EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order prescribes the form of application to the Fire Authority for a certificate under Section 35 of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, that premises are provided with such means of escape in case of fire for the persons employed in the factory as may reasonably be required in the circumstances of the case.

1962. No. 208 [NC]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Transit of Animals by Road

ORDER, DATED 13TH NOVEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 13, 15 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 thirteen, fifteen 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:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order which may be cited as the Transit of Animals by Road Order (Northern Ireland), 1962, shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

Revocation

2. The Transit of Animals (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order, of 1932(b), except Articles 3 and 14 thereof, is hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

"Animals" means horses, cattle, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals and swine.

"Approved disinfectant" means a five per centum solution of standard phenol or any other disinfectant approved by the Ministry for the purposes of the Animals Disinfection (Northern Ireland) Order, 1927, Amendment Order, 1931(c).

"Vehicle" means any form of conveyance used for the movement of animals by road and includes any trailer attached thereto.

Cleansing and Disinfection of Vehicles

4.—(1) Any vehicle which is used on a highway, road or lane by any person

(a) 1958. c. 13.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1932, No. 35.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1931, No. 15.

for the conveyance of animals, otherwise than from one place on a farm to another place on that farm, 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 manner set out in Part I of the Schedule:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle, used exclusively for the movement of animals, making consecutive journeys on any one day between the same two points and conveying animals in one direction only, the requirements of this Article shall be deemed to be sufficiently complied with if the vehicle is cleansed and disinfected in the manner set out in Part I of the Schedule as soon as practicable after the completion of the last of such consecutive journeys, and before being again used for the conveyance of animals, fodder, litter or any other thing intended to be used for or about animals.

(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 cleansed and disinfected by and at the expense of the owner, or the person using, or the person in charge of the vehicle in the manner set out in Part II of the Schedule.

(3) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, any vehicle or thing mentioned in this Article shall forthwith be cleansed 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 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 Ministry, 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 Ministry all reasonable facilities required by it for the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this paragraph.

Carriage by Road of Diseased or Suspected Animals or Carcases

5. A person shall not cause or permit an animal or carcase, diseased or suspected, to be carried in the same vehicle with any other animal.

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

6. A 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 an animal, diseased or suspected, or a carcase diseased or suspected, 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 the Schedule and the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Article 4 shall apply in relation to any vehicle or thing to which this Article applies.

Construction of Vehicles used for the Conveyance of Animals by Road

7.—(1) A person shall not use a vehicle for the conveyance of animals on a highway, road or lane unless such vehicle complies with the provisions of this Article.

(2) The floor of the body of every such vehicle shall for the purpose of preventing animals slipping be fitted with battens or other proper foot-holds which shall be placed across the vehicle or it shall be strewn with a quantity of litter or other suitable material.

(3) The body of every such vehicle shall be free from any projecting boltheads, angle brackets or other fitments which could 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) The body of every such vehicle shall be so constructed as to provide adequate ventilation at all times and reasonable means of inspection either from ground level or by the provision of a ladder.

(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 foot-holds 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 which shall be used whenever animals are being loaded or unloaded from the vehicle. Such equipment shall be similar to the fixed equipment mentioned in the preceding paragraph. Provided that this clause shall not be applicable in the case of any such vehicle which loads and unloads animals only at points where satisfactory loading and unloading facilities exist and are made use of when loading or unloading animals.

Carriage by Road of Unfit Animals

8. An owner, his agent, or any person in charge shall not cause or permit an animal to be carried in any vehicle and the owner or driver of a vehicle shall not cause or permit any animal to be carried in the 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 female animal, parturition during the movement is 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.

Separation of Animals

9.—(1) Horses, cattle, sheep, goats and swine if carried in the same vehicle shall be separated by suitable partitioning between the several classes of animals.

(2) Cattle under six months, if carried in a vehicle with cattle over that

age, shall be separated therefrom by a suitable partition but this provision shall not apply to the carriage of a cow with its unweaned calf.

(3) Bulls whether polled or not, shall, while being carried in a vehicle, be separated from other animals by a suitable partition and be securely tied to the vehicle by the head or by the neck.

(4) Pigs under three months old, if carried in a vehicle with pigs over that age, shall be separated therefrom by a suitable partition but this provision shall not apply to the conveyance of a sow and her unweaned litter.

Overcrowding

10. No vehicle shall be overcrowded or so loaded as, in the opinion of an Inspector, to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the animals carried therein.

Saving for Existing Orders

11. Nothing in this Order shall affect the operation of any other Order, made under the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland), 1958, requiring the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles for the purposes of that Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 13th day of November, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

(L.S.) *J. C. Baird,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

When under Article 4 or Article 6 disinfection of a vehicle is required disinfection shall be carried out in the following manner:—

The floor, roof and sides of the inside of the body of the vehicle, 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 thoroughly scraped and swept and the scrapings and sweepings and all dung, sawdust, litter and other matter shall be removed therefrom. The same parts of the vehicle shall then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water and then disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed with an approved disinfectant.

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 removed from contact with animals or be destroyed by fire.

PART II

When under Article 4 or Article 6 disinfection of a crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with the movement of animals is required disinfection shall be carried out in the following manner:—

The article shall be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water and then disinfected by being thoroughly coated, washed or saturated with an approved disinfectant.