Sheep Scab

1954. No. 88.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as amended and adapted by any subsequent enactments and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

Notification of Disease

1.—(1) Every person having or having had in his possession or under his charge a sheep, or the carcase of a sheep, affected with, or suspected of, sheep-scab shall with all practicable speed give notice of the fact of the sheep or carcase being so affected, or suspected, to a constable of the police force for the police district wherein the sheep or carcase so affected, or suspected, is or was.

(2) The constable shall forthwith give information of the receipt by him of the notice to

(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Belfast;

(ii) The Divisional Veterinary Officer for the District.

Notification of Disease by Veterinary Surgeons

2. A veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner who in his private practice examines any sheep, or the carcase of any sheep, and is of opinion that the sheep is affected with sheep scab, or was so affected when it died or was slaughtered or suspects the existence of sheep scab therein, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the existence or suspected existence of sheep scab to the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the district.

Duty of an Inspector to act immediately and serve Detention Notice if necessary

3.—(1) An Inspector, on receiving in any manner whatsoever information of the existence or supposed existence of sheep scab, or having reasonable ground to suspect the existence of sheep scab, shall proceed with all practicable speed to the place where such disease, according to the information received by him, exists, or is suspected to exist, or has within twenty-eight days existed, and shall, forthwith, serve a Detention Notice (in the Form A, set forth in the First Schedule to this Order, or to the like effect) on the owner or person in charge of any sheep which appear to the Inspector to be affected with sheep scab, or to have been so affected within twenty-eight days, or to be in the same flock, or on the same farm, field or other place with sheep affected with sheep scab, or which were so affected within twenty-eight days; and, after the service of such Notice, it shall not be lawful for any person, while such Notice is in force:—

(*a*) to remove from or out of the place of detention specified in the Notice any of the sheep therein described; or

(*b*) to move from or out of such place any other sheep that may be thereon or therein; or

(*c*) to permit any sheep to stray from or out of such place; or

(*d*) to move any other sheep into such place; or

(*e*) to permit any other sheep to come in contact with any sheep detained under the Notice; or

(*f*) to remove from or out of such place any carcase of a sheep, or any skin, fleece, or wool, separate from the carcase of a sheep, or any dung, fodder, litter, or other thing that has been in contact with sheep detained under the Notice, without the written permission of an Inspector which shall not be given until all necessary disinfection shall have been carried out to the satisfaction of such Inspector.

(2) A Detention Notice served under this Article shall remain in force until it is withdrawn by a further Notice in writing (in the form B set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) signed by an Inspector; but before such further Notice is served in any instance, the Ministry shall satisfy itself that all the sheep remaining in the place of detention specified in the Detention Notice are free from sheep scab, and have been thoroughly dipped as hereinafter provided; and that the place of detention has been disinfected in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

(3) An Inspector shall, with all practicable speed, send copies of any notice served by him under this Article to

(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Belfast;

(ii) The Divisional Veterinary Officer for the District;

(iii) The Police Officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

Treatment of Sheep detained under Detention Notice

4. Where a Detention Notice is in force the owner or person in charge of the sheep detained under the Notice or the occupier of the place on which such sheep are detained shall cause all such sheep to be thoroughly dipped in an approved "Single Dipping" type sheep dip and otherwise treated for sheep scab in the presence and to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other authorised officer.

The Inspector or other authorised officer may require the sheep to be dipped more than once.

Power to Serve Isolation Notice

5.—(1) An Inspector or other authorised officer shall serve an Isolation Notice (in the form C set forth in the First Schedule to this Order, or to the like effect) on the owner or person in

charge of any sheep believed or suspected to be affected with or to have been exposed to the infection of sheep scab and after the service of such notice it shall not be lawful for any person, until the sheep to which the Notice relates shall have been (i) thoroughly dipped as required in an approved 'Single-Dipping' type sheep dip in the presence and to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other authorised officer or (ii) examined by an Inspector and found by him to be free from sheep scab and not to have been in contact with sheep affected by sheep scab,

(*a*) to move any sheep to which the Notice relates from the place of isolation specified in the Notice unless the movement is made with the written permission of an Inspector and under the supervision of such Inspector or other authorised officers; or

(*b*) to permit such sheep to stray from or out of such place of isolation; or

(*c*) to permit such sheep to come in contact with other sheep;

Provided that where the sheep in respect of which an Isolation Notice is served, are intended for immediate slaughter, any dipping required under this Article need not be carried out, but in such case the sheep shall remain subject to the Isolation Notice until they are slaughtered.

