accompanied by a veterinary certificate, signed by an authorised officer of the State Veterinary Service of the country of origin, to the effect that during the preceding three months no case of Foot-and-Mouth Disease has occurred within 15 kilometres of the place of origin.

Vegetables landed in contravention of this Order

4. Any potatoes or other raw vegetables landed in Northern Ireland in contravention of this Order shall be destroyed, or re-exported, within 48 hours by the importer unless an exemption in writing is granted by an officer of the Ministry.

Powers of the Ministry

5. If any potatoes or raw vegetables are landed or brought into Northern Ireland in contravention of this Order and are not dealt with in accordance with Article 4 the Ministry may seize and destroy or otherwise dispose of such potatoes or vegetables.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 6th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, in the presence of

(L.S.) *(Signed) W. H. Long,*
Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order relaxes the restrictions which were imposed on the importation of vegetables because of the danger of the introduction of Foot-and-Mouth Disease but requires that consignments of potatoes and raw vegetables from foreign countries be accompanied by a veterinary certificate that the disease has not occurred during the preceding 3 months within 15 kilometres of the place of origin.

1961. No. 29 **[NC]**

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Dogs and Cats

ORDER, DATED 6TH FEBRUARY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 20 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections twenty and fifty-three of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

(a) 1958. c. 13.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 7th day of February, 1961.

Revocation

2. The Importation of Dogs and Cats (Northern Ireland) Order, 1937(**a**), and the Foot and Mouth Disease (Importation) Order (Northern Ireland), 1960(**b**), are hereby revoked as from the date of commencement of this Order.

Interpretation

3. In this Order:—

"Act" means Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958;

"cat" means any animal of the family Felidae, wild or domesticated;

"dog" means any animal of the family Canidae, wild or domesticated, and also includes hyena;

"imported animal" means a dog or cat brought into Northern Ireland from any country other than Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, whether or not such animal had previously been in the British Islands from the time of its landing until the completion of the quarantine period;

"licence" means a licence issued by the Ministry for the importation of a dog or cat, in the form set out in the First Schedule and subject to the Conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule;

"place of detention" means premises under the control of a veterinary surgeon and approved in writing by the Ministry as a place for the detention and isolation of imported animals;

"quarantine period" means, in relation to an imported animal, a period of not less than six calendar months from the date of its landing spent at a place of detention in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.

Extent of application

4.—(1) This Order shall apply to all imported animals and also to every dog or cat which has, at any time during the six months immediately preceding its landing in Northern Ireland, been in contact with any imported animal.

(2) A dog or cat which is brought from outside the British Islands to Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, and is then imported into Northern Ireland, having been in the British Islands for less than six months before such importation, shall be regarded as an imported animal for the purposes of this Order, and the quarantine period of such animal shall end not less than six months from the date of its arrival in the British Islands.

(3) Articles 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this Order shall apply to any dog or cat which has, at any time during the six months immediately following the landing in Northern Ireland of an imported animal, been in contact with such imported animal, as if such dog or cat had been landed at the same time as the imported animal.

Restriction on importation

5.—(1) A person shall not import a dog or cat to which this Order applies except under the terms and subject to the conditions of a licence obtained before the time of importation.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 14. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 175.

(2) Any imported animal shall after landing be subject to the provisions of this Order and the conditions of the licence as prescribed in the Second Schedule.

Detention and Isolation

6.—(1) An imported animal shall, during the quarantine period, be detained and isolated in a place of detention at the expense of its owner.

(2) During the quarantine period an imported animal shall be subject to the supervision of a veterinary inspector of the Ministry and no person other than the veterinary inspector, the veterinary surgeon in charge of the place of detention or his employees shall visit the animal except with the prior written permission of the Ministry.

(3) (*a*) An imported animal shall not be moved from the place of detention during the quarantine period except to another place of detention or to a vessel for exportation and only if written authorisation for such movement has been previously obtained from the Ministry. Any such animal moved to a vessel for exportation shall not be re-landed without the written permission of the Ministry.

(*b*) A notice signed by an officer of the Ministry may require an imported animal to be moved from one place of detention to another or to a particular part of a place of detention and may prescribe conditions for such removal.

