

(FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.)

By the Board of Agriculture.

THE Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :

Movement with Licence within District in Schedule.

1.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything in Article 2 of the Order of the Board dated the twenty-ninth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four prohibiting the movement of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine along a highway or thoroughfare within a District comprising the petty sessional divisions of Beacontree, Brentwood, and Orsett, and the liberty of Havering-atte-Bower, in the county of Essex, cattle, sheep, goats, or swine may be moved from premises in the District described in the Schedule to this Order to any other premises in such District in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

(2.) Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to authorize the movement of any cattle, sheep, goats, or swine out of the District described in the Schedule to this Order.

Licence and Declaration.

2.—(1.) For the movement of cattle, sheep, goats, or swine under this Order, there shall be a Licence of the Local Authority, which Licence shall be in force for not more than five days inclusive of the day of issue, and shall contain the name and address of the person to whom the Licence is granted, the number and description of the animals to be moved, and the name or description of the premises from which, and the place and premises to which, the animals are to be moved, and shall only be granted on a Declaration of the owner of the animals or of his agent authorized in writing for this purpose to the effect hereinafter provided, as to the correctness of which Declaration the Local Authority shall satisfy themselves before granting the Licence.

(2.) The Declaration shall be to the effect—

(a.) that the cattle, sheep, goats, or swine to be moved have been on the premises from which they are to be moved for a period of at least twenty-eight days immediately before the granting of the Licence, and that no other cattle, sheep, goats, or swine have been brought on to those premises within such period ; and

(b.) that the said cattle, sheep, goats, or swine are not affected with foot-and-mouth disease, and have not during the period of twenty-eight days as aforesaid been in any way exposed to the infection of foot-and-mouth disease.

(3.) The cattle, sheep, goats, or swine moved under this Order shall be accompanied by the Licence required by this Order.

Granting of Licences.

3.—(1.) A Licence shall only be granted for the movement of cattle, sheep, goats, or swine under this Order where in the opinion of the Local Authority or the person granting the Licence, as the case may be, the movement of the cattle, sheep, goats, or swine is necessary or expedient.

(2.) A Licence granted under this Order shall not be available if granted by the owner of the cattle, sheep, goats, or swine to be moved or by his agent, or by the owner or consignee or other person selling the animals, or exposing the same for sale, or by the purchaser thereof or by his agent, or by the auctioneer or other person conducting the sale at which the animals are exposed,

or by the occupier of the farm or premises or slaughter-house from or to which the animals are to be moved, or by any individual member of an Executive Committee or Sub-Committee of a Local Authority.

Delivery of Declarations.

4.—(1.) A Licence granted under this Order is not available except when accompanied by the Declaration on which it is granted.

(2.) The person granting such Licence under this Order shall, for the identification of the Declaration produced to him, mark the same by signing his name thereon, with the date of the production thereof to him.

(3.) The person granting such Licence shall deliver the Declaration produced to him, when so marked, with the Licence, to the person receiving the Licence from him.

Production of Licences ; Names and Addresses.

5.—(1.) Every person in charge of a head of cattle or of a sheep or goat or pig being moved, where under this Order a Licence is necessary, shall, on demand of a Justice, or of a constable, or of an Inspector or other officer of the Board of Agriculture or of a Local Authority, produce and show to him the Licence, if any, authorizing the movement, and shall allow it to be read and a copy of or extract from it to be taken by the person to whom it is produced.

(2.) Every person so in charge shall, on demand as aforesaid, give his name and address to the Justice, or constable, or Inspector or other officer.

Offences.

6.—(1.) If a head of cattle or a sheep or goat or pig is moved in contravention of this Order, or of the conditions of a Licence thereunder, the owner of the animal, and the person for the time being in charge thereof, and the person causing, directing, or permitting the movement, and the person moving or conveying the animal, and the owner and the charterer and the master of the vessel in which it is moved, and the consignee or other person receiving or keeping it, knowing it to have been moved in contravention as aforesaid, and the occupier of the place from which the animal is moved, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

(2.) If a person in charge of a head of cattle or a sheep or goat or pig being moved, where under this Order a Licence is necessary, on demand made under this Order, fails to give his true name and address, or gives a false name or address, he shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

(3.) If any person with a view to unlawfully evade or defeat the operation of this Order allows a head of cattle or a sheep or goat or pig to stray, he shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Commencement.

7. This Order shall come into operation on the eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture have hereunto set their Official Seal this sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.



T. H. Elliott,
Secretary.