This Article does not apply to sheep in a place of detention to which the provisions of a Detention Notice (Form A) apply.

(2) An Inspector or other authorised officer serving an Isolation Notice or giving a written permission under this Article shall, with all practicable speed, send copies of any such Notice or permission to—

(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Belfast;

(ii) The Divisional Veterinary Officer for the District;

(iii) The Police Officer in charge of the nearest Police Station in the District.

(3) For the purposes of this Article an Inspector may enter any premises and examine any sheep thereon, and such powers of entry and examination shall be in addition to any other like powers vested in the Inspector by the Act of 1894 or otherwise.

Provision of Assistance

6. The owner or person in charge of any sheep shall, at the request of an Inspector or other authorised officer provide such assistance as may be required for the collection and penning of the sheep and afford adequate facilities for the examination of the animals by an Inspector for the purposes of Articles 3 and 5 of this Order.

Prescribed manner of Cleansing and Disinfection for Sheep Scab

7.—(1) Any place in which a sheep affected with sheep scab has been kept, and all utensils, pens, hurdles and things in such place used for or about such sheep, shall, as soon as practicable, be cleansed and disinfected in the manner herein specified by and at the expense of the owner or occupier of such place, and all vehicles so used shall be cleansed and disinfected in like manner by and at the expense of the person using them or causing them to be used:—

(*a*) The floor of the place or vehicle and all other parts thereof and all litter or other thing that has been in contact with, or used by, such sheep shall be thoroughly saturated with an approved sheep dip used at the requisite strength, or with an approved disinfectant;

(*b*) The place or vehicle shall thereafter be swept out and all litter, wool and sweepings that have been in contact with such sheep shall be buried or effectively destroyed;
Provided that in the case of a field, yard, or other place which is not capable of being so cleansed and disinfected, it shall be a sufficient compliance with the provisions of this Article if all fragments of wool are collected from such field, yard or other place and destroyed by burning, and all rubbing places disinfected, and if all other parts of such field, yard, or other place are disinfected to the reasonable satisfaction of an Inspector;

(*c*) Every utensil, pen, hurdle, or other thing used for or about such sheep, shall, as soon as practicable after being so used and before being used for other sheep, be cleansed and disinfected to the satisfaction of an Inspector, by being thoroughly swabbed with an approved sheep dip used at the requisite strength or with an approved disinfectant.

(2) If any person fails to cleanse and disinfect as required by this Article, it shall be lawful for the Ministry without prejudice to any proceedings for an offence in respect of such default, to cause such place, vehicle or thing to be cleansed and disinfected, and to recover from such person summarily as a civil debt the expense of such cleansing and disinfection.

(3) Where the power of causing any place, vehicle or thing to be cleansed and disinfected under this Article is exercised by the Ministry, such person shall give all reasonable facilities for that purpose.

Precautions to be taken by persons clipping or dipping sheep on infected premises

8. Any person who clips or dips sheep on any place where there are sheep affected with or suspected of Sheep Scab shall wear overalls, and shall before he clips or dips sheep on any other premises—

(*a*) Remove all wool, dung and soil from his boots or leggings (if worn) and then disinfect them by immersion in or thorough sponging with an approved 'Single-Dipping' type sheep dip or an approved disinfectant;

(*b*) Disinfect his overalls with an approved 'Single-Dipping' type sheep dip or an approved disinfectant, and

(*c*) Remove all wool from clippers or other instruments used in clipping and then disinfect them with an approved 'Single-Dipping' type sheep dip or an approved disinfectant.

Prohibition from Exposing or Moving Sheep Affected with, or Suspected of, Sheep Scab

9. Subject to any other provisions of this Order authorising or directing the movement of sheep it shall not be lawful for any person—

(*a*) to expose a sheep affected with, or suspected of, sheep scab in a market, fair-ground, saleyard, place of exhibition, or other public or private place where sheep are commonly exposed for sale or exhibition; or

(*b*) to place such sheep in a lair or other place adjacent to or connected with a market, fair, or saleyard, or place of shipment or other place of loading for transit or where sheep are commonly placed before or after exposure for sale or exhibition or before shipment; or

(*c*) to send or carry, or cause to be sent or carried, such sheep by railway, canal, river, or inland navigation, or in a coasting vessel; or