(4) The Ministry may at any time suspend or withdraw approval of any place of detention.

(5) Where the Ministry is satisfied that an imported animal is a bona fide performing animal or is to be removed from Northern Ireland not later than forty-eight hours after landing, or where an imported animal other than a domestic dog or cat is to be used for breeding or exhibition or other special purpose, the Ministry may waive all or any of the provisions of this Article, and may prescribe by notice such alternative conditions of licence as may be considered necessary.

Unlicensed importation or other default

7.—(1) In the event of any failure to comply with the provisions of Article 5 or Article 6, or of any licence or notice issued in accordance with this Order, or if there is reason to believe that a dog or cat has been landed in contravention of this Order an officer of the Ministry or a constable may:—

(*a*) serve a notice upon the person in charge of the dog or cat requiring such person within a time specified in the notice

(i) to comply with the terms of this Order; or

(ii) to cause the dog or cat to be removed to a vehicle, vessel or aircraft for exportation, and such dog or cat shall not be re-landed without a licence authorising such landing;

or

(*b*) seize and detain the dog or cat and cause it to be isolated in a place of detention in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.

(2) Such provisions may be inserted in any notice served in pursuance of paragraph 1(*a*) of this Article as the Ministry may think necessary or desirable for the due execution of the requirements of this Order, and, where the Ministry is satisfied that the terms of the Order have been complied with,

such notice may be terminated by notice to that effect issued by an officer of the Ministry.

(3) The owner of an imported animal seized and detained in accordance with this Article shall, from time to time as may be notified by the Ministry, pay to the Ministry the expenses of such detention and isolation. If the owner fails to comply with this requirement, the Ministry may destroy or otherwise dispose of the animal without prejudice to any claim for such expenses previously incurred.

Transhipment

8. Any imported animal shall not be moved from one vessel or aircraft to another in a port or airport in Northern Ireland except with the written permission of an officer of the Ministry or of an officer of Customs and Excise.

Dogs and cats on board vessels

9.—(1) Any dog or cat from outside the British Islands on board a vessel or aircraft in any port or airport in Northern Ireland shall at all times be confined in an enclosed part of the vessel or aircraft or otherwise secured in such manner that it cannot escape or come in contact with any other animal on board the vessel. A domestic dog may be secured to part of the vessel or aircraft by a collar and chain and muzzled in such manner as to render it impossible for such dog to bite any person or animal, but not to prevent such dog from breathing freely or lapping water.

(2) If any dog or cat dies on board a vessel, or is lost from a vessel, in any port in Northern Ireland, the person in charge of the animal shall immediately give notice of such death or loss to the Ministry.

Offences

10. Any person committing, or attempting to commit, or in any way aiding in the commission of any breach of the provisions of this Order or of a licence or notice issued in accordance with this Order shall be guilty of an offence against the Act.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 6th day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.) *W. H. Long,*
Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1958

IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1961

Licence

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland hereby licenses the landing at..... of one.....(breed or variety) sex..... colour..... age..... with the following distinctive markings.....

.....

This animal is the property of.....

and is to be exported from the following country.....

This licence is valid until.....19 .

This licence is issued subject to the conditions of the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order (Northern Ireland), 1961.

Signed .....

Any Officer of Customs and Excise at the place of landing is authorised to verify the legality of the landing by entering below the date and place of landing.

Date of landing.....

Place of landing.....

Signature of Officer.....

SECOND SCHEDULE

Conditions of issue of licence for the importation into Northern Ireland of a dog or cat to which this Order applies

1. The imported animal shall be

(*a*) landed on or before the date specified in the licence;

(*b*) separately confined during the voyage and until arrival at the place of detention in a suitable hamper, crate, box or other receptacle, which shall contain no hay, straw or peat moss litter, and to which no other dog or cat shall have access;

(*c*) retained at the place of landing until approval has been received from an officer of the Ministry for the removal of the animal, accompanied by the licence, to a place of detention where arrangements have previously been made by the importer for the isolation of the animal during the quarantine period of not less than six months in accordance with the provisions of Article 6 of the Order.

2. Where an imported animal is conveyed by air:—

(*a*) the animal shall be landed at an airport approved by the Ministry for the purpose;