

"Inspector" includes Veterinary Inspector;

"Local Authority" means a Local Authority for the purposes of the Act of 1894;

"The Act of 1894" means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894;

"The Minister" and "The Ministry" mean respectively the Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Other terms have, where the context so permits, the same meaning as in the Act of 1894.

*Power of Minister to issue Licences in Exceptional Circumstances.*

2.—(1) Where by an Order of the Minister any matter or thing is, or shall be, prohibited either absolutely or conditionally, or is required to be done by any person, it shall be lawful for the Minister by Licence sealed by the Minister or signed by an Inspector or other Officer of the Ministry, to authorise such matter or thing or exempt such person from the requirement subject to such conditions, if any, as may be prescribed in the Licence, and such Licence shall be a lawful authority or excuse for any matter or thing which it purports to authorise or excuse, notwithstanding anything contained in the Order.

(2) The Minister may by licence subject to such conditions, if any, as he may prescribe therein, exempt from all or any of the provisions of any Order made by him any premises in his occupation or under his control, and any animals or things for the time being on such premises.

*Power of Ministry's Inspectors.*

3. Any power conferred upon a Local Authority or an Inspector of a Local Authority by any Order made by the Minister whether before or after the date of this Order, may, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Order, be exercised by the Minister or an Inspector of the Ministry respectively.

*Power to require special disinfection of slaughterhouses in particular cases, with a view to prevent the spread of disease.*

4.—(1) Where an Inspector considers it necessary or expedient for the purpose of preventing the spread of disease, he may serve a notice on the owner, lessee or occupier of any slaughterhouse requiring him to cleanse and disinfect such slaughterhouse at the expense of such owner, lessee or occupier, at such time or times and in such manner as may be prescribed in the notice.

(2) If any person fails to cleanse and disinfect any slaughterhouse in accordance with the requirements of a notice served upon him hereunder, it shall be lawful for the Minister or a Local Authority, without prejudice to the recovery of any penalty, to cause such slaughterhouse to be cleansed and disinfected, and the owner, lessee and occupier thereof shall give all reasonable facilities for that purpose. The Minister or the Local Authority, as the case may be, may recover from such person summarily as a civil debt the expenses of such cleansing and disinfection.

(3) In this Article—

"Disease" means anthrax, cattle-plague, contagious pleuro-pneumonia of cattle, foot-and-mouth disease, sheep-pox, sheep-scab or swine fever.

"Slaughterhouse" means any premises where animals are habitually slaughtered.

*Effect of Revocation of Orders and Regulations.*

5.—(1) Where an Order of the Minister made after the commencement hereof revokes and re-enacts, with or without modification, any provisions of a former Order, references in any other Order to the provisions so revoked shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as references to the provisions so re-enacted.

(2) Where an Order of the Minister made after the commencement of this Order revokes any other Order or any Regulation made by a Local Authority, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the revocation shall not—

(i) revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the revocation takes effect; or

(ii) affect the previous operation of any Order or Regulation so revoked or anything duly done or suffered under any Order or Regulation so revoked; or

(iii) affect any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred under any Order or Regulation so revoked; or

(iv) affect any penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against any Order or Regulation so revoked; or

(v) affect any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment as aforesaid;

and any such investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture, or punishment may be imposed, as if the revoking Order had not been made.

*Construction of Orders where Boundaries of Districts are altered.*

6. Where an Order of the Minister is declared to be applicable to any county, city, borough, burgh, or other district, and the boundary thereof is altered by Act, Order or other instrument, then subject to the terms of the Act, Order or other instrument the Order of the Minister shall thenceforth apply to the county, city, borough, burgh or other district as extended or restricted by such alteration of boundary.

*Publication of Orders of the Minister by Local Authority.*

7. When an Order of the Minister is sent, under sub-section four of section forty-nine of the Act of 1894, by the Minister to a Local Authority for publication, the Order shall be published by that Local Authority, either by advertisement or by notice in a newspaper circulating in the District of that Local Authority,