(*d*) to carry, lead, or drive, or cause to be carried, led, or driven, such sheep on a highway, road or lane; or

(*e*) to place or keep such sheep on common or unenclosed land, or in a field insufficiently fenced, or in a field adjoining a highway, road or lane unless that field is so fenced or situate that sheep therein cannot in any manner come in contact with sheep passing along that highway, road or lane or grazing on the sides thereof; or

(*f*) to graze such sheep on pasture being on the sides of a highway, road or lane; or

(*g*) to allow such sheep to stray on a highway, road, or lane, or on the sides thereof, or on common or unenclosed land, or in a field or place insufficiently fenced.

Proceedings in case of Contravention of last preceding Article

10. Where a sheep is exposed or otherwise dealt with in contravention of the last preceding Article, an Inspector or other authorised officer, shall seize and remove and detain it, and also, where the sheep is exposed in a market, fair, saleyard, place of

exhibition, a lair adjacent to or connected with a place of shipment, or other place of loading for transit, all other sheep in or on such market, fair, saleyard, place of exhibition, or lair, or other place, being or having been in the same flock or in contact with the sheep affected with, or suspected of, sheep scab, and the sheep so seized shall be dealt with in accordance with the following provisions:—

DETENTION OF SHEEP

(i) If an Inspector is satisfied that sheep scab exists among sheep so seized, the Ministry shall cause the sheep, unless slaughtered under the following provision of this Article, to be moved to some convenient and isolated place, and to be there detained under the provisions of Article 3 of this Order.

SLAUGHTER OF SHEEP

(ii) A sheep so seized may, by or at the request of the owner or person in charge thereof, be slaughtered at the place where it is seized or detained, or be moved under licence to the nearest available slaughterhouse for the purpose of being there forthwith slaughtered; in which case the sheep shall be moved to the slaughterhouse under the direction and in charge of an Inspector or other authorised officer, who shall enforce and superintend the immediate slaughter thereat of the sheep, and shall forthwith report the slaughter to the Ministry;

(iii) Where any sheep affected with, or suspected of sheep scab is so seized and the sheep is not claimed and the owner thereof cannot be traced, it may be slaughtered by the Ministry at the place where it is seized or detained, or be moved to the nearest available slaughterhouse for the purpose under the supervision of an Inspector or other authorised officer who shall enforce and superintend the immediate slaughter of it thereat and shall forthwith report the slaughter to the Ministry. The carcase of any such sheep shall be sold by the Ministry and the sum received by it for the carcase after deducting reasonable expenses of slaughter and sale shall be lodged to the account of the Ministry.

(iv) Sheep which are affected with, or which show clinical signs of being affected with sheep scab, shall not be moved along a highway, road or lane under the foregoing provisions of this Article ,otherwise than in a vehicle which shall, immediately after being used for such purpose, be cleansed and disinfected in the manner described in Article 7 of this Order.

DISINFECTION IN THESE CASES

(v) In case of a sheep affected with sheep scab being seized in accordance with the provisions of this Article, it

shall not be lawful for the owner or occupier of such market or other place, or any person, again to use or allow to be used for sheep that portion of the market or other place where the sheep affected with sheep scab was found, unless and until an Inspector has certified that that portion has been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected.

EXPENSES

(vi) The Ministry may recover summarily as a civil debt the expenses of the execution by them or by their Inspector or other officer of the provisions of this Article from the owner of the sheep seized, or from the consignor or consignee thereof, who may recover the same from the owner by proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Power to Slaughter Ownerless Sheep

11.—(1) Where any sheep being affected with or suspected of sheep scab are required to be dealt with by detention, isolation and treatment in accordance with the provisions of this Order and the owner of such sheep cannot be traced, the Ministry may cause such sheep to be slaughtered on the premises where the sheep are or to be moved to the nearest available slaughterhouse for the purpose under the supervision of an Inspector or other authorised officer of the Ministry, who shall enforce and superintend the immediate slaughter of the sheep thereat and report the slaughter to the Ministry. The carcase of any such sheep shall be sold by the Ministry and the sum received by it for the carcase, after deducting reasonable expenses for slaughter and sale, shall be lodged to the account of the Ministry.

