

*Slaughter of Diseased Animals.*

8.—(1) A Local Authority shall with all practicable speed cause to be slaughtered any animal which appears to the Veterinary Inspector to be diseased.

(2) If the value of an animal proposed to be slaughtered under this Order, as determined in the manner provided in Article 10 of this Order, exceeds eighty pounds in the case of a horse, or twenty pounds in the case of an ass or mule, the Local Authority shall not proceed with its slaughter unless so directed by the Minister.

(3) If the owner of any animal gives notice in writing to the Local Authority or to their Inspector or other officer that he objects to the animal being slaughtered under the provisions of this Order, it shall not be lawful for the Local Authority to cause that animal to be slaughtered except with the special authority of the Minister first obtained.

*Testing of Suspected Animals and Animals in Contact with Disease.*

9.—(1) The Local Authority shall apply the mallein test to any animal detained under Article 7 of this Order, other than a diseased animal, at such intervals and as often as may be considered by a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority to be reasonably necessary to satisfy him that the animal is, or is not diseased. The test shall be made by a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority. Upon completion of the test the Veterinary Inspector shall make and sign a report of the result of the test in the Form C set forth in the Schedule hereto or to the like effect, and forward the same immediately to the Local Authority. He shall at the same time forward a copy of such report to the owner or person in charge of the animal, and also to the Ministry.

(2)—(i) Where the report (Form C) shows that the Veterinary Inspector is of opinion that an animal is diseased, the animal shall be slaughtered by the Local Authority with all practicable speed, subject as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Article 8 of this Order.

(ii) Where the report (Form C) shows that the Veterinary Inspector is satisfied that an animal is not diseased, the Notice served under Article 7 of this Order shall forthwith be withdrawn in the manner therein provided.

*Valuation for Compensation.*

10. The value of an animal shall before slaughter be determined for the purpose of compensation by agreement in writing between the Local Authority and the owner of the animal, and shall, in case of dispute be determined in the manner provided by the Animals (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order of 1927.

*Post-mortem Examination of Diseased or Suspected Animals which have died and of Slaughtered Animals.*

11.—(1) The carcase of every diseased or suspected animal which has died, and of every animal slaughtered by a Local Authority under this Order, shall as soon as practicable be

examined by a Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority.

(2) Unless the Veterinary Inspector is satisfied, as a result of his examination, that disease does not exist, he shall forthwith send to the Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey, a statement as to the result of his examination, together with all the information and materials necessary to enable the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry to consider and determine the question of the existence or otherwise of disease.

(3) The Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry shall consider the information and examine the materials submitted to him as herein provided and a certificate signed by him or on his behalf shall for the purposes of this Order be conclusive evidence of the existence or otherwise of disease.

(4) A copy of the certificate of the Chief Veterinary Officer shall be sent by the Ministry to the Local Authority and to the owner or person in charge of the animal.

*Compensation for Slaughter.*

12.—(1) Where the certificate of the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry under the preceding Article shows that the animal referred to therein was affected with glanders, the Local Authority shall out of the local rate pay compensation as follows for an animal slaughtered by the Local Authority under this Order:—

(i) Where according to the report of the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority the animal at the time of slaughter showed clinical symptoms which in his opinion were definite evidence of disease, the compensation shall be such sum as the Local Authority think expedient, being a minimum of two pounds in the case of a horse and of ten shillings in the case of an ass or mule, provided that in no case shall the amount of compensation, if above the minimum, exceed one-fourth of the value of the animal immediately before it became diseased, or twenty pounds for any horse or five pounds for any ass or mule, whichever ever is the smaller sum.

(ii) In the case of every other animal the compensation shall be one-half of the value of the animal immediately before it received the mallein test under Article 9 of this Order, but the sum paid shall not exceed forty pounds for any horse or ten pounds for any ass or mule.

(2) Where the certificate of the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry under the preceding Article shows that the animal referred to therein was not affected with glanders, or where the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority is satisfied as a result of the post-mortem examination under the preceding Article that the animal was not affected with glanders, as the case may be, the Local Authority shall out of the local rate pay compensation for an animal slaughtered by the Local Authority under this Order, the amount of which shall be the value of the animal immediately before it was slaughtered, or if it received the mallein test under Article 9 of this Order the value of the animal immediately before it received such test, being a