

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 27TH JANUARY 1905.)

SHEEP-SCAB (COMPULSORY DIPPING
AREAS) ORDER OF 1905.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Application of Order.

1. This Order shall apply to any area declared by a subsequent Order of the Board to be a Compulsory Dipping Area.

PART I.

COMPULSORY DIPPING.

Compulsory Dipping of all Sheep in Compulsory Dipping Area.

2.—(1) In any year during which this Order is in operation the owner of any sheep which may be in a Compulsory Dipping Area between dates to be fixed by Order of the Board, shall cause the same to be treated for sheep-scab between such dates by effective dipping.

(2) The treatment of sheep prescribed by this Article shall be carried out on such dates, at such dipping places, and in such manner as shall be required by a Notice signed by an Inspector of the Local Authority of the District, and served by post, or otherwise, on the owner or persons in charge of the sheep referred to in the Notice.

(3) For the purpose of this Part of this Order an Inspector of the Local Authority of any District may, subject to the direction of the Authority appointing him, enter any premises within the District 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.

Returns by Owners of Sheep in Compulsory Dipping Areas.

3.—(1) Every owner of sheep in a Compulsory Dipping Area shall, within fourteen days after the declaration of such Area by Order of the Board, and subsequently in the month of April in any year during which this Order is in operation, send by post or deliver to the Clerk of the Local Authority of any District in which his sheep may be, a return showing the name or description of the farm or holding or other premises in the District upon which the sheep are, the description of his sheep on such farm or holding or other premises, and the number of such sheep so far as such number can reasonably be ascertained.

(2) The owner of any sheep brought into a Compulsory Dipping Area after the date prescribed for the above-mentioned return, shall send or deliver a similar return relating to the sheep so brought into the Area.

(3) Every return shall be made on a form approved by the Local Authority, who shall provide forms for this purpose to owners of sheep applying therefor.

PART II.

REGULATION OF EXPOSURE AND MOVEMENT OF SHEEP IN COMPULSORY DIPPING AREAS.

Restriction on Exposure at Markets, &c.

4. In any year during which this Order is in operation, sheep shall not, until after the expiration of the period fixed for the dipping under Part I., be exposed for sale or exhibition in any market, fair, saleyard, or place of exhibition in a Compulsory Dipping Area unless they shall have within twenty-eight days before such exposure been thoroughly dipped in an efficient sheep-dip in the presence, and to the satisfaction, of an Inspector of the Local Authority of the District where the sheep are dipped.

Restriction of Movement out of Compulsory Dipping Area.

5.—(1) Sheep shall not be moved out of a Compulsory Dipping Area unless—

(i.) they are accompanied by a licence authorising such movement granted by an Inspector of the Local Authority of the District in which the sheep are when the licence is granted; or

(ii.) they are moved direct to a slaughterhouse having previous to such movement been marked by the painting or stamping with an indelible composition of red colour of a broad line down the back and another broad line across the loins of each sheep thus +, each line being not less than nine inches long.

(2) A licence for movement under this Article shall only be granted—

(i.) upon production to the Inspector granting the licence of (a) a certificate (in the Form A set forth in the Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) showing that the sheep to be moved have, within twenty-eight days before the licence is granted, been thoroughly dipped in an efficient sheep-dip in the presence, and to the satisfaction, of an Inspector of the Local Authority of the District; and (b) a declaration signed by the owner of the sheep, or his agent authorised in writing for this purpose (in the Form B set forth in the Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) to the effect that the sheep to be moved are sheep referred to in the certificate, and that since the dipping the sheep have been kept separate from other sheep not so dipped; or

(ii.) upon production of (a) a certificate by a duly qualified veterinary surgeon to the effect that he has within ten days before the licence is granted examined each of the sheep to be moved, and found it to be free from sheep-scab, and (b) a declaration signed by the owner of the sheep, or his agent authorised in writing for this purpose, to the effect that since such examination the sheep have been kept separate from other sheep, and have not been exposed in any market, fair, saleyard, or exhibition.

(3) A declaration shall be retained by the Inspector granting a licence thereon. A certificate shall also be so retained unless it refers to more sheep than are proposed to be moved, in which case a note shall be made thereon and initialled by the Inspector who grants the Licence, stating the number of the sheep for which the Licence is granted.

(4) The licence shall be in force for six days, inclusive of the day of issue, and shall be in the Form C set forth in the Schedule to this Order or to the like effect.