(2) Sheep dealt with under this Article which are affected with or show clinical signs of being affected with sheep scab shall not be moved along a highway, road or lane except in a float, cart or van, which shall immediately after being used for such purpose be cleansed and disinfected in the manner described in Article 9 of this Order.

Food and Water during Detention

12. An Inspector, officer or constable detaining a sheep under the Act of 1894 or this Order shall cause it to be supplied with requisite food and water during its detention; and the expenses incurred by him in respect thereof may be recovered summarily from the person having charge of the sheep or from its owner.

Production of Licences; Names and Addresses

13.—(1) Every person in charge of a sheep, carcase, or thing being moved, where under this Order a Movement Licence is necessary, shall, on demand of a Justice, or of a constable, or of an Inspector or other authorised officer, produce and show to him the Movement Licence, if any, authorising the movement and shall allow it to be read and a copy of or extract from it to be taken by the person to whom it is produced.

(2) Every person so in charge shall, on demand as aforesaid, give his name and address to the Justice, or constable, or Inspector, or Officer.

Approval of Sheep Dips

14.—(1) A Sheep Dip for use to comply with any of the requirements of the Sheep Scab or Sheep Dipping Orders in force in Northern Ireland, shall be a dip approved by the Ministry for such purpose.

(2) The sale or use of a dip not approved as aforesaid for the purpose of compliance with the Orders above specified shall be deemed to be an offence against the Act of 1894.

Labels to be affixed to Approved Sheep Dips

15.—(1) Every package or other receptacle containing an approved sheep dip shall, before being placed on sale or delivered to a purchaser, be clearly and distinctly marked by the manufacturer or vendor thereof with a label in a form approved by the Ministry. Such label shall state the dilution at which the sheep dip is approved by the Ministry and shall certify that the contents of the package or receptacle are of the same quality and composition as the sample submitted for examination and upon which the Ministry's approval is based.

(2) If any sheep dip which has not been approved by the Ministry is falsely labelled with a statement or indication that it has been so approved, or if any sheep dip purporting to be an approved sheep dip is not marked with a label as required by this Article the manufacturer and the retailer or other person selling the dip and the person who shall have so marked the dip or caused it to be so marked, knowing the same to have been falsely marked, or omitting so to mark the dip, as the case may be, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Provisions for Sampling of Sheep Dips

16. Where under any Order of the Ministry sheep are required to be dipped to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other authorised officer, the person who dips the sheep shall, if so required by the Inspector or officer, furnish him with a sample of the sheep dip used, or permit him to take such sample, and shall furnish the Inspector or officer with all such particulars as may be reasonably required as to the name or the composition of the sheep dip used.

General Provisions as to Movement

17.—(1) Sheep, while being moved under this Order, shall as far as practicable be kept separate from all other sheep, and, if moved under the authority of a licence, shall be moved by the nearest available route and without unnecessary delay to the place of destination specified in the licence, and not elsewhere, and where the place of destination is a slaughterhouse, they shall be there detained until they are slaughtered.

(2) A licence under this Order shall accompany the sheep being moved thereunder and shall forthwith after completion of

the movement, be delivered up at, or sent by post to, the Divisional Veterinary Officer of the District by the person in charge of the sheep at the time of completing the movement.

Offences

18. Any person committing, or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring, the commission of any breach of the provisions of this Order is liable, on summary conviction, to the penalties provided by the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1948.

Interpretation

19. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"The Act of 1894" means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894;

"The Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland;

"Inspector" means Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry, and a "Divisional Veterinary Officer" means the senior Veterinary Officer in charge of the district;

"Carcase" means the carcase of a sheep, and includes part of a carcase, and the meat, bones, fleece, wool, skin, hoofs, horns, offal, or other part of a sheep, separately or otherwise, or any portion thereof;

"Approved disinfectant" means a disinfectant approved by the Ministry for use for the purposes of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927;

"An approved 'Single-Dipping' type sheep dip" means a sheep dip which is approved for the time being as a 'Single-Dipping' type sheep dip by the Ministry.

"Authorised" means authorised by the Ministry for the purposes of this Order.

"Sheep" includes lambs.

Other terms have the same meaning as in the Act of 1894, and the Acts amending same.

Revocation of Orders

20. The Orders described in the Second Schedule to this Order are hereby revoked.

Commencement

21. This Order shall come into operation on the date hereof.

Short Title

22. This Order may be cited as the Sheep Scab (Northern Ireland) Order, 1954.

IN WITNESS whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this fourth day of June, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-four.

