PESTS

1953 No. 207

The Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	11*th February*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	12*th February*, 1953
Coming into Operation	1*st March*, 1953

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects Act, 1877(a) as amended by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1907(b) and Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1927(c) respectively, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, orders as follows:—

Citation, Commencement and Construction

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1953 and shall come into operation on the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-three and shall be read as one with the Importation of Plants Order of 1947(d) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order"), the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order of 1949(e) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order of 1949") and the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1952(f) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order of 1952"). The principal Order, the Order of 1949, the Order of 1952 and this Order may be cited together as the Importation of Plants Orders, 1947 to 1953.

Amendment of Article 6 of the principal Order

2. Article 6 of the principal Order shall be amended by inserting the words "except lettuce" after the words "raw vegetables" where they first appear in paragraphs (1) and (2) respectively of that Article.

Restriction on the landing of Lettuce in England or Wales

3.—(1) The landing in England or Wales between the first day of March and the fifteenth day of October in any year of any lettuce grown in Europe south of latitude forty-six degrees North is hereby prohibited unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate of a duly authorised Official of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which the lettuce were grown, in the Form A set out in the Third Schedule to the principal Order.

(2) The landing in England or Wales of any lettuce grown in Europe at or north of latitude forty-six degrees North is hereby prohibited:—

(*a*) during the month of March in any year unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate of origin visé by a competent authority in the country of origin stating the country and place where the lettuce were grown, and such certificate shall include a declaration that the lettuce were grown at or north of latitude forty-six degrees North.

(a) 40 & 41 Vict. c. 68. (b) 7 Edw. 7. c. 4. (c) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 32.
(d) S.R. & O. 1947/671; Rev. V, p. 743; 1947 I, p. 498.
(e) S.I. 1949/1693; 1949 I, p. 1458. (f) S.I. 1952/2277; 1952 II, 2425.

(*b*) between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of October in any year unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate of a duly authorised Official of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which the lettuce were grown, in the Form A set out in the Third Schedule to the principal Order.

(3) The landing in England or Wales between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of October in any year of any lettuce grown in the United States of America or Canada is hereby prohibited unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate of a duly authorised Official of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which the lettuce were grown, in the Form A or the Form B set out in the Third Schedule to the principal Order.

(4) The landing in England or Wales between the first day of April and the fifteenth day of October in any year of any lettuce grown elsewhere than in any European country, the United States of America or Canada is hereby prohibited unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate of origin visé by a competent authority in the country of origin stating the country and place where the lettuce were grown.

(5) The certificates prescribed in this Article shall be delivered to the proper Officer of Customs and Excise at the same time as and together with the entry relating to the consignment.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this eleventh day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is concerned with the conditions under which lettuce may be imported into England and Wales. The previous requirements relating to lettuce imported from countries outside Europe have been re-enacted and the new provisions of the Order relate to lettuce imported from Europe. For imports from Europe south of Latitude 46°N during the period 1st March to 15th October a Form A Certificate (as set out in the Third Schedule to the Importation of Plants Order of 1947) is required. For imports from Europe north of Latitude 46°N during the month of March a certificate of origin is required and during the period 1st April to 15th October a Form A Certificate is required.