

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE.

(DATED 31ST DECEMBER 1902.)

ORKNEY (STRANGLES) 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 :

Extension of certain Sections of Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

1. Horses, asses, and mules shall be animals, and strangles of horses, asses, and mules (in this Order called strangles) shall be a disease for the purposes of this Order and of the following sections of the Act of 1894 (namely):

Sections nineteen and twenty (slaughter and compensation);

Section forty-three (powers of police);

Section forty-four (powers of inspectors);

and also for the purposes of all other sections of the said Act containing provisions relative to or consequent on the provisions of those sections and this Order, including such sections as relate to offences or procedure.

Separation of Diseased and Suspected Animals and Notice of Disease.

2. Every person having in his possession or under his charge a horse, ass, or mule affected with or suspected of strangles shall (a) as far as practicable keep that animal separate from animals not so affected or suspected; and (b) with all practicable speed give notice of the fact of the horse, ass, or mule being so affected or suspected to an Inspector of the Local Authority or to one of his Assistants who shall forthwith report the same to the Local Authority.

Duty of Inspector to act immediately.

3. An Inspector of the Local Authority on receiving in any manner whatsoever information of the supposed existence of strangles, or having reasonable ground to suspect the existence of strangles, 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 Act of 1894 and this Order.

Public Warning as to Existence of Strangles.

4.—(1.) The Local Authority may, if they think fit, give public warning by placards, advertisement, or otherwise, of the existence of strangles in any stable, building, field, or other place, with or without any particular description thereof, as they think fit, and may continue to do so during the existence of the disease, and in case of a stable, building, or other like place, until the same has been cleansed and disinfected.

(2.) It shall not be lawful for any person (without authority or excuse) to remove or deface any such placard.

Slaughter.

5.—(1.) The Local Authority may, if they think fit, cause to be slaughtered—

(i.) any horse, ass, or mule affected with strangles; or

(ii.) any horse, ass, or mule being or having been in the same stable, building, field, or other place in which strangles exists or is suspected to exist, or being or having been in contact with a horse, ass, or mule affected with strangles

(2.) Provided that if the owner of the horse, ass, or mule gives notice in writing to the Local Authority, or their Inspector or other officer, that he objects to the horse, ass, or mule being slaughtered, it shall not be lawful for the Local Authority to cause that horse, ass, or mule to be slaughtered except with the further special authority of the Board first obtained.

Compensation.

6. The Local Authority shall, except as hereinafter provided, pay out of the local rate as compensation for any horse, ass, or mule slaughtered under this Order, the value of the horse, ass, or mule immediately before it was slaughtered.

Regulations of Local Authority as to Movement.

7. The Local Authority may, with the view of preventing the spreading of strangles, make Regulations for the following purposes, or any of them :

(a.) For prohibiting or regulating the movement by land or by water of horses, asses, or mules in the whole of their District or in such part or parts thereof as may be specified by the Local Authority :

(b.) For prohibiting or regulating the movement by land or by water of horses, asses, or mules out of the whole of their District or out of such part or parts thereof as may be specified by the Local Authority :

(c.) For prohibiting or regulating the movement out of any stable, building, field, or other place of a horse, ass, or mule affected with or suspected of strangles :

(d.) For prohibiting or regulating the movement out of any stable, building, field, or other place in which strangles exists or is suspected to exist of a horse, ass, or mule that has been in contact with or in the same stable, building, field, or other place with a horse, ass, or mule affected with or suspected of strangles :

(e.) For regulating the taking out of any stable, building, field, or other place of any fodder, litter, or other thing that has been in contact with or used for or about a horse, ass, or mule affected with or suspected of strangles; but nothing in any such Regulation shall authorize movement in contravention of any provision of any Order of the Board for the time being in force; and a Regulation under paragraph (d) of this Article shall operate so long only as any horse, ass, or mule which in the judgment of the Local Authority is affected with strangles, remains in the stable, building, field, or other place to which the Regulation refers, and in case of a stable, building, or other like place, until the Regulations of the Local Authority as to cleansing and disinfection have been complied with.

Regulations of Local Authority as to Cleansing and Disinfection.

8.—(1.) The Local Authority may, for the purpose of preventing the spreading of strangles, make Regulations for the following purposes, or any of them :

(a.) For providing for the cleansing and disinfection of any place used by a horse, ass, or mule affected with or suspected of strangles :

(b.) For prescribing the mode in which such cleansing and such disinfection are to be effected :

(c.) For requiring the owner, lessee, or occupier of any such place to cleanse and disinfect the same at the expense of the Local Authority, or at the expense of such owner, lessee, or occupier.