STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1743

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Importation of Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Order 1969

Made - - - -	8*th December* 1969
Laid before Parliament	8*th December* 1969
Coming into Operation	9*th December* 1969

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, 33 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(**a**), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Animal Health) Order 1955(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

Citation, extent, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order which may be cited as the Importation of Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Order 1969, applies to Great Britain and shall come into operation on 9th December 1969.

(2) In this order "the principal order" means the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order of 1928(**c**).

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Period of detention and isolation for imported dogs and cats

2.—(1) In article 2(1) of the principal order (which requires an imported dog or cat for a period of six calendar months after its landing in Great Britain to be detained and isolated at the expense of its owner upon premises in the occupation or under the control of a veterinary surgeon) for the reference therein to a period of six calendar months there shall be substituted a reference to eight calendar months.

(2) Accordingly—

(*a*) in article 3(iii) of the principal order (which enables rules to be made and conditions to be inserted in licences granted under the principal order for the purpose of regulating the movement of dogs and cats during a period of six calendar months after landing), and

(*b*) in paragraphs (1)(*a*) and (*b*) and (3) of article 4 of the principal order (which in prescribing the action which may be taken in the case of illegal landing or other default refer to periods of six calendar months),

for the references in each case to six calendar months there shall be substituted references to eight calendar months.

(**a**) 1950 c. 36. For change of title of the Minister see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(**b**) S.I. 1955/958 (1955 I, p. 1184). (**c**) S.R. & O. 1928/922 (Rev. II p. 399: 1928 p. 177).
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.

Transitional

3.—(1) This article applies to dogs and cats which on the coming into operation of this order are after landing in Great Britain already undergoing detention and isolation in accordance with article 2 of the principal order.

(2) With effect from the coming into operation of this order the said article 2, in its application to dogs and cats to which this article applies, shall have effect as if—

(*a*) for the period of six calendar months referred to in paragraph (1) of the said article there were substituted a reference to such a period as having regard to the period of detention and isolation already undergone will amount to a total of eight months from the landing ; and

(*b*) in relation to any period occurring after a period of six months from such landing has elapsed, the words in paragraph (1) of the said article " at the expense of its owner " were omitted.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 8th December 1969.

(L.S.) *Cledwyn Hughes,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 8th December 1969.

(L.S.) *William Ross,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This order extends the period of detention and isolation of imported dogs and cats under the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order of 1928 from six months to eight months.