EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Warrant delegates to officers of the Post Office power to execute or sign documents on behalf of the Postmaster-General. It revokes and replaces the Post Office (Execution of Documents) Warrant 1951 (S.I. 1951/1996 (1951 II, p. 262)) and makes a number of changes in the signing powers conferred by that Warrant.

POULTRY

1954 No. 122

The Live Poultry (Movement Records) Order, 1954

Made - - - - 1*st February*, 1954
Coming into Operation 19*th February*, 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Sections 1 and 45 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), and of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Live Poultry (Movement Records) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 19th day of February, 1954.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"Day-old chick of poultry" means a live bird of the following species, that is to say, domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and guinea-fowls, during the first 72 hours of its life or while it has not been fed, whichever period is the shorter.

"Minister" and "Ministry" mean the Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries respectively.

"Poultry" means live birds of the following species, that is to say, domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, and guinea-fowls but does not include day-old chicks of the same species.

"Poultry dealer" means a person habitually engaged in the business of buying and reselling poultry or day-old chicks of poultry but does not include a person who as auctioneer sells poultry or day-old chicks of poultry which are the property of another person, and a person shall not be deemed to be a poultry dealer by reason only that he sells for slaughter poultry which he has purchased and fed for that purpose.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Keeping of Records by Poultry Dealers

3. Every poultry dealer shall keep a record in which there shall be correctly entered the following particulars in respect of each purchase by him of poultry and of day-old chicks of poultry, namely:—

(i) the date and place of purchase;

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(ii) the number, species and breed of birds bought;
(iii) the name and address of the person from whom the birds were bought;
(iv) the date and manner of disposal of the birds; and
(v) the names and addresses of the persons, if any, to whom the birds have been transferred or sold.

Keeping of Records by Auctioneers

4. Every auctioneer who conducts a market, fair or sale of poultry shall keep a record in which there shall be correctly entered the following particulars in respect of each lot of poultry offered or exposed for sale at such market, fair or sale, namely:—

(i) the name and address of the person who entered the birds for sale;
(ii) the number, species and breed of birds so entered for sale; and
(iii) the names and addresses of the purchasers of the birds.

Provision as to the making and retention of Records

5.—(1) Every entry in a record required by this Order to be kept shall be made in ink or indelible pencil within the appropriate one of the undermentioned periods, namely:—

(i) in the case of a dealer's record, the thirty-six hours next after the purchase or disposal has taken place;
(ii) in the case of an auctioneer's record, the thirty-six hours next after the close of the market, fair or sale of poultry.

(2) Every record required by this Order to be kept by any person shall be retained by him for a period of twelve months from the date thereof, and shall be produced by him for inspection at all reasonable times on demand of any Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry or any Inspector of a Local Authority or any Police Officer, and the Inspector or Officer shall be entitled to make copies of any entries therein.

(3) A Local Authority may supply forms of record for the purposes of this Order to any person in the district of the Local Authority.

Enforcement

6. The provisions of this Order shall be executed and enforced by the Local Authority.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this first day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order requires poultry dealers and auctioneers to keep records of purchases and sales of poultry, and also, in the case of poultry dealers, of day-old chicks. It replaces similar provisions contained in the Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1952, (S.I. 1952/200; 1952 III p. 2619) which Order is revoked by the Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1954 (S.I. 1954/121) on the 19th February, 1954, the date on which the present Order comes into operation.