

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 15TH JULY 1919.)

CONVEYANCE OF LIVE POULTRY
ORDER OF 1919.

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 1914, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

*Protection of Poultry during Conveyance by
Water.*

1.—(1) The conveyance of poultry on a vessel to or from a port in Great Britain shall comply with the following conditions:—

(i.) The poultry shall while on board or on premises of a shipping company in connection with their conveyance by water be protected as far as practicable from exposure to bad weather or sea water, or excessive heat.

(ii.) The poultry shall be carried only in such parts of the vessel as are sufficiently ventilated, and receptacles containing the poultry shall be so disposed as to allow sufficient ventilation to reach each receptacle, and so as to afford access to each receptacle for inspection of the poultry as occasion may require:

(iii.) Receptacles containing poultry shall as far as practicable be secured so as not to be liable to be shifted by the motion of the vessel:

(iv.) A receptacle containing poultry may be placed on another such receptacle only if sufficient ventilation is left for each receptacle:

(v.) The poultry, whether carried in receptacles or otherwise, shall not be so overcrowded as to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the poultry.

(2) If any head of poultry while being conveyed as aforesaid on a vessel or while on premises of a shipping company in connection with their conveyance by water is found to be so injured that, in the opinion of the master of the vessel or a superior officer of the shipping company, the destruction of the bird is desirable to prevent unnecessary suffering, the master or officer, as the case may be, may cause it to be killed.

(3) If any poultry are conveyed in contravention of this Article the shipping company and the master of the vessel shall, each according to and in respect of their or his own acts or omissions, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

*Protection of Poultry during Conveyance by
Railway.*

2.—(1) The conveyance of poultry by railway in Great Britain shall comply with the following conditions:—

(i.) The poultry shall while conveyed in railway truck or other vehicle, or while on premises of a railway company in connection with such conveyance, be protected as far as

practicable from exposure to bad weather or excessive heat.

(ii.) Every railway truck or other vehicle in which poultry are conveyed shall be sufficiently ventilated:

(iii.) Receptacles containing poultry shall be so disposed as to allow sufficient ventilation to reach each receptacle, and so as to afford access to each receptacle for inspection of the poultry as occasion may require:

(iv.) Receptacles containing poultry shall as far as practicable be secured so as not to be liable to be shifted during transit:

(v.) A receptacle containing poultry may be placed on another such receptacle only if sufficient ventilation is left for each receptacle:

(vi.) The poultry, whether carried in receptacles or otherwise, shall not be so overcrowded as to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the poultry.

(2) If any head of poultry while being conveyed by railway in Great Britain or while on the premises of the railway company in connection with such conveyance is found to be so injured that, in the opinion of the station master or other superior officer of the railway company, the destruction of the bird is desirable to prevent unnecessary suffering, the officer may cause it to be killed.

(3) If any poultry are conveyed in contravention of this Article the railway company so conveying the poultry or causing or permitting them to be so conveyed shall, according to and in respect of the acts or omissions of the company, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

*Protection of Poultry during Conveyance by
Road or Exposure for Sale.*

3. Poultry, while being conveyed by road or exposed for sale or while in a market or other place where poultry are habitually exposed for sale, shall in Great Britain

(i.) be protected as far as practicable from exposure to bad weather or excessive heat; and

(ii.) not be confined in a receptacle which is not of a height and size reasonably sufficient for the poultry and the number contained therein, or which is so constructed as to be likely to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to poultry confined therein or which does not allow sufficient ventilation, but this shall not be deemed to prohibit the conveyance of poultry in "swills" or shallow baskets having a net over the top with mesh sufficiently small to prevent protrusion of the heads of the poultry; and

(iii.) not unnecessarily be tied by the legs or be allowed to remain so tied for a longer period than is necessary; or unnecessarily be carried head downwards;

and in the event of any failure to conform to these provisions the owner and the person in charge of the poultry in relation to which such failure occurs shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts or omissions, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Conveyance of Unfit Poultry.

4. Poultry shall not be permitted, by the owner or person in charge thereof, to be con-