

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1894 TO 1937, AND AGRICULTURE ACT, 1937 (PART IV.).

GREAT BRITAIN. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of Section 49 (3) of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, that the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries has made the following Order:—

Order No. 5961.

(Dated 10th August, 1940.)

Withdraws Swine Fever Infected Area Restrictions from Aberdeenshire and revokes the Aberdeenshire Swine Fever Infected Area Order of 1940, on 18th August 1940.

Copies of the above-mentioned Order may be obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Health Division, Fernlea, St. Annes, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

RETURN No. 14/1940. OUTBREAKS OF SCHEDULED (NOTIFIABLE) DISEASES WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MINISTRY during the period 16th to 31st JULY 1940.

Summary of Returns of outbreaks of certain scheduled (notifiable) diseases which have been confirmed by the Ministry during the period 16th to 31st July 1940.

Period.	Anthrax.		Foot-and-Mouth Disease.		Parasitic Mange. §		Sheep Scab.	Swine Fever.	
	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Animals attacked.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Outbreaks confirmed.	Swine slaughtered.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Period 16th to 31st July 1940	26	31	—	—	—	—	1	205	153
Corresponding period in { 1939	29	34	—	—	—	—	1	138	146
{ 1938	24	26	2	321	—	—	1	41	19
{ 1937	26	42	6	400	1	1	1	26	16
Total 1st Jan. to 31st July 1940	322	365	19	2,850	15	30	118	2,538	1,584
Corresponding period in { 1939	510	555	44	5,852	31	70	157	1,338	978
{ 1938	535	592	157	20,261	42	70	105	377	267
{ 1937	457	556	15	3,646	87	124	131	688	427

NOTE.—The figures for the current year are approximate only.

§ Excluding outbreaks in Army Horses.

NOTE.—The following diseases were eradicated from Great Britain in the years indicated:—Cattle plague, or rinder-pest (*pestis bovina*) 1877; pleuro-pneumonia (*peripneumonia contagiosa bovum*) 1898; sheep pox (*variola ovium*) 1850; rabies 1922; epizootic lymphangitis (*lymphangitis epizootica*) 1906; and glanders (including farcy) (*malleus*) 1928. Dourine (*exanthema coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

No case of Fowl Pest (*pestis avium*) has been confirmed in Great Britain since the 11th January 1937, the date as from which the disease was first notifiable. So far as is known, however, Fowl Pest has not existed in Great Britain since 1933.

TUBERCULOSIS (ATTESTED HERDS) SCHEMES.

The number of Attested Herds, i.e. herds officially certified as free from Tuberculosis as at 31st July 1940, was as follows:—

ENGLAND.	WALES.	SCOTLAND.	TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN).
3,788	9,343	3,111	16,242

TUBERCULOSIS ORDER OF 1938.

Notices of Intended Slaughter have been issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Tuberculosis Order of 1938 during the period 16th to 31st July 1940 in respect of 738 bovine animals.

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries,
16th August 1940.