

Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, have made the following Orders:

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1975, No. 888

The Infectious Diseases of Horses Order, 1975

(Made 20th May 1975)

This Order which came into operation on the 10th June applies to horses, asses, mules and zebras and makes certain infectious diseases of horses, etc. diseases for all the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950. These diseases are equine infectious anaemia, equine encephalomyelitis and African horse sickness (articles 3).

The principal provisions of the Order are:

- (1) requirement for notification in the case of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of those diseases (article 4);
- (2) provision for the declaration of an infected place on receipt of such notifications, rules to be observed in such places, and the procedure to be followed in conducting a veterinary inquiry following such notifications (articles 5, 6 and 7);
- (3) powers to ensure destruction of articles in an infected place which are not capable of being disinfected, and provisions for disposal of carcasses (articles 8 and 10);
- (4) further requirements as to restriction of movement and cleansing and disinfecting etc. which may be applied to prevent the spread of the disease (articles 11, 12 and 13).

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1975, No. 889

The Dourine Order, 1975

(Made 20th May 1975)

This Order which came into operation on the 10th June applies to horses, asses, mules and zebras and makes the disease of horses etc. known as dourine a disease for all the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 (article 3).

The principal provisions of the Order are:

- (1) requirements for notification in the case of an outbreak or suspected outbreak of the disease (article 4);
- (2) provision for the declaration of an infected place on receipt of such notification, rules to be observed in such places, and the procedure to be followed in conducting a veterinary inquiry following such notifications (articles 5, 6 and 7);
- (3) further powers as to restriction of movement and as to cleansing and disinfecting etc. which may be applied to prevent the spread of the disease (articles 8, 9 and 10).

Copies of the above-mentioned Orders may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 49 High Holborn, London W.C.1, price 20p each respectively. •

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1975 No. 203

The Movement and Sale of Pigs Order 1975

(Made 13th February 1975)

This Order, which came into operation on the 21st March, is made under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950, revokes and replaces with amendments the Regulation of Movement of Swine Order 1959 and the Movement of Pigs (Waste Food Precautions) Order 1973.

The principal provisions of the Order are as follows:

- (1) A prohibition is introduced prohibiting the movement of pigs off premises within 21 days of the movement of any pigs on to those premises. This prohibition however does not apply in the case of premises which are a market, fairground, saleyard, licensed collecting centre, artificial insemination centre, performance testing station, exhibition or show, or in the case of a number of exempted movements specified in the Order. (Article 2.)
- (2) Movement of pigs from all premises is made subject to licensing control with the exception of certain specified movements. In the case of a movement from premises where waste food is kept, and a movement from a slaughter market, a licence may only be issued for a movement to a slaughterhouse. (Articles 3, 4 and 5.)

(3) Before movement to a slaughterhouse or to a slaughter market pigs must be marked on the back with a red cross as specified in the Order. (Article 7.)

(4) Requirements are imposed for the cleansing and disinfection with an approved disinfectant of road vehicles used for moving pigs, and restrictions are placed upon the circumstances in which pigs can be moved in a road vehicle with other categories of pigs, or with other things. (Article 8.)

(5) The holding of a sale of pigs is made subject to licensing requirements except in the case of a sale of pigs after a show or exhibition (subject to specified conditions). (Article 9.)

(6) Requirements are imposed on any person selling pigs (by auction or private treaty) on premises used as an auction market to make and retain for one year specified records of the sale. (Article 12.)

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS 1975 No. 143

The Brucellosis (Berkshire, South-West Oxfordshire, Surrey, Etc. Eradication Area) Order 1975

(Made 5th February 1975)

Under section 5 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food may make Orders declaring an area to be an eradication area for purposes connected with the control of any disease of cattle if he is satisfied that a substantial majority of the cattle therein are free from that disease. Under the same section, as extended by section 106(3) of the Agriculture Act 1970, the Minister may make Orders imposing such prohibitions or requirements with respect to cattle in eradication areas as he may consider necessary or desirable for the purpose of eradicating brucellosis.

The present Order, which came into operation on the 3rd March, declares a further area in England to be an eradication area, and prohibits the vaccination against brucellosis of cattle in that area, unless undertaken on behalf of the Minister, or under a licence issued by a veterinary inspector employed by him. The area concerned is:

the county of Berkshire, together with the south-west part of Oxfordshire, and the county of Surrey, together with a small area of West Sussex and the western and southern parts of Greater London.

The Order also provides that the provisions of the Brucellosis (Area Eradication) (England and Wales) Order 1971, as amended, shall come into effect in that area, as from 1st November 1975.

Copies of the above-mentioned Order may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 49 High Holborn, London W.C.1, price 18p and 8p respectively.

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INLAND REVENUE

Stamp Duties

Whereas section 12(2) of the Finance Act 1899 provides that Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inland Revenue may substitute, as respects any foreign or colonial currency mentioned in the Schedule to that Act, any rate of exchange for that specified in the Schedule and may add to the Schedule the rate of exchange for any foreign or colonial currency not mentioned therein, and that such Act shall be construed as if any rate of exchange for the time being substituted or added were contained in the said Schedule, and in the case of the substitution of the rate of exchange as if the rate for which the new rate is substituted were omitted from that Schedule; and whereas by notices duly advertised pursuant to the said section the said Commissioners have from time to time, and lastly by notice duly advertised in the month of December 1974, substituted certain rates of exchange for those contained in the Schedule, and have added thereto certain rates of exchange. Now therefore the said Commissioners do hereby give notice that they substitute the following rates of exchange, based mainly on market rates which have been rounded, for those contained in the Schedule to the Finance Act, 1899, as varied by the above-mentioned notices:

Dollar (Canada)	...	...	2/4 to one pound
Peso (Argentine Republic)	...	...	69/5 to one pound
Escudo (Chile)	...	...	8,979 to one pound
Peso (Uruguay)	...	...	5,756 to one pound
Yuan (China)	...	...	4/1 to one pound
Dollar (Hong Kong)	...	...	11/3 to one pound