(L.S.) *J. McAllan,*
Assistant Secretary.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM A.

(Article 3.)

DETENTION NOTICE

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Sheep Scab Detention Notice

To .....

of .....

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture, hereby require the following sheep, namely:
to be detained on or in (here describe the farm, field, yard, shed or other place where the sheep are to be detained), and I hereby require you to take notice that, in consequence of this Notice and the provisions of the Order under which this Notice is issued, it is not lawful for any person, until this Notice is withdrawn:—

(*a*) to move from or out of the place of detention specified in this Notice any of the sheep therein described; or

(*b*) to move from or out of such place any other sheep that may be thereon or therein; or

(*c*) to permit any sheep to stray from or out of such place; or

(*d*) to move any other sheep into such place; or

(*e*) to permit any other seep to come in contact with any sheep detained under this Notice; or

(*f*) to remove from or out of such place any carcase of a sheep, or any skin, fleece, or wool, separate from the carcase of a sheep, or any dung, fodder, litter, or other thing that has been in contact with sheep detained under this Notice, without the written permission of an Inspector, which shall not be given until all necessary disinfection shall have been carried out to the satisfaction of such Inspector.

Dated this day of 1954.

(Signed) .....

The Inspector giving this Notice is with all practicable speed to send copies of this Notice to

(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast;

(ii) The Police Officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

FORM B.

(Article 3)

WITHDRAWAL OF DETENTION NOTICE (Form A).

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Sheep Scab.

To .....

of .....

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, hereby withdraw, as from this day of 195 , the Detention Notice signed by and served upon you on the day of 19

Dated this day of 19

(Signed) .....

Copies of this Notice are to be sent with all practicable speed to:
(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast;
(ii) The Police Officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

FORM C

(Article 5)

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Sheep Scab Isolation Notice

To .....

of .....

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector or other authorised officer hereby require the following sheep, namely:
to be isolated on or in (here describe the farm, field, yard, shed, or other place where the sheep are to be isolated), and I hereby require you to take notice that, in consequence of this Notice, and the provisions of the Order of the Ministry of Agriculture, under which this Notice is issued, it is not lawful for any person, until the sheep to which the Notice relates shall have been (i) thoroughly dipped in an approved sheep dip in the presence and to the satisfaction of an Inspector or other authorised officer or (ii) found, after examination by an Inspector, to be free from sheep scab, and, not to have been in contact with affected sheep:—

(*a*) to move from or out of such place as aforesaid, any sheep to which this Notice relates, unless the movement is made with the written permission of an Inspector or other authorised officer, and under the supervision of such Inspector or Officer; or

(*b*) to permit such sheep to stray from or out of such place of isolation; or

(*c*) to permit such sheep to come in contact with other sheep.

Dated this day of 19

(Signed) .....

Copies of this Notice are to be sent with all practicable speed to:

(i) The Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Stormont, Belfast;
(ii) The Police Officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

(Article 20)

ORDERS REVOKED

No.	Date	Short Title
368	17th April, 1925	Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1925
49	24th April, 1930	Sheep Scab Order (Northern Ireland) 1930

BACON INDUSTRY

Pig Husbandry Research Grant

ORDER, DATED 29TH DECEMBER, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SUB-SECTION (1) OF SECTION FOURTEEN OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1933, AS AMENDED BY SUB-SECTION (3) OF SECTION TWO OF THE MARKETING OF PIGS (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

1954. No. 184

WHEREAS the Pigs Marketing Board (Northern Ireland) (hereinafter referred to as " the Board ") are the Board administering the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland), 1933, framed under the Agricultural Marketing Act (Northern Ireland), 1933, as amended by Sub-Section (3) of Section 2 of the Marketing of Pigs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), and approved by the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Approval) Order, 1933, and amended by the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1934; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1934; the Agricultural Marketing (Northern Ireland) (Compensation) Order, 1934; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1935; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1935; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1939; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1939; the Bacon Industry Act (Northern Ireland), 1939; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order, 1939; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1940; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 1940; the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1948; and the Pigs Marketing Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, 1954 (hereinafter referred to as " the Scheme "):

AND WHEREAS, in pursuance of sub-section (3) of Section 2 of the Act, paragraph 34 of the Scheme provides that any moneys standing to the credit of the fund which are not required for the operation of the Pigs Marketing Scheme or otherwise for the