

THE SWINE-FEVER ORDER OF 1894.

By the Board of Agriculture.

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Board of Agriculture Act, 1889, and the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts, 1878 to 1893, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Notice of Disease.

1.—(1.) Every person having in his possession or under his charge a pig affected with or suspected of swine-fever shall with all practicable speed give notice of the pig being so affected or suspected to a constable of the police force for the police area wherein the pig so affected is.

(2.) The constable receiving such notice shall immediately transmit the information by telegraph to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, 4, Whitehall Place, London, S W.

(3.) The constable shall also forthwith give information of the receipt by him of the notice to an Inspector of the Local Authority, who shall forthwith report the same to the Local Authority.

Duty of Inspector to act immediately.

2.—(1.) An Inspector of a Local Authority on receiving in any manner whatsoever information of the supposed existence of swine-fever, or having reasonable ground to suspect the existence of swine-fever, shall proceed with all practicable speed to the place where such disease, according to the information received by him, exists, or is suspected to exist, and shall there and elsewhere put in force and discharge the powers and duties conferred and imposed on him as Inspector by or under the Acts of 1878 to 1893 and this Order.

(2.) Every such Inspector shall, on leaving any premises in which swine-fever exists or is suspected to exist, thoroughly wash his hands with soap and water and disinfect his boots.

Declaration of Infected Place.

3.—(1.) Where it appears that swine-fever exists or has within twenty-eight days existed in a sty, shed, or other place an Inspector of a Local Authority shall forthwith make and sign a Declaration (in the Form A set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) and shall in such Declaration prescribe the limits of the proposed Infected Place.

(2.) He shall forthwith serve a copy of the Declaration on the occupier of the premises in which that sty, shed, or other place is situate.

(3.) On the service of such copy of the Declaration as aforesaid the sty, shed, or other place within the limits prescribed by the Declaration shall become and be a Place infected with swine-fever.

(4.) The Inspector of the Local Authority shall with all practicable speed send the Declaration to the Secretary, Board of Agriculture, 4, Whitehall Place, London, S.W., and shall also send copies of the same to the Local Authority and to the police officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

(5.) An Infected Place declared under this Article shall continue to be an Infected Place until it has been declared free from disease by Notice in writing signed by an Inspector or officer of the Board acting under special instructions of the Board and served on the occupier of the premises within the Infected Place.

(6.) The limits of an Infected Place may at any time be altered by the Board by Notice in writing served on the occupier of the premises affected by such Notice.

Rules for Infected Place.

4.—Rule 1. Swine shall not be moved into or out of an Infected Place except with a Licence of an Inspector or officer of the Board.

Rule 2. Carcasses of swine shall not be removed from an Infected Place except with permission in writing from an Inspector or officer of the Board or an Inspector of the Local Authority.

Rule 3. Litter, dung, utensils, pens, hurdles, or other things shall not be removed from an Infected Place except with permission in writing from an Inspector or officer of the Board or an Inspector of the Local Authority, which permission shall not be granted until such things have been thoroughly disinfected.

Rule 4. No person (except the person tending the pig) shall, unless authorized in writing by an Inspector or officer of the Board or by an Inspector of the Local Authority, enter any sty or place, being part of an Infected Place, in which a pig affected with or suspected of swine-fever is or has recently been kept.

Rule 5. Every person upon leaving any such sty or place shall thoroughly wash his hands with soap and water, and his boots with a solution of carbolic acid or other disinfectant.

Rule 6. A person tending a pig affected with or suspected of swine-fever shall not tend any pig not so affected or suspected.

Removal of Dung or other Things.

5. It shall not be lawful for any person to send or carry, or cause to be sent or carried, on a railway, canal, river, or inland navigation, or in a coasting vessel, or on a highway or thoroughfare, any dung, fodder, or litter that has been in an Infected Place, or that has been in any place in contact with or used about a pig affected with or suspected of swine-fever, except with a Licence of an Inspector or officer of the Board or of an Inspector of the Local Authority.

Prohibition of Movement by Inspector of Local Authority or Board.

6.—(1.) An Inspector of the Local Authority or of the Board may give Notice in writing (in the Form B set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) to the owner or person in charge of any swine, requiring that such swine be detained on or in any farm, field, shed, sty, or other place, and after the service of such Notice it shall not be lawful for any person, until such Notice be withdrawn by a further Notice in writing (in the Form C set forth in the First Schedule to this Order or to the like effect) signed by an Inspector of the Local Authority or of the Board, as the case may be,—

(a.) to move any of such swine from or out of such farm, field, shed, sty, or other place; or

(b.) to move from or out of such farm, field, shed, sty, or other place any other swine that may be thereon or therein; or

(c.) to move any other swine into such farm, field, shed, sty, or other place; or

(d.) to permit any other swine to come in contact with any swine to which the Notice applies.

(2.) The Inspector shall with all practicable speed send copies of any Notice given by him under this Article to the Local Authority and the police officer in charge of the nearest police station of the District.

(3.) Notwithstanding any notice under this Article any pig may at any time be moved in accordance with a Licence of an Inspector or officer of the Board.