

RATES OF INTEREST ON LOANS FROM THE
NATIONAL LOANS FUND

NOTICE

THE Treasury in pursuance of section 5 of the National Loans Act 1968 (1968 c. 13) hereby give notice that on and after 15th January 1972 the rates of interest determined by them as the lowest rates under that section (being rates which satisfy the conditions laid down in subsection (2) thereof) shall be:

Period of Loans:	Per cent per annum Loans repayable:	
	By Instalments	At Maturity
Up to 1 year	—	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Over 1 but not over 5 years	5 $\frac{5}{8}$	6 $\frac{1}{8}$
Over 5 but not over 10 years	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{8}$
Over 10 but not over 15 years	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Over 15 but not over 25 years	7 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Over 25 years	7 $\frac{7}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$

Treasury Chambers,
Great George Street, London S.W.1.
12th January 1972.

Scottish Development Department,
St. Andrew's House,
Edinburgh.

January 1972.

THE Secretary of State for Scotland has appointed David Norman Stuart Dixon, B.Sc., Ph.D., Ian William Weir Wright, B.Sc. and Gordon Walter Lodge, B.Sc., Ph.D. to be Inspectors for the purposes of the Alkali & Works Regulation Act 1906.

C. D. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

*Temporary Closure of the Trunk Road (Route A.702)
between its junction with Route A.73 near Wandel
and its junction with Route B.7055 near Lamington*

THE Secretary of State gives notice that he proposes to make an Order temporarily closing to traffic that part of the Edinburgh-Abington Trunk Road (Route A.702) from its junction with Route A.73 north of Abington, in a north-easterly direction to its junction with Route B.7055, south-west of Lamington.

The closure is necessary to enable roadworks to be carried out at Clyde's Bridge and the Railway Overbridge No. 322 near Wandel. The road will be closed from Monday, 17th April 1972 until Friday, 14th July 1972 inclusive. The closure will not apply to vehicles requiring access to properties situated on or adjacent to A.702.

Alternative Route for Traffic

Northbound traffic will travel via Route A.73 to its junction with Route B.7055, thence by Route B.7055 to join Trunk Road A.702 south-west of Lamington. The reverse route will apply for southbound traffic.

J. KEELEY, Assistant Secretary.

Scottish Development Department,
43 Jeffrey Street, Edinburgh.
5th January 1972.

Animal Welfare,
Room 143,
Chesser House.
11th January 1972.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND
FOOD

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
FISHERIES FOR SCOTLAND

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT 1950

NOTICE is hereby given in pursuance of Section 85(3) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, have made the following Order:—

*Statutory Instruments 1971 No. 2045
The Rabies (Importation of Mammals) Order 1971
(Made 15th December 1971)*

For purposes connected with the prevention of the introduction of rabies into Great Britain this order, which came into operation on 10th January 1972, extends the application of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 to the ten orders of mammals (excluding man and domestic dogs and cats) prescribed in Part I and Part II of Schedule 1. In respect

of such animals, the order imposes a general prohibition on their importation (otherwise than from Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man), and thereby in general requires any such animals which are brought to Great Britain from overseas in contravention of such prohibition to be slaughtered on landing.

However, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in relation to England and Wales, and the Secretary of State, in relation to Scotland, are given power to allow such animals into the country in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence previously granted, but, except in exceptional circumstances, they may only be landed at prescribed ports and airports from which they must be moved without delay in accordance with the terms of the licence to authorised quarantine premises.

The order provides for the majority of the animals to which it applies to be detained and isolated in quarantine for a period of at least six months after landing, but in the case of vampire bats, their entry into the country is only permitted on the basis of their being quarantined for life.

The order also contains detailed provisions relating to the movement of animals during quarantine, the licensing of carrying agents and of quarantine premises, the control of animals, (including the additional orders of mammals specified in Part III of Schedule I) which have come into contact with imported animals, the action to be taken in relation to illegally landed animals or animals found straying in ports and air-ports, and other ancillary matters.

The order replaces the Exotic Animals (Importation) Order 1969, which is accordingly revoked, together with certain provisions of the Importation of Dogs and Cats (Amendment) (No. 2) and (No. 3) Orders 1970 relating to the importation of canine and feline animals other than domestic dogs and cats. In addition, the order provides that the Importation of Dogs and Cats (Amendment) Order 1969 and the Importation of Dogs and Cats (Amendment) (No. 1) Order 1970 shall cease to have effect in relation to animals to which it applies.

Finally, the Rabies Order of 1938 is amended so that its provisions will now apply to all of the animals covered by the present order, whilst an amendment to the Importation of Dogs and Cats Order of 1928 restricts its application to domestic dogs and cats.

The order applies to Great Britain.

Copies of the above-mentioned Order may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh, price 13p, by post 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

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NOTICE is hereby given in pursuance of Section 85(3) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 that the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food acting jointly, have made the following Order:—

*Statutory Instruments 1971 No. 2053
The Newcastle Disease (England and Wales) Order 1971
(Made 16th December 1971)*

This order, which came into operation on 1st January 1972, provides that the Fowl Pest Order of 1936, as amended, shall no longer apply in relation to Newcastle disease in poultry in England and Wales. Under the provisions of the new order, which applies to England and Wales, Newcastle disease remains a disease notification of the existence of which is required to be made as soon as practicable to a police constable or to a veterinary inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The owner or person in charge making the notification is required to retain on the premises all poultry and carcasses, and to prevent, so far as he legally may, the admission of persons until a diagnostic visit has been made. The vaccination of poultry against Newcastle disease with an unlicensed vaccine is prohibited.

Copies of the above-mentioned Order may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office, 13a Castle Street, Edinburgh. Price 5p by post 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

Great Westminster House,
Horseferry Road, London S.W.1.

STATEMENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE CORN
RETURNS ACT, 1882, THE CORN SALES ACT, 1921,
THE AGRICULTURE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVI-
SIONS) ACT, 1943 AND THE AGRICULTURE ACT,
1970.