(4) WARBLE FLY

The Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order of 1948

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SCHEDULES.	

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Compulsory Treatment of Infested Cattle

1.—(1) All cattle visibly infested with the maggot of the warble fly (*hypoderma bovis* or *hypoderma lineatum*) shall, during the dressing season as defined herein, be dressed or be caused to be dressed by the owner or person in charge thereof in the manner herein prescribed.

(2) Infested cattle shall be dressed within seven days after the commencement of the dressing season or as soon thereafter as the maggots appear under the skin on the backs of the cattle.

(3) Infested cattle that come into the ownership of any person at any time during the dressing season shall be dressed within seven days after the cattle come into such ownership.

(4) Infested cattle shall be dressed at intervals of not more than thirty-two days for so long as the maggots continue to appear under the skin on the backs of the cattle or until the end of the dressing season whichever is the earlier.

(5) The dressing season shall commence on the fifteenth day of March and terminate on the thirtieth day of June in each year.

(6) The dressing shall be prepared in accordance with the specification laid down in the First Schedule to this Order and shall be applied to the skin in such a manner as to penetrate through the holes made by the maggots into all the cavities containing maggots.

Power of Local Authority to grant exemptions in certain cases

2.—(1) The Local Authority may, on the application of the owner of any cattle grazing on common, unenclosed, marsh or hill lands, grant in writing an exemption from the requirements of this Order in respect of such cattle if the Local Authority are of opinion that it would be impracticable to treat the cattle in the manner prescribed in this Order. The reasons for granting the exemption shall be stated therein.

(2) A copy of every exemption granted by the Local Authority under this Article shall forthwith be sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London.

(3) If the Minister considers that the exemption is, for any reason, undesirable, he may without prejudice to the previous operation of the exemption direct the revocation thereof, whereupon the same shall cease to operate. Notification of such revocation shall be given in writing by the Local Authority to the owner of the cattle.

(4) The Local Authority may revoke any exemption granted by them under this Article.

Extension of meaning of " disease " for the purposes of certain Sections of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894

3. Infestation of cattle with the maggot of the warble fly (*hypoderma bovis* or *hypoderma lineatum*) shall be a disease for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, other than for the purposes of Sections 4 and 50 thereof.

Labels to be affixed to containers of preparations intended for use under this Order

4. No package or receptacle containing a preparation purporting to be suitable for preparing a dressing for use for the purposes of this Order shall be sold or offered for sale unless it is clearly and distinctly labelled by the manufacturer or vendor thereof with a statement containing full directions for dilution and use, and certifying that the dressing prepared as directed is in accordance with the specification laid down in the First Schedule to this Order.

Offences

5.—(1) Any person committing, or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any breach of the provisions of this Order or of the requirements of any exemption granted thereunder is liable on summary conviction to the penalties provided by the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937.

(2) If any preparation which when diluted as directed produces a dressing not in accordance with the specification laid down in the First Schedule to this Order, is falsely marked with a label, statement or indication that the dressing does so accord, the manufacturer and the retailer or other person selling the preparation and the person who shall have so marked the preparation, knowing the same to have been so falsely marked shall be liable to the penalties prescribed for an offence against the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1937.

Local Authority to enforce Order

6. The provisions of this Order shall be enforced by the Local Authority.

Interpretation

7. In this Order the expression " cattle " means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers and calves.

Revocation

8. The Orders described in the Second Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

Extent

9. This Order extends to the whole of Great Britain.

Short Title and Commencement

10. This Order may be cited as the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order of 1948 and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this first day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

(L.S.) *T. Williams,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Specification with which dressings to be used for the purposes of compliance with Article 1 (6) of this Order must comply

The dressing shall be prepared immediately before use by diluting with water a preparation, in powder form, containing powdered derris root. The directions for the dilution of the preparation shall be such that each gallon of dressing so prepared shall contain :—

(*a*) either one-and-a-half ounces of derris resins or half-an-ounce of rotenone ; and also

(*b*) four ounces of soap which may be added at the time of dilution or may be incorporated in the preparation in powder form.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Orders Revoked

No.	Date	Short Title
	1936	
5393	31st January	Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order of 1936.(a)
5397	26th February	Order amending the Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) Order of 1936, extending definition of " disease ".(b)
	1940	
5934	6th March	Warble Fly (Dressing of Cattle) (Amendment) Order of 1940.(c)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order requires the owner or person in charge of any cattle that are visibly infested with the maggots of the warble fly to dress such cattle periodically between 15th March and 30th June in each year in a specified manner with a preparation containing powdered derris root and soap.

(a) S.R. & O. 1936 (No. 71) I, p. 103.
(b) S.R. & O. 1936 (No. 154) I, p. 106.
(c) S.R. & O. 1940 (No. 345) I, p. 75.