

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 15TH DECEMBER 1902.)

ESSEX (SWINE-FEVER) ORDER OF 1902.

The Board of Agriculture, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in them vested under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 and 1896, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order; and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Application of Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1902, with modification, to certain Scheduled Districts.

1. The provisions of the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1902 shall apply to the Districts specified in the First Schedule hereto, (in this Order referred to as Scheduled Districts,) as if they had been declared by Special Order of the Board to be a Swine-Fever Infected Area, but subject to the modifications hereinafter contained.

Markets Fairs Sales and Exhibitions of Swine by Licence of Local Authority.

2.—(1.) The Local Authority may grant a Licence for a market fair sale or exhibition of swine in a Scheduled District, if they are satisfied that the market fair sale or exhibition is to be held in a market fair-ground sale-yard or place of exhibition which is capable of being cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the next following Article, and thereupon the market fair sale or exhibition may be held accordingly.

(2.) A Licence for a market fair sale or exhibition under this Article shall be signed by the Clerk of the Local Authority, by special direction of the Local Authority, and shall specify the name and address of the person licensed to hold the market fair sale or exhibition (as owner of a market, or as an auctioneer, or otherwise), and shall also specify the place where the market fair sale or exhibition is to be held, and may authorize the holding of periodical markets fairs sales or exhibitions on stated days for a time limited, not exceeding three months, but the Licence may be renewed from time to time or revoked at any time by the Local Authority.

(3.) A Licence shall be published in such manner as the Local Authority consider best fitted to ensure publicity for the same, and a copy of the Licence shall be posted and kept posted during the holding of such market fair sale or exhibition by the person licensed to hold or holding the same at or near the gate or other entrance of the market fair-ground sale-yard or place of exhibition where such market fair sale or exhibition is held.

(4.) The Local Authority shall forthwith send to the Board a copy of every Licence granted by them for the holding of a market fair sale or exhibition under this Article.

(5.) A fit person or a sufficient number of fit persons shall be appointed by the Local Authority and named in the Licence for the purpose of receiving Licences authorizing movement of swine to the market fair sale or exhibition, and for granting Licences for movement of swine therefrom in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

(6.) No swine shall be moved along, over, or across a highway or thoroughfare into a market fair sale or exhibition licensed under this Article unless accompanied by a Licence under the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1902 or this Order.

Cleansing and Disinfection of Markets, &c.

3. Every market fair-ground sale-yard and place of exhibition in which a market fair sale or exhibition of swine is held under the last preceding Article, shall so soon as practicable after the holding of the market fair sale or exhibition, and in any case before it is again used for swine, be cleansed and disinfected as follows—

- (i.) all parts of the market fair-ground sale-yard or place of exhibition that have been used for swine shall be thoroughly scraped and swept, and all dung, sawdust, litter, or other matter effectually removed therefrom; then
- (ii.) the same parts shall be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water; then
- (iii.) the same parts shall be disinfected in such manner as the Local Authority may direct; and
- (iv.) the scrapings and sweepings shall be well mixed with quicklime and be effectually removed from contact with animals.

Licences for Movement out of Licensed Markets, &c.

4.—(1.) Swine exposed at a market fair sale or exhibition licensed under this Order may be moved from the market fair-ground sale-yard or place of exhibition along over or across a highway or thoroughfare in a Swine-Fever Infected Area or a Scheduled District if accompanied by a Licence authorizing such movement—in the Form set forth in the Schedule to the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1902 or to the like effect—granted by the Local Authority of the District in which the market fair sale or exhibition is held.

(2.) The Licence shall be in force for not more than four days inclusive of the day of issue.

(3.) The swine shall be moved by the nearest available route and without unnecessary delay, and where the place of destination specified in the Licence is in a Swine-Fever Infected Area, or a Scheduled District, the swine shall be moved to such place and not elsewhere.

Licences after Completion of Movement.

5.—(1.) Where swine are moved with a Licence under the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1902, or this Order, to a market fair sale or exhibition in a Swine-Fever Infected Area or a Scheduled District, the Licence shall be delivered up at the entrance to the market fair-ground sale-yard or place of exhibition by the person in charge of the swine to the person appointed under this Order to receive the same.

(2.) Where swine are moved with a Licence under the Swine-Fever (Infected Areas) Order of 1902, or this Order, to any other premises in a Swine-Fever Infected Area or a Scheduled District, the Licence shall forthwith after completion of the movement be delivered up at, or sent by post to, the nearest Police Station by the person in charge of the swine at the time of completing the said movement.