STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 1327

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1966

Made - - - -	21*st October* 1966
Laid before Parliament	31*st October* 1966
Coming into Operation	1*st November* 1966

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State acting jointly, in exercise of the powers vested in them under section 1, 24, 33, 84 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(a) (as extended by the Diseases of Animals (Extension of Definitions) Order 1952(b) and adapted to air transport by section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954(c), and as read with the Transfer of Functions (Animal Health) Order 1955(d)) and 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 Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1966, shall come into operation on 1st November 1966.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the Principal Order" means the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules Order 1957(e), as amended by the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (African Horse Sickness) (Prohibition) Order 1961(f);

(2) This Order shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

Revocation of the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) Order 1966

3. The Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) Order 1966(g) (which for the purpose of preventing the introduction of infectious equine anaemia into Great Britain prohibited the importation without a licence of horses from certain European countries) is hereby revoked.

Amendment of Principal Order

4. The Principal Order shall be varied—

(a) 1950 c. 36. For change of title of the Minister see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
(b) S.I. 1952/1236 (1952 I, p. 128).
(c) 1954 c. 39.
(d) S.I. 1955/958 (1955 I, p. 1184).
(e) S.I. 1957/467 (1957 I, p. 159).
(f) S.I. 1961/260 (1961 I, p. 436).
(g) S.I. 1966/568 (1966 II, p. 1215).

(*a*) by substituting for sub-paragraph (*d*) of article 4(1) the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*d*) that to the best of the certifying officer's knowledge and belief the horse had not, at the time of the commencement of its journey to Great Britain, been kept during the immediately preceding period of six months or since it last left Great Britain, whichever period is the less, on any premises on which infectious equine anaemia, encephalomyelitis, equine virus abortion or African horse sickness (pestis equorum) existed or had previously existed during that period of six months, and had not otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with any of those diseases;"

(*b*) by substituting for item (3) in the form of veterinary certificate in the Schedule the following paragraph:—

"(3) that to the best of my knowledge and belief the horse(s) had not, at the time of the commencement of its (their) journey to Great Britain, been kept during the immediately preceding period of six months or since it (they) last left Great Britain, whichever period is the less, on any premises on which infectious equine anaemia, encephalomyelitis, equine virus abortion or African horse sickness (pestis equorum) existed or had previously existed during that period of six months, and had not otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with any of those diseases;".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 18th October 1966.

(L.S.)

Frederick Peart,
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland on 21st October 1966.

(L.S.)

William Ross,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes, as from 1st November 1966, the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) Order 1966, which imposed temporary licensing restrictions on the importation of horses in order to prevent the introduction of infectious equine anaemia.

An imported horse must be accompanied by a foreign veterinary certificate that the premises on which it has been kept have been free from certain diseases. This Order reduces the period to be covered by the certificate from twelve months to six.