STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1137

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Equine Animals (Importation) Amendment Order 1971

Made - - -	14*th July* 1971
Laid before Parliament	14*th July* 1971
Coming into Operation	15*th July* 1971

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers vested in them under sections 1(1), 24(1), 33(1)(xii), 84(3)(*a*) and 85(1) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(**a**), (as extended by the Diseases of Animals (Extension of Definitions) Order 1952(**b**), as adapted to air transport by section 11(1) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954(**c**), and read with the Transfer of Functions (Animal Health) Order 1955(**d**) and as amended by section 105(1) of the Agriculture Act 1970(**e**)) and all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows :—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. This order, which may be cited as the Equine Animals (Importation) Amendment Order 1971, shall be construed as one with the Equine Animals (Importation) Order 1969(**f**) (in this order referred to as "the principal order"), and shall come into operation on 15th July 1971.

Amendment of Principal Order

2. Article 4 of the principal order (which contains provisions regulating the importation of equine animals into Great Britain) shall be amended as follows :—

(*a*) by the deletion of paragraph (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph—

"(2) The landing or unloading in Great Britain of any equine animal brought from any country (not being a specified country) outside Great Britain, except Northern Ireland, the Republic of

(**a**) 1950 c. 36. For change of title of the Minister see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(**b**) S.I. 1952/1236 (1952 I, p. 128).
(**c**) 1954 c. 39.
(**d**) S.I. 1955/958 (1955 I, p. 1184).
(**e**) 1970 c. 40.
(**f**) S.I. 1969/915 (1969 II, p. 2791).

Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, is hereby prohibited unless—

(*a*) in the case of an equine animal brought from any country in Europe, it is accompanied by a certificate as mentioned in article 5 below of a veterinary surgeon duly authorised by the government of the country from which the equine animal was brought, or

(*b*) in the case of an equine animal brought from any country outside Europe, it is landed or unloaded under the authority and in accordance with the provisions of a licence issued by the Minister".

(*b*) by the insertion of the following paragraphs immediately following paragraph (3) thereof—

"(4) A licence referred to in paragraph (2)(*b*) of this Article (which may be either general or specific and in either case conditional or unconditional) may be issued by the Minister, in the case of a general licence by publication of the terms of such licence to an extent which appears sufficient in the opinion of the Minister to bring the licence to the attention of interested persons, or in the case of a specific licence, which shall be in writing, by delivery of such licence to the licensee to whom it is granted.

(5) Failure to comply with any condition of a licence issued under this order shall be an offence against the Act.

(6) In this article the expression "the Minister" in the application of this order to England and Wales means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and in its corresponding application to Scotland means the Secretary of State."

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 13th July 1971.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

14th July 1971.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order amends the Equine Animals (Importation) Order 1969 by providing that equine animals from countries outside Europe (other than countries from which importation is altogether forbidden by the principal order) can no longer be imported into Great Britain without restriction if accompanied by an appropriate veterinary certificate but must now have their importation authorised by a licence issued by the Minister.