STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 911

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Importation of Carcases and Animal Products (Amendment) Order 1963

Made - - - -	*8th May* 1963
Coming into Operation	*9th May* 1963

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers vested in them 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 them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Importation of Carcases and Animal Products (Amendment) Order 1963, shall come into operation on 9th May 1963.

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.

Amendment of the Importation of Carcases and Animal Products Order 1954

3. Schedule 3 to the Importation of Carcases and Animal Products Order 1954(**d**), as altered (**e**), (which schedule specifies the carcases and animal products which may be landed in Great Britain from certain specified countries without a licence upon conditions therein set out) shall be altered as follows:—

(*a*) after the words "Fresh or refrigerated meat (including edible offal)" in the column headed "Product" in the said schedule by the addition of the words "other than fresh or refrigerated pigmeat (including edible pig offal)";

(*b*) by the insertion of the following entry at the end of the entry relating to fresh or refrigerated meat (including edible offal) in the said schedule:

"Fresh or refrigerated pigmeat (including edible pig offal).	Colombia, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland.	Each consignment to be accompanied by a certificate signed by a duly authorised Officer of the Government of the country of origin certifying that the undermentioned safeguards have been observed.

(**a**) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (**b**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39.
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**d**) S.I. 1954/853 (1954 I, p. 136).
(**e**) S.I. 1960/2094, 1961/329 (1960 I, p. 298; 1961 I, p. 520).

" Fresh or refrigerated pigmeat (including edible pig offal)—*cont.*	Colombia, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland—*cont.*	*Safeguards* 1. Pigs for slaughter for export shall be slaughtered only at abattoirs approved for the purpose by the Government of the country of origin. Such abattoirs shall not be used for the purpose of slaughtering for export to Great Britain if situated within 20 kilometres of a farm or premises infected with foot-and-mouth disease unless separated from such farm or premises by the sea or by tidal salt waters. 2. Pigs for slaughter for export to Great Britain shall be slaughtered exclusively on certain days on which all animals in the slaughterhouse will have complied with the the conditions of paragraphs 3 and 5 and all pigs will have complied also with the conditions of paragraphs 4 and 6. 3. All animals shall be inspected before and after slaughter by veterinary surgeons approved by the Government of the country of origin, and shall be certified as being free from foot-and-mouth disease. 4. All pigs shall be inspected before and after slaughter by veterinary surgeons approved by the Government of the country of origin and shall be certified as being free from swine fever. 5. No animals to be slaughtered for export to Great Britain shall be drawn from a farm or premises situated within 20 kilometres of a farm or premises infected with foot-and-mouth disease unless separated from such farm or premises by the sea or by tidal salt waters. 6. No pigs to be slaughtered for export to Great Britain shall be drawn from a farm or premises under any restrictions imposed in connection with swine fever or from a farm or premises contiguous to a farm or premises infected with swine fever.

" Fresh or refrigerated pigmeat (including edible pig offal)— *cont.*	Colombia, Denmark, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland—*cont.*	7. If foot-and-mouth disease is found in an abattoir approved for the slaughter of animals for export to Great Britain, the affected animal and those which have been in contact with it, shall be disposed of otherwise than by export to Great Britain, and the premises shall be thoroughly disinfected before slaughtering for export to Great Britain is resumed. 8. If swine fever is found in an abattoir approved for the slaughter of animals for export to Great Britain, the affected pig and those pigs which have been in contact with it, shall be disposed of otherwise than by export to Great Britain, and the premises shall be thoroughly disinfected before slaughtering for export to Great Britain is resumed. 9. Pigmeat for export to Great Britain shall be moved direct to a port for immediate shipment or stored in accommodation specially set aside and used exclusively for the storage of meat to be exported to Great Britain."

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 7th May 1963.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 8th May 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 alters the provisions of the Importation of Carcases and Animal Products Order 1954 (S.I. 1954/853), by requiring that certificates accompanying fresh or refrigerated pigmeat imported from Colombia, Denmark, Holland, Sweden or Switzerland, without licence, shall certify that specified safeguards against foot-and-mouth disease and swine fever have been observed. The safeguards required in the case of fresh or refrigerated meat other than pigmeat so imported remain unchanged.