1955 No. 1390

The Importation of Animal Semen Order, 1955

Made - - - - 6*th September*, 1955
Coming into Operation 17*th September*, 1955

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1, 20, 24, 33, 45 and 84 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), and Section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1954(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 Importation of Animal Semen Order, 1955, shall come into operation on the 17th day of September, 1955.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Extension of the Definition of "Animals"

3. For the purposes of this Order, and for the purposes of Sections 1, 20, 24, 33 and 45, and Part III of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, in so far as they may be applicable to the making, administration and enforcement of this Order, the definition of the expression "animals" in Section 84 of that Act is hereby extended so as to include canine animals and feline animals.

Application

4. This Order shall apply to the semen of the following animals and poultry—

(*a*) canine animals, feline animals, swine, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals, except cattle;

(*b*) domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea fowls, pigeons, pheasants and partridges.

Prohibition of Importation of Animal Semen into Great Britain

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, the landing or the unloading in Great Britain of any semen to which this Order applies from any vessel or aircraft in which it was brought into Great Britain from any country out of Great Britain is hereby prohibited—

Provided that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in respect of the landing of semen in England or Wales, or the Secretary of State in respect of the landing of semen in Scotland may, at his discretion, grant a licence authorising the landing or unloading of such semen for any purpose approved by him.

(2) The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State may attach to any licence issued under the powers conferred by this Article, any conditions he may think fit for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spread of disease.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Transhipment and Exportation

6. Where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise that any semen to which this Order applies has been imported solely with a view to the exportation thereof from Great Britain by way of transhipment, the Commissioners may, subject to such conditions as they think fit to impose, allow the semen to be landed without a licence.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this fifth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this sixth day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *James Stuart,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

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

The semen of certain animals and of poultry may spread disease. This Order prohibits the landing in Great Britain, except under licence, of their semen. The importation of the semen of cattle and horses is already subject to the Importation and Exportation of Semen and Imported Semen (England and Wales) Regulations, 1946, and the Artificial Insemination (Importation and Exportation of Semen and Imported Semen) (Scotland) Regulations, 1946, made under Section 17 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1943.

1955 No. 370

The Importation of Hay and Straw Order, 1955

Made - - - - *7th March,* 1955
Coming into Operation *1st April,* 1955

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Sections 1, 24, 33 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a) and Section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1954(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby orders as follows :—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Importation of Hay and Straw Order, 1955, shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1955.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.