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ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order 1963

Made - - - -	*4th February* 1963
Laid before Parliament	*11th February* 1963
Coming into Operation	*18th February* 1963

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 1, 29, 33 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(a), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order 1963, and shall come into operation on 18th February 1963.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this order and the orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

Extension of Diseases of Animals Act 1950

3. Brucellosis, tuberculosis and leptospirosis are hereby declared to be diseases within the meaning of section 29 (2) (*c*) (ii) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950.

Amendment of Principal Order

4. For article 3 of the Importation of Canadian Cattle Order of 1933(c) there shall be substituted the following article:—

"*Certificates etc. to be Furnished on Importation*

3. Canadian cattle shall not be landed in Great Britain unless and until there are delivered to a proper officer of Customs and Excise the certificates and declaration prescribed by this article, namely:—

(*a*) A certificate or certificates signed by a duly authorised officer of the Government of Canada:—

(i) that the cattle were for a period of one clear day immediately before shipment kept separate from other animals, and were examined from time to time during that period by a duly authorised veterinary officer of Canada, and in particular were thoroughly so examined immediately before shipment;

(ii) that on such examination no animal examined was found to be affected with cattle plague, pleuro-pneumonia, or foot-and-mouth disease;

(iii) that the cattle were not at the time of shipment affected with mange;

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. 1933/15 (Rev. II, p. 377: 1933, p. 361).

(iv) that the cattle were subjected to a blood agglutination test for brucellosis not more than 30 days before leaving the premises of origin, with negative results, or, in the case of cattle up to the age of 30 months at the time of shipment, that the animals had been vaccinated against brucellosis, between the ages of 4 and 11 months, with *brucella abortus* (strain 19) vaccine of a potency approved by the Veterinary Director General of the Canadian Department of Agriculture;

(v) that the cattle were subjected to a tuberculin test not more than 30 days before leaving the premises of origin, with negative results;

(vi) that leptospirosis had not been diagnosed in the herd of origin in the previous 12 months, and that not more than 30 days before leaving the premises of origin the cattle were subjected to agglutination tests for leptospirosis (the serotypes for which the tests were made being specified in the certificate), with negative results;

(vii) that if at any time within 28 days before the shipment of the cattle the vessel in which the cattle are brought to Great Britain had had on board any animal which had been exported or carried coastwise from any port or place in any country other than Great Britain or Canada, or had entered or been within any such port or place, the vessel was before the shipment of the cattle effectively cleansed and disinfected to the satisfaction of a duly authorised representative of the Government of Canada;

(viii) that the cattle, other than pedigree cattle, were before shipment marked by securely affixing to the left ear of each animal a tag of a pattern approved by the Minister and the Secretary of State bearing stamped thereon the letters "H. of A." on one side and a prefix letter and a serial number on the other side; and

(ix) that the cattle were born and reared in Canada.

(*b*) A declaration signed by the Master of the vessel in which the cattle are brought to Great Britain that the cattle were shipped from a port in Canada and that the vessel did not during the voyage enter any port or place outside Great Britain."

Revocation

5. The Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order of 1938(**a**) and the Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order of 1939(**b**) are hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on the 4th February 1963.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1938/1141 (Rev. II, p. 377: 1938 I, p. 315).
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1939/1699 (Rev. II, p. 377: 1939 I, p. 163).

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on the 4th February 1963.

(L.S.)

Michael Noble,
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, which is made under the Diseases of Animals Act 1950, amends the Importation of Canadian Cattle Order of 1933 by declaring brucellosis, tuberculosis and leptospirosis to be diseases within the meaning of section 29 (2) (*c*) (ii) of the Act. It becomes a condition of landing Canadian cattle in Great Britain without slaughter that the Minister and the Secretary of State must be satisfied that the cattle were not at the time of shipment affected with these diseases. The provisions of previous orders, prescribing the certificates required before the cattle can be landed, are revoked and re-enacted together with additional requirements relating to the three diseases added by this order.