Transit of Animals.

THE TRANSIT OF ANIMALS (NORTHERN IRELAND) (AMENDMENT) ORDER OF 1932, DATED 1ST APRIL, 1932.

1932. No. 35.

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 :—

Cleansing and Disinfection of Motor and Horse-drawn Vehicles used for the conveyance of animals by road.

1.—(1) Subject as herein provided, any road vehicle which is used on a highway, road or lane by any person,

(*a*) for hire for the conveyance of animals, or

(*b*) for the conveyance of animals the property of a dealer or in connection with the trade or business of a dealer ; or

(*c*) for the conveyance of animals the property of two or more owners,

shall, as soon as practicable after each occasion on which it is so used and before any other animal or any fodder or litter, or any other thing intended to be used for or about animals, is placed in it, be cleansed and disinfected by and at the expense of the owner thereof or the person using or the person in charge of the same, in the following manner.

(i) The floor, roof and sides of the inside of the vehicle, and the sides and ends of the outside of the vehicle and all other parts thereof with which any animal or its droppings or other excretions have come into contact shall be scraped and swept, and the scrapings and sweepings and all dung, sawdust, litter and other matter shall be effectually removed therefrom ; the same parts of the vehicle shall then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water ; and then be disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed with an approved disinfectant.

(ii) The scrapings and sweepings of the vehicle and all dung, sawdust, litter and other matter removed therefrom shall forthwith be well mixed with quicklime and effectually removed from contact with animals, or be destroyed by fire.

Provided that in the case of a vehicle, used exclusively for the aforesaid purposes or any of them, making consecutive journeys

on any one day between the same two points, the requirements of this Article shall be deemed to be sufficiently complied with if the vehicle is cleansed and disinfected in the aforesaid manner as soon as practicable after the completion of the last of such consecutive journeys.

(2) Every crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with such conveyance of animals as aforesaid shall on each occasion when the vehicle is required by this Order to be cleansed and disinfected be thoroughly cleansed and then be disinfected by being thoroughly coated, washed or saturated with an approved disinfectant by and at the expense of the owner or the person using or the person in charge of the vehicle.

(3) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any vehicle or thing mentioned in this Article shall forthwith be cleaned and disinfected in the aforesaid manner, by and at the expense of the owner thereof, or the person using or the person in charge of the same, at any time upon the receipt by him of a notice in writing signed by an Inspector of the Ministry or of the Local Authority requiring such cleansing and disinfection.

(4) If the owner or the person using or the person in charge of any vehicle or thing used for or in connection with the conveyance of an animal as aforesaid fails to cleanse and disinfect the vehicle or thing as required by this Article or by any notice served thereunder, it shall be lawful for the Local Authority, without prejudice to the recovery of any penalty for an offence, to cause such vehicle or thing to be cleansed and disinfected and to recover from such owner or person summarily as a civil debt the expense of such cleansing and disinfection. Such owner or person shall give to the Local Authority all reasonable facilities required by it for the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this paragraph.

(5) A Local Authority may :—

(*a*) carry out the cleansing and disinfection in the manner required by this Order on behalf of the owner or the person using or the person in charge of any vehicle or thing, and may make a charge reasonably sufficient to cover the cost of so doing ; or

(*b*) provide or cause to be provided facilities for the carrying out of such cleansing and disinfection, and make or authorise to be made charges for the use of such facilities reasonably sufficient to cover the cost of the provision and maintenance thereof. Where the Local Authority causes such facilities to be provided the person providing them shall make only such charges as may be approved by the Local Authority.

(6) Where any vehicle or thing required by this Order to be cleansed and disinfected is at a market, fair ground or saleyard at which a Local Authority is ready and willing to carry out the cleansing and disinfection or at which the Local Authority provides or causes to be provided such facilities as aforesaid, it shall be cleansed and disinfected before it is removed from such market, fair ground or saleyard, except in any case to which the proviso to paragraph (1) of this Article applies.

Cleansing and Disinfection of Road Vehicles used for Carriage of Diseased or Suspected Animals or Carcases.

2. Subject as herein provided, a road vehicle used for conveying animals or carcases on a highway, road or lane, and every crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with such conveyance, shall, on every occasion after a diseased or suspected animal or carcase is taken out of such vehicle, and as soon as practicable, and before any other animal or carcase or any fodder or litter, or any other thing intended to be used for or about animals, is placed in it, be cleansed and disinfected, by and at the expense of the owner or the person using or the person in charge of the same, in the manner described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 1 of this Order, and the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 1 of this Order shall apply in relation to any vehicle or thing to which this Article applies.

Special Disinfection of Railway Pens, Trucks, etc., in certain cases.

3. Article 26 of the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order of 1927 shall be read and have effect as if the words " or carcases " were inserted after the words " diseased or suspected animal."

Construction of Motor Vehicles used for the conveyance of animals by road.

