

No. 1.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 442.

MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 26th November, 1923.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 417, of the 14th November, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of the Imported Animals Order of 1923, dated the 16th November, and of a notice relating to the resumption of Irish cattle trade, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on the 16th November.

I have, &c.,

DEVONSHIRE.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon.

Viscount Jellicoe, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

IMPORTED ANIMALS ORDER OF 1923.

THE Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1922, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Alteration of Regulations as to Movement of Imported Animals from Approved Landing-places.

1. The regulations as to movement of imported cattle contained in the Schedule to the Importation of Animals Act, 1922 (session 2), and the provisions of Part IV of the Animals (Landing from Ireland, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man) Order of 1923, and the provisions of Part V of the Importation of Canadian Cattle Order of 1923, are hereby altered and modified in manner prescribed by this Order.

Premises to which Movement may be authorized.

2. No license shall be granted authorizing the movement of imported cattle, sheep, or goats out of an approved landing-place to a market, but only to premises (including a slaughterhouse) other than a market.

Detention of Animals.

3. (1.) Animals moved from an approved landing-place to a slaughterhouse shall be there detained until they are slaughtered.

(2.) Animals moved from an approved landing-place to premises other than a slaughterhouse shall, on arriving at those premises, be detained therein, unless previously slaughtered therein, for a period of fourteen days from the date of their arrival thereat, and such period shall be substituted for the period of six days specified in the regulations and provisions hereby altered and modified. During the said period of detention the animals shall not be moved from the said premises otherwise than under a further license to be granted by a local Inspector.

(3.) Animals may, if so authorized and accompanied by any such license, be moved after the expiration of six days from the date of their arrival—

(1.) To a slaughterhouse, to be there detained until they are slaughtered; or

(2.) To any other premises (other than a market), to be there detained for the remainder of the said period of fourteen days, which period shall be stated in the license; or

(3.) To a vessel for export.

4. If the place of destination to be stated in such further license is situate in the district of another local authority, the license shall not be granted unless the consent of that local authority to the movement of the animals into their district has been previously obtained.

Disinfection of Railway-trucks and Railway Loading-banks.

4. (1.) A railway-truck or other railway-vehicle used for the conveyance of any animals from an approved landing-place shall, immediately before any such animal is placed in it, be thoroughly sprayed with liquid disinfectant under the supervision and to the satisfaction of the Inspector of the Ministry at the landing-place.

(2.) A railway loading-bank or loading-dock used for the loading of imported animals at an approved landing-place for conveyance therefrom shall, when required by an Inspector of the Ministry at the landing-place, be thoroughly sprayed with liquid disinfectant.

(3.) The liquid disinfectant to be used for the purposes of this article shall be—

(a.) A 1-per-cent. (minimum) solution of chloride of lime containing not less than 30 per cent. of available chlorine; or

(b.) A 5-per-cent. (minimum) solution of carbolic acid (containing not less than 95 per cent. of actual carbolic acid); or

(c.) A disinfectant equal in disinfective efficiency to the above-mentioned solution of carbolic acid.