ANIMALS

DESTRUCTIVE IMPORTED ANIMALS

1954 No. 927

The Non-Indigenous Rabbits (Prohibition of Importation and Keeping) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	10*th June*, 1954
Coming into Operation	1*st August*, 1954

Whereas Section 10 of the Destructive Imported Animals Act, 1932(**a**), empowers the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland to make with respect to animals of any non-indigenous mammalian species any such Order as they are empowered by subsection (1) of Section 1 of that Act to make with respect to musk rats, if they are satisfied with respect to such animals that by reason of their destructive habits it is desirable to prohibit their importation and keeping,

And Whereas the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland are so satisfied with respect to the animals the subject of this Order,

And Whereas this Order, made in pursuance of the hereinbefore mentioned power, shall be of no effect until a resolution approving it has been passed by each House of Parliament,

Now, therefore, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Secretary of State for Scotland by virtue and in exercise of the power vested in them by Section 10 of the Destructive Imported Animals Act, 1932, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, acting jointly, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Non-Indigenous Rabbits (Prohibition of Importation and Keeping) Order, 1954 and shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1954.

Prohibition of Importation and Keeping of Non-Indigenous Rabbits

2. The importation into and keeping within Great Britain of any animal of any species of rabbit other than the species designated *Oryctolagus Cuniculus* (being the species commonly known as the European rabbit) is prohibited.

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

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale.*

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this tenth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

(L.S.) *James Stuart.*

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 12.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prohibits the importation into Great Britain and the keeping within Great Britain of all species of non-indigenous rabbits. The making of the Order has the effect of applying, in relation to those animals, the provisions of the Destructive Imported Animals Act, 1932. It does not affect the importation and keeping of the European rabbit or those varieties of it kept for commercial and domestic purposes.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

1954 No. 699

The Atrophic Rhinitis Order, 1954

Made - - - - *21st May,* 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Sections 1, 17, 20 and 84 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Atrophic Rhinitis Order, 1954.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"local authority" means a local authority for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950;

"The Minister" and "The Ministry" mean respectively the Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"veterinary inspector" means a veterinary inspector appointed by the Minister.

(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.

Extension of definition of "Disease"

3.—(1) For the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, the definition of the expression "disease" contained in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (3) of section 84 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, is hereby extended so as to include the disease known as atrophic rhinitis, and that disease shall also be a disease to which section 17 of the aforesaid Act applies.

(2) In the Animals (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order of 1927(c) as amended by the Animals (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order of 1938(d) the expression "disease" shall include the disease known as atrophic rhinitis and that Order shall be read and have effect accordingly.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. 1927/290 (Rev. II, p. 449: 1927, p. 78).
(d) S.R. & O. 1938/197 (Rev. II, p. 455: 1938 I, p. 325).