1955 No. 277

The Importation of Potatoes and Vegetables Order, 1955

Made - - - -	16*th February*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	22*nd February*, 1955
Coming into Operation	27*th February*, 1955

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 and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Potatoes and Vegetables Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the 27th day of February, 1955.

Modification of Requirements on Importation of Potatoes and Vegetables

2.—(1) *Potatoes*

Notwithstanding anything contained in Articles 3 or 5 of the Importation of Plants Order of 1947(**d**) or in Articles 6 or 7 of the Importation of Plants Order, 1955(**e**) the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries (hereinafter called "the Minister") hereby authorises the landing in England or Wales, during the periods indicated in relation to the particular country, of new potatoes grown in the countries specified hereunder, subject to the conditions contained in this Order:—

Country of Origin	*Period of Importation*
France	27th February, 1955 to 31st May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).
Portugal	27th February, 1955 to 15th May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).
Spain	27th February, 1955 to 8th May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).

(2) *Vegetables*

Notwithstanding anything contained in Articles 6 or 7 of the Importation of Plants Order, 1955, the Minister hereby authorises the landing in England or Wales, during the periods indicated in relation to the particular country and districts, of the raw vegetables mentioned below, grown in the countries and districts specified, subject to the conditions contained in this Order:—

Belgium (Districts of Louvain and Malines only)

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1955 to 15th May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).
Carrots, with foliage not exceeding five inches.	1st April, 1955 to 15th October, 1955, (both dates inclusive).

(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. 1955/81 (p. 1841 above).

France (Districts of Barfleur, Caen, Creances, Lannion, Nantes, Perros-Guirec, Rennes and Saint Pol de Leon only)

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1955 to 15th May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).
Carrots, with foliage not exceeding five inches.	1st April, 1955 to 15th October, 1955, (both dates inclusive).

(i) The Netherlands (All Districts)

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1955 to 15th May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).
Carrots, with foliage not exceeding five inches.	1st April, 1955 to 15th October, 1955, (both dates inclusive).
All other raw vegetables (including lettuce) except root vegetables free from foliage, asparagus, aubergines, capsicums, cucumbers, green beans, green peas, marrows, mushrooms, onions, shallots, pimentos, pumpkins, tomatoes and witloof chicory.	1st April, 1955 to 30th April, 1955, (both dates inclusive).

(ii) The Netherlands (Westland District and the Islands of the Province of South Holland only)

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1955 to 31st May, 1955, (both dates inclusive).

Certificates to Accompany Consignments

3.—(1) Each consignment of new potatoes landed in pursuance of the authority given by Article 2 of this Order shall be accompanied by a certificate in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Order.

(2) Each consignment of vegetables landed in pursuance of the authority given by Article 2 of this Order shall be accompanied by a certificate in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Order.

(3) The certificate prescribed in this Article shall be duly completed and signed by or on behalf of an authorised officer of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which the new potatoes or vegetables were grown and shall include a translation thereof in the language of that country, which translation, if it is in a document separate from the certificate, shall also be duly completed and signed by or on behalf of the said authorised officer.

(4) The examination referred to in the certificate set out in the First Schedule to this Order shall have been carried out immediately prior to the date of despatch of the consignment.

(5) The certificate prescribed in this Article shall be delivered to the appropriate officer of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise at the port of landing in England or Wales at the same time as, and together with, the entry relating to the consignment.

Restrictions on Importation

4.—(1) No new potatoes shall be landed in pursuance of the authority given by Article 2 of this Order unless

(*a*) they have been grown at a distance of at least 2 kilometres from any place where the disease known as Wart Disease or Black Scab of potatoes (*Synchytrium endobioticum* (Schilb.) Perc.) or the disease known as Ring Rot (*Corynebacterium sepedonicum* (Spieck. & Kotth.) Skaptason & Burkholder) has occurred at any time;

(*b*) they have been grown in a district where an intensive system of control of Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say.) is in operation;

(*c*) they have been riddled and thoroughly washed and are free from soil and Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say.) infestation.

(2) No vegetables shall be landed in pursuance of the authority given by Article 2 of this Order unless

(*a*) they have been examined by an authorised officer of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which they were grown and were believed by him to be free from Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say.) infestation.

(*b*) they have been grown in a district where an intensive system of control of Colorado beetle (*Leptinotarsa decemlineata* Say.) is in operation.

Application of Principal Orders

5. For the purpose of the administration and enforcement of this Order Articles 7 to 13 inclusive of the Importation of Plants Order of 1947 and Articles 8 to 14 inclusive of the Importation of Plants Order, 1955 (whichever of them is for the time being in force), shall have effect in respect of this Order and anything done and any potatoes or vegetables imported in pursuance thereof as if those provisions formed part of this Order.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this 16th day of February, 1955.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Phytosanitary Certificate

PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE

OF ..... No. .....

This is to certify that the plants, parts of plants or plant products described below or representative samples of them were thoroughly examined on (date) ..... by (name) ..... an authorised officer of the (service) ..... and were found to the best of his knowledge to be substantially free from injurious diseases and pests; and that the consignment is believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country both as stated in the additional declaration hereon and otherwise.

Fumigation or disinfection treatment (if any):

Date ..... Treatment .....

Duration of Exposure ..... Chemical and Concentration .....

Additional Declaration

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(*Signature*)

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(*Rank*)

(Stamp of the Service)

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

Name and address of exporter: .....
Name and address of consignee: .....
Number and description of packages: .....
Distinguishing marks: .....
Origin: (Grown at)* .....
Means of conveyance: .....
Point of entry: .....
Quantity and name of produce: .....
Botanical name: .....

* State precise location.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Phytosanitary Certificate

PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE

OF ..... No. .....

This is to certify that the plant products described below are believed to conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country.

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(Signature)

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(Rank)

(Stamp of the Service)

DESCRIPTION OF THE CONSIGNMENT

Name and address of exporter: .....
Name and address of consignee: .....
Number and description of packages: .....
Distinguishing marks: .....
Origin: (Grown at)* .....
Means of conveyance: .....
Point of entry: .....
Quantity and name of produce: .....
Botanical name: .....

* State precise location.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Importation of Plants Orders, 1947 to 1954, (which will be replaced on the 1st April, 1955, by the Importation of Plants Order, 1955) and the said Importation of Plants Order, 1955, include restrictions on the landing in England or Wales of potatoes and vegetables.

This Order modifies those restrictions for specified periods of the year 1955 in respect of new potatoes from France, Portugal and Spain and certain vegetables from specified districts of Belgium, France and the Netherlands.