

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 9TH APRIL 1908.)

SLEEP-DIPPING (ENGLAND) ORDER OF
1908.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

Application of Order.

1.—(1.) In this Order the expression "the Dipping Area" means the Area described in the First Schedule hereto.

(2.) Where any farm or holding is situate partly in the Dipping Area and partly outside the Dipping Area, the whole farm or holding shall for the purposes of this Order be deemed to be outside the Dipping Area.

Mode of Dipping Prescribed.

2.—(1.) Where under this Order it is provided that sheep are to be dipped, they shall be dipped by a thorough immersion in a sheep-dip approved by the Board for sheep-scab by the Sheep-Scab Order of 1905 or otherwise, or purporting to be so approved.

(2.) A sheep shall not be deemed to have been dipped in accordance with this Order, unless it has been previously clipped in the current year, but this provision shall not apply to lambs less than nine months old.

General Dipping within Prescribed Period.

3.—(1.) All sheep (except those exempted by later provisions of this Order) which are in the Dipping Area at any time between the fourteenth day of July and the first day of September, hereinafter referred to as "the prescribed dipping period," in any year during which this Order shall be in operation, shall be caused to be dipped within the Dipping Area between these dates by the owner, or person in charge thereof.

(2.) In the case of sheep moved into the Dipping Area between the twenty-first day of August and the first day of September, it shall be sufficient compliance with this Article if the sheep are dipped within ten days after the movement.

(3.) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the following sheep:—

(i.) Sheep moved by railway through the Dipping Area without being untrucked within the Area.

(ii.) Sheep which, in the opinion of the Local Authority of the District where they are kept, it is impracticable or inexpedient to dip in accordance with the requirements of this Order, on account of their being intended for exhibition or of any other special circumstances, and which are accordingly exempted by an exemption signed by the Clerk of the Local Authority. The exemption may be granted subject to conditions as to subsequent dipping or otherwise. A copy of every exemption shall be sent to the Board. The exemption shall be in the Form A set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, or to the like effect.

(iii.) Sheep slaughtered in the Dipping Area or moved out of the Dipping Area before the expiration of the prescribed dipping period.

(iv.) Sheep which have been dipped within the Dipping Area between the thirty-first day of May and the commencement of the prescribed dipping period; provided that—

(a) the dipping has been in the mode prescribed by this Order;

(b) notice of time and place of the intended dipping has been given in the manner required by Article 4 of this Order and such return of the dipping has been made as is required by that Article; and

(c) the sheep have not after the dipping until the expiration of the prescribed dipping period been in contact with sheep which have not been dipped in accordance with this Order.

Notice to Local Authority of Time and Place of intended Dipping.

4.—(1.) For the purposes of enabling the Local Authority to be represented at the dipping whenever they think such a course desirable, the owner or person in charge of any sheep required to be dipped under the preceding Article, shall give such written notice of his intention to dip his sheep as is hereinafter provided:—

(i.) The notice shall be delivered, or sent by post, to such persons as the Local Authority of the District may appoint to receive such notices in respect of sheep in their District.

(ii.) The notice shall be sent or delivered at such time as to be received by the appointed person three clear days, at least, before the intended time of dipping, unless a shorter notice is authorised by the Local Authority.

(iii.) The notice shall state the time and place of the intended dipping, and the approximate number of sheep intended to be dipped.

(2.) If from any cause the dipping of the sheep on the date specified in a notice becomes impracticable, no further