

Returns as to Casualties.

12. The owner or charterer of a vessel on which horses, asses or mules are carried from or to any port in Great Britain shall keep a record of all such animals which have died or have been killed or seriously injured while on such vessel, and shall at the end of every month forthwith make a return to the Ministry showing whether any such cases of death, slaughter or injury, as the case may be, have occurred, and, if so, the number of animals carried on any voyage in which the casualties occurred and the number of animals which have died or been killed or injured on the vessel.

CHAPTER II.—CARRIAGE BY RAILWAY.

Carriage by Railway of Unfit Horses, &c.

13.—(1) No horse, ass or mule shall be permitted by the owner thereof, or his agent, or any person in charge thereof, to be carried by railway if, owing to infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause, it cannot be carried without avoidable suffering during the intended transit by railway.

(2) If any animal is carried by railway 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, &c., for Conveyance.

14. Where an Inspector of the Ministry or of a Local Authority is of opinion that a horse, ass or mule intended to be carried by railway 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in charge of the animal and also, when practicable, on an officer of the railway company, and until such Notice is withdrawn by an Inspector it shall be unlawful to carry the animal by railway, and if the animal is carried in contravention of this Article, the person in charge thereof, and the railway company, where the Notice has been served on an officer of the company, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Construction of Trucks, &c., used for Carriage of Horses, &c.

15.—(1) No horse, ass or mule shall be carried by railway in a truck or other vehicle which is not in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(2) Every truck or other vehicle shall be provided at each end with spring buffers, and the floor thereof, in order to prevent slipping, shall be fitted with battens or other proper footholds, or be strewn with a proper quantity of litter or sand or other proper substance.

(3) The battens in a truck or other vehicle (other than a horse-box) shall be placed across the vehicle, except between the doorways, where they shall be placed lengthways.

(4) Every truck or other vehicle (other than a horse-box) shall be so constructed as to admit of ventilation and inspection at the floor level.

(5) Every truck or other vehicle shall be so constructed that the interior thereof shall be free from any bolt-heads, angles or other projections likely to cause suffering to animals carried therein.

(6) Every falling loading door and every gangway, passage-way, loading or unloading

board shall be fitted with longitudinal battens or other proper footholds.

(7) Every truck for carrying horses, asses or mules, built after the first day of March, nineteen hundred and four, shall be fitted with a roof, and with falling loading doors of a pattern approved by the Minister, and all internal projections shall be rounded.

(8) Horses, asses, or mules, while being carried by rail shall be protected against injury or suffering from exposure to the weather. During the months of October to March inclusive the animals when carried in trucks open at the sides shall be protected by the use of tarpaulin sheets, and in addition any clipped horse, ass or mule shall be provided by the owner or his authorised agent with a suitable rug.

(9) Every truck or other vehicle shall be so constructed as to permit of its being cleansed and disinfected in manner prescribed by this Order.

Overcrowding.

16. A railway company shall not allow any railway truck or other railway vehicle used for carrying horses, asses or mules on the railway, or any compartment thereof, to be overcrowded so as to cause injury or suffering to the animals therein.

Water Supply at Railway Stations.

17. At every railway station at which horses, asses, or mules are loaded, unloaded, or detained during transit, the railway company or companies concerned shall make a provision of water, to the satisfaction of the Ministry, for any such animals which may be carried, or are about to be carried, or have been carried on the railway.

Feeding and Watering during Transit.

18. Any horse, ass or mule carried by railway on a journey the duration of which exceeds twenty-four hours shall, at least once during each period of twenty-four hours, be supplied with a sufficient amount of suitable food and water by the railway company concerned.

Facilities for Loading and Unloading Horses, &c.

19.—(1) Every railway company shall provide proper and sufficient accommodation for the loading or unloading of horses, asses, or mules about to be carried or having been carried from or to any station on their system.

(2) Every railway company shall afford all reasonable facilities to an Inspector of the Ministry or of the Local Authority to examine the animals at the place of destination on the railway when it is not intended that immediate unloading shall take place.

CHAPTER III.—CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION.
Vessels.

20.—(1) A vessel used for carrying horses, asses or mules by sea, or on a canal, river or inland navigation, shall, after the landing of such animals therefrom at any port, and before the taking on board at any port in Great Britain of any other such animal or other cargo, be cleansed and disinfected as follows:—

(i) All parts of the vessel with which any such animal or its droppings have come in contact shall be disinfected in the manner hereinafter prescribed. The said parts shall then be scraped and swept, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water.