EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Under Section 23 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, the Minister and the Secretary of State may make such orders as they think fit for protecting horses carried by sea or air from unnecessary suffering during the passage and on landing, and this Order provides that no pony shall be shipped by sea or by air from Great Britain to any place outside Europe, unless immediately before shipment it has been inspected by a veterinary inspector and has been certified by him to be capable of being conveyed to its destination without unnecessary suffering.

1958 No. 1272

The Horses (Sea Transport) Amendment Order, 1958

Made - - - -	31*st July*, 1958
Coming into Operation	18*th August*, 1958

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1, 23 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), (as extended to horses by the Diseases of Animals (Extension of Definitions) Order, 1952(b)), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Horses (Sea Transport) Amendment Order, 1958, shall come into operation on 18th August, 1958.

Amendment of Article 4 of the Horses (Sea Transport) Order, 1952

2. Article 4 of the Horses (Sea Transport) Order, 1952(c) shall be altered as follows:—

(*a*) immediately after paragraph (12), (which requires parts of a vessel where horses are carried to be properly lighted), the following paragraph shall be inserted—

"(12A) Where any horses are carried in a vessel on a voyage which takes more than twenty-four hours, lighting in those parts of the vessel in which the horses are carried shall, so far as may be consonant with the safe and proper working and management of the vessel, be dimmed between sunset and sunrise when not required at full strength."

(*b*) for paragraph (17), (which requires the owner of a vessel carrying horses to provide competent persons to care for them), there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"(17) For the purpose of ensuring the efficient watering, feeding and care of horses during a voyage, the owner of any vessel on which horses are carried shall provide a competent person experienced in the handling of horses, and, where necessary, such number of assistants as will secure the proper care of the horses during the voyage.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) S.I. 1952/1236 (1952 I, p. 128).
(c) S.I. 1952/1291 (1952 I, p. 146).

Provided that this requirement shall not apply in the case of—

(i) any horse intended for breeding, racing, jumping or exhibition, or

(ii) any polo pony

if such horse or pony is accompanied by a competent and experienced person as aforesaid provided by the consignor thereof."

(*c*) immediately after paragraph (18) the following paragraph shall be inserted—

Access to holds, etc.

"(18A) After 17th August, 1959, any ship carrying horses below decks shall be provided with companion-ways, which will enable persons caring for the horses so carried to gain access to them if the main hatchways are battened down."

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.)

John Hare,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this thirty-first day of July, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.)

John S. Maclay,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order amends the Horses (Sea Transport) Order, 1952 in three respects. It requires lighting in parts of a ship in which horses are carried to be dimmed at night when not required at full strength, and it substitutes for the requirement that a ship carrying horses shall be provided with competent persons to ensure the proper watering, feeding and care of the horses, the requirement that for these purposes the owner of such a ship shall provide a competent person experienced in the handling of horses, and, where necessary, a sufficient number of assistants. The Order also provides that all ships carrying horses below decks shall be provided with means of access to the animals in addition to the main hatchways.