1954 No. 760

The Imported Livestock (Marking) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	8*th June*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	10*th June*, 1954
Coming into Operation	11*th June*, 1954

The Minister of Food, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon him by Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(a) (as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(b) and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(c) and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1953(d)), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Imported Livestock (Marking) Order, 1954; and shall come into operation on the 11th day of June, 1954.

2. In this Order—

"The Minister" means the Minister of Food.

"Authorised Officer" means any person authorised by the Minister or by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

"Point of Entry" means that part of a place shown in the First Schedule to the Livestock (Import from Eire and the Isle of Man) Regulations 1945(e) (as amended)(f) that is set apart for the examination of animals.

"Landing Place" means

(i) in Great Britain that part of the ports of Ayr, Birkenhead, Bristol, Cardiff, Fishguard, Glasgow, Greenock, Heysham, Holyhead, Preston, Silloth and Stranraer respectively at which imported livestock are permitted to be landed and in the case of livestock imported from the Channel Islands includes the Port of Southampton; and

(ii) in Northern Ireland that part of the ports of Belfast, Larne, Londonderry and Newry respectively at which imported livestock are permitted to be landed.

"Livestock" means Cattle, Sheep and Swine.

"Reception Lair" means a lair adjacent or near to the place of landing which is set apart for the reception of livestock immediately after landing for the purpose of examination.

3.—(1) Except by or under the authority of the Minister no livestock to which this Order applies shall be moved, in the case of livestock imported into Great Britain, from a reception lair in a landing place in Great Britain, or, in the case of livestock imported into Northern Ireland, from any port or point of entry in Northern Ireland unless such livestock shall have been marked by an authorised officer in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of this Order.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10 and S.R. & O. 1945/1618 (1945 II, p. 48).
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) 14 & 15 Geo 6. c. 25. (d) S.I. 1953/1767 (1953 II, p. 1970).
(e) S.R. & O. 1945/942 (Rev. I, p. 717: 1945 I, p. 744).
(f) S.R. & O. 1946/1108 (Rev. I, p. 724: 1946 I, p. 957).

(2) Livestock removed from the Isle of Man or Channel Islands into the United Kingdom shall for the purposes of this Order be deemed to be imported into the United Kingdom and shall be marked in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of this Order.

4. Except as provided in Article 5 of this Order all livestock to which this Order applies shall be marked by an authorised officer in the following manner:

(*a*) Cattle with a punch hole and a tattoo mark in the left ear.

(*b*) Sheep with a tattoo mark on the right ear, and

(*c*) Swine with a tattoo mark on the right shoulder.

5. This Order applies to all livestock imported into Great Britain and Northern Ireland, provided that it shall not apply to any livestock which at the time of importation are shown to the satisfaction of the authorised officer to be registered pedigree livestock which are being imported for the purpose of breeding therefrom.

6. Nothing in this Order shall affect the operation of any provisions of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(**a**) or any Order made thereunder.

7. No person shall with intent to deceive alter or deface any mark placed on an animal for the purposes of this Order.

8.—(1) The provisions of this Order are subject to—

(*a*) any direction which may at any time be given by or on behalf of the Minister ; and

(*b*) any licence or authorisation which may be granted under this Order by or on behalf of the Minister.

(2) Every person holding a licence or authorisation granted under this Order shall comply with every condition imposed by that licence or authorisation.

9. Infringements of this Order are offences against the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

10. The Imported Cattle (Marking) Order, 1940(**b**), and the Order, dated August 17, 1940, amending it(**c**) are hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

G. Lloyd-George,
Minister of Food.

Dated the 8th day of June, 1954.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which replaces the Imported Cattle (Marking) Order, 1940, provides for the marking of cattle, sheep and pigs when imported into Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Registered pedigree livestock imported for breeding purposes are exempt from the provision of the Order.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) S.R. & O. 1940/59 (1940 II, p. 528).
(c) S.R. & O. 1940/1512 (1940 II, p. 528).