

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT, 1950—GREAT BRITAIN
OUTBREAKS OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES WHICH WERE CONFIRMED
BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DURING THE PERIOD
16th to 31st MARCH 1953

Period	Anthrax		Foot-and-Mouth Disease		Fowl Pest	Sheep Scab	Swine Fever	
	Outbreaks confirmed	Animals attacked	Outbreaks confirmed	Animals slaughtered as diseased or exposed to infection	Outbreaks confirmed	Outbreaks confirmed	Outbreaks confirmed	Swine slaughtered
16th to 31st March 1953	44	45	1	131	12	—	177	56
Corresponding period in								
1952	22	22	27	3,498	10	—	69	19
1951	20	21	—	—	11	—	34	7
1950	22	24	3	409	16	—	1	—
1st January to 31st March 1953	294	310	22	2,778	183	—	563	157
Corresponding period in								
1952	119	126	56	6,023	65	1	275	78
1951	146	159	17	1,459	439	4	210	53
1952	126	136	12	1,548	52	18	1	—

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. Parasitic Mange (*psoroptes et sarcoptes scabiei equi*), 1948. Dourine (*exanthema coitale paralyticum*) has never existed in Great Britain.

TUBERCULOSIS (ATTESTED HERDS) SCHEMES

The number of Attested Herds, *i.e.*, herds officially certified as free from Tuberculosis as at 31st March 1953, was as follows:—

ENGLAND	WALES	SCOTLAND	TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN)
48,687	27,141	24,332	100,160

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hook Rise, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey.

8th April 1953.

NATIONAL INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT
REGULATIONS ENTITLED NATIONAL INSURANCE
(WIDOW'S BENEFIT AND RETIREMENT
PENSIONS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 1953

In accordance with Section 77 of the National Insurance Act, 1946, the National Insurance Advisory Committee give notice that they have received from the Joint Authority (comprising the Minister of National Insurance and the Minister of Labour and National Insurance for Northern Ireland) for consideration and report thereon the preliminary draft of Regulations entitled the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Amendment Regulations, 1953.

A short Explanatory Note on these Regulations is appended to this Notice.

Copies of the preliminary draft of these Regulations may be purchased directly (price 2d.) from Her Majesty's Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13A Castle Street, Edinburgh, 2; 39-41 King Street, Manchester, 2; 1 Saint Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 80 Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

The Committee will take into consideration any objection, made by or on behalf of persons affected, sent to them before May 15th, 1953. Having regard to the terms of the Act, which provides that objections must be made within a period of 28 days at most, the Committee are unable to allow a longer period within which objections may be submitted. If an objection is submitted within the prescribed time, however, the Committee will be prepared, if they are satisfied that sufficient grounds exist, to allow the later submission of evidence or explanation in support of the objection. Objections should be addressed to the Secretary, National Insurance Advisory Committee, 10 John Adam Street, London, W.C.2.

WILL SPENS, Chairman.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations amend the National Insurance (Widow's Benefit and Retirement) Regulations, 1948, by further relaxing for the purposes of widow's pensions the condition as to the duration of marriage in the case of widows married more than once. They provide that, in certain circumstances, such a widow may, in computing the duration of her last marriage, include any period during which she was entitled to a widow's pension and an additional allowance under the Widows', Orphans', and Old Age Contributory Pensions Acts, 1936 to 1941.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
TRUNK ROADS ACT, 1946
SPECIAL ROADS ACT, 1949
COWDEN CASTLE DIVERSION

The Minister of Transport hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under Section 1 of the Trunk Roads Act, 1946, as extended by Section 14 of the Special Roads Act, 1949, the effect of which will be that a new road which he proposes to construct near Cowden Castle in the County of Perth will become a trunk road on the date when the Order comes into operation, and the length of the Stirling-Cupar-St. Andrews Trunk Road to be superseded thereby will cease to be a trunk road on the sixteenth day of May next after the date on which notice is given by the Minister to the Perth County Council (who will thereafter become the highway authority responsible for that road) that the new road is opened for through traffic.

Copies of the draft Order and the Plan showing the line of the new road and the length of the Stirling-Cupar-St. Andrews Trunk Road to be superseded thereby may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours from 18th April to 18th July 1953, at the Ministry of Transport, Berkeley Square House, London, W.1; at the offices of the Perth County Council, County Buildings, Perth; at the Police Station, Muckart; or at the offices of the Divisional Road Engineer, 21 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, 1.

Any person may within three months from 18th April 1953, object to the making of the Order by notice to the Minister, quoting HTR. 33/86/09 and stating the grounds of the objection.

T. G. USBORNE,
An Assistant Secretary of the Ministry
of Transport.

14th April 1953.

Scottish Home Department, 1953

HARBOURS, PIERS AND FERRIES (SCOTLAND) ACT,
1937

STROMA HARBOUR

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made under the provisions of the Harbours, Piers and Ferries (Scotland) Act, 1937, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, 1, by the County Council of the County of Caithness, whose address is County Offices, Wick, for a Provisional Order (hereinafter referred to as "the Order"), with the above name or