and if the animal is carried in contravention of this Article, the person in charge thereof, and the master of the vessel, where the Notice has been served on the master, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

*Facilities to be given to Inspectors to make Voyages on Vessels.*

11. The Shipping Company and the master of the vessel shall give all reasonable facilities to an Inspector of the Ministry or of the Local Authority to enter any vessel on which horses, asses or mules are being shipped, and to make voyages thereon, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914, and of any Order thereunder are complied with.