4.—(1) No animal shall be carried in any mechanically propelled road vehicle, including any trailer attached thereto, which is used on a highway, road or lane by any person :—

(*a*) for hire for the conveyance of animals ; or

(*b*) for the conveyance of animals the property of a dealer or in connection with the trade or business of a dealer ; or

(*c*) for the conveyance of animals the property of two or more owners,

unless such vehicle is in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

(2) The floor of every such vehicle shall in order to prevent animals slipping be fitted with battens or other proper foot-holds

which shall be placed across the vehicle or be strewn with a proper quantity of litter or sand or other suitable substance.

(3) The interior of every such vehicle shall be free from any boltheads, angles or other projections likely to cause suffering to animals carried therein.

(4) Every such vehicle shall be so constructed as to enable a protective roof or other suitable covering to be provided when required to protect the animals carried therein from the weather, and proper use shall be made of this provision whenever the conditions of the weather require it.

(5) Every such vehicle shall be so constructed as to admit of proper ventilation and inspection.

(6) Every such vehicle designed primarily for the carriage of live stock and used for that purpose shall be provided with facilities for the loading and unloading of animals by means of a falling loading door, tail board, or ramp, which shall be fitted with battens or other proper footholds and with side rails or other protection for the purpose of preventing the animals from falling or from injury when being loaded or unloaded.

(7) Every other such vehicle shall, when used for the conveyance of live stock, if not fitted with fixed loading and unloading equipment as in the preceding paragraph, carry detachable loading and unloading equipment of an approved type which shall be used whenever animals are being loaded or unloaded from the vehicle. Provided that this clause shall not be applicable in the case of any such vehicle which loads and unloads animals only at points where loading and unloading facilities approved by the Ministry exist and are in every case utilised by the vehicle in question.

(8) This Article shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1933.

Carriage by Road of Unfit Animals.

5. No animal shall be permitted by the owner thereof, or his agent, or any person in charge thereof to be carried in any road vehicle if owing to infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or any other cause it cannot be so carried without unnecessary suffering during the intended transit by road or if, in the case of a cow, the calving of the animal during the movement is reasonably probable. Provided that this Article shall not prohibit the carriage of an animal by road in a vehicle used in any particular case as an ambulance.

Securing of Cattle in Road Vehicles.

6.—(1) All bulls, whether polled or not, shall while being carried in any road vehicle, be securely tied by the head or neck.

(2) All horned stock carried in the same road vehicle with a bull shall, unless separated therefrom by a suitable partition, be securely tied by the head or neck.

Separation of Mixed Consignments.

7. Calves, sheep, goats and swine if carried in the same road vehicle with any head of cattle (other than a calf) shall be separated therefrom by a suitable partition but this provision shall not apply to the conveyance of a cow with its unweaned calf if they are separated from other animals.

Overcrowding.

8. No road vehicle shall be overcrowded or so loaded so as to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the animals carried therein.

Offences.

9. 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 1922.

Interpretation.

10. The expression " animals " means horses, cattle, sheep and goats and all other ruminating animals and swine.

The expression " cattle " means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers and calves.

The expression " approved " means approved by the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

Revocation.

11. Article 5 of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927, and Articles 27, 28 and 31 of the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order of 1927 are hereby revoked.

Saving for Existing Orders.

12. Nothing in this Order shall affect the operation of Article 10 of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland), Order, 1927, the Swine Fever (Northern Ireland) Order of 1926 or of Article 10 of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1900.

Commencement.

13. This Order (except Article 4) shall come into operation on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

Short Title.

14. This Order may be cited as the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order of 1932, and shall be read

as one with the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order of 1927.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this 1st day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-two.

(L.S.) *James S. Gordon,*
Secretary.

TRANSIT OF ANIMALS (NORTHERN IRELAND) (AMENDMENT) ORDER NO. 2 OF 1932, DATED 1ST NOVEMBER, 1932.

1932. No. 115.

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 :—

Amendment of Article 21 *of the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order of* 1927.

1. Article 21 of the Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order of 1927 shall be read and have effect as if the following additional provisions were inserted therein :—

(5) Where a vessel subsequent to the cleansing and disinfection required by the foregoing paragraphs of this Article is used for the carrying of cargo other than animals, the vessel shall before the taking on board of any animal be cleansed as follows :—

(i) All hay, straw and other packing material and all chemicals or other agents, or things likely to cause injury to animals shall be effectually removed from all parts of the vessel with which any animal may come in contact ;

(ii) The hay, straw or other packing material as aforesaid, shall not be landed unless and until it has been well mixed with quicklime. Such material shall, if landed, be forthwith effectually removed from contact with animals, or be destroyed by fire. If not landed, such material shall be destroyed by fire in the ship's furnace, or by other effective means ;

(iii) The parts of the vessel from which the hay, straw or other packing material, or the chemicals or other agents or things as aforesaid, have been removed, shall then be thoroughly swept and cleansed or swilled out.

(6) Where animals are at any port in Northern Ireland to be taken on board a vessel which at any time within the