STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 946

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Importation of Hay, Straw and Dried Grass Order, 1961

Made - - - - 15*th May*, 1961

Coming into Operation 1*st June*, 1961

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), as extended by 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, Commencement and Revocation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Importation of Hay, Straw and Dried Grass Order, 1961, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1961.

(2) The Importation of Hay and Straw Order, 1955(c), the Importation of Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order, 1958(d), and the Importation of Hay and Straw (Amendment) Order, 1959(e), are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(f), 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.

(2) In this Order—

"dried grass" means any product (other than hay) which is obtained by drying artificially any grass, clover, lucerne, sainfoin or any green cereal;

"hay" means grass, clover, lucerne, sainfoin or any green cereal which has been dried either naturally or artificially;

"Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Restrictions on Importation of Hay, Straw and Dried Grass into Great Britain

3. Subject to the provisions of this Order, no person shall land in Great Britain from any vessel or aircraft any hay, straw or dried grass brought from any country other than those specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Exemptions

4. Nothing in this Order shall prohibit or restrict the landing of—

(*a*) hay or straw which at the time of importation is being used for packing merchandise;

(*b*) goods or articles manufactured from straw;

(*c*) hay, straw or dried grass, which for the purpose of being destroyed or otherwise disposed of as directed by the Minister or the Secretary of State, is landed at any part of a port which the Minister or the Secretary of State has by Order defined as an imported animals' wharf or at an approved landing place or at any aerodrome;

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36.
(b) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39.
(c) S.I. 1955/370 (1955 I, p. 208).
(d) S.I. 1958/1690 (1958 I, p. 169).
(e) S.I. 1959/287 (1959 I, p. 232).
(f) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*d*) hay or straw authorised to be landed for use otherwise than as fodder or litter for animals by a licence issued by the Minister or the Secretary of State under this Order;

(*e*) dried grass authorised to be landed by a licence issued as aforesaid;

(*f*) esparto grass.

Licences

5.—(1) The Minister or the Secretary of State may attach to any licence issued under this Order any conditions he may think fit for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spreading of disease.

(2) If any person contravenes or fails to comply with any conditions subject to which any licence is issued under this Order, he shall be guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, is hereunto affixed this fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *Christopher Soames,*
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *John S. Maclay,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

SCHEDULE

Countries from which importation of hay, straw and dried grass is permitted.

Australia
Canada
Channel Islands
Denmark (including the Faroe Islands and Greenland)
Falkland Islands
Finland
Iceland
Isle of Man
The Netherlands
New Zealand
Northern Ireland
Norway
Republic of Ireland
Sweden
Union of South Africa
United States of America

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which comes into operation on the 1st day of June, 1961, consolidates with amendments the Importation of Hay and Straw Order, 1955, as amended. Dried grass is now expressly included (along with hay and straw) as an article that may not be landed in Great Britain from any ship or aircraft, if it is brought from any country other than the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order, but dried grass imported under a licence issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food or the Secretary of State is exempted from the prohibition imposed by the Order.