

CHAPTER I.—IMPORTATION.

Commencement of Chapter I.

1. This chapter shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1913.

Regulation of Importation of Horses, Asses, and Mules.

2. (1.) A horse, ass, or mule brought to Great Britain from any other country, except Ireland, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man, shall not be landed in Great Britain otherwise than—

(a.) Under the authority of a license granted by the Board, and subject to any conditions imposed by the license; or

(b.) Under and in accordance with the conditions imposed by article 4 of this order.

(2.) A license shall not be available as an authority for the landing of a horse, ass, or mule unless the animal is accompanied by a certificate of a veterinary surgeon to the effect that he examined the animal immediately before it was embarked, or while it was on board the vessel, as the case may be, and that he found that the animal did not show symptoms of disease.

Licenses for Landing.

3. Where the Board grant a license authorizing the landing of a horse, ass, or mule, the Board may impose and insert in the license such conditions as they may think necessary—

(a.) For prescribing and regulating the detention and isolation of the animal;

(b.) For prescribing and regulating the veterinary examination of the animal (including the application of the mallein test) and the person by whom the examination shall be made;

(c.) For regulating the movement of the animal from the place of landing to the prescribed place of detention; and

(d.) Generally for the better execution of this chapter or preventing the spreading of disease by the animal.

Conditions where Landing is not licensed.

4. Where the landing of a horse, ass, or mule is not authorized by a license granted by the Board, its landing shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:—

(a.) The landing must be authorized in writing by an officer of Customs and Excise, and be at a port which has been authorized by order of the Board as a port for landing of imported horses, asses, and mules.

(b.) The animal shall on landing at any such port be moved by the owner or person in charge thereof direct to a place of detention provided by the local authority for horses, asses, and mules imported at such port, or to a place of detention otherwise provided and approved for such purpose by the local authority.

(c.) The animal shall be detained at the place of detention by the owner or person in charge thereof until it is released by a permit granted by an Inspector of the local authority.

(d.) The permit shall not be granted until the animal has been examined by a Veterinary Inspector of the local authority and found by him to be free from symptoms of disease.

(e.) In every case, except where the animal shows clinical symptoms which are definite evidence of glanders, the animal shall be tested by a Veterinary Inspector of the local authority with mallein, which may be applied at such time not later than ten days after the arrival of the animal at the place of detention as the Veterinary Inspector may think fit.

(f.) Where in the opinion of the Veterinary Inspector the original application of the test results in indication of glanders not amounting to definite evidence of glanders, the test shall be applied a second time not later than twelve days after the previous application; and if the second application does not result in definite evidence of glanders, the animal shall for the purposes of this order be treated as free from symptoms of glanders.

Cleansing and Disinfection.

5. The local authority or the person by whom a place of detention is provided shall cause the part of the place of detention used by a horse, ass, or mule to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected in such manner as the local authority think fit before it is again used for the reception of a horse, ass, or mule.

Charges for Use of Place of Detention.

6. The local authority may under section 32 of the Act of 1894 charge for the use of a place of detention provided by the local authority such sums as may be imposed by by-laws.

Provision as to Diseased or Suspected Horses, &c.

7. Any horse, ass, or mule in a place of detention which is affected with, or suspected of, disease, and which is not required to be slaughtered under the order (if any) dealing with the particular disease, may be moved with the written permission of an Inspector of the local authority to a vessel in the port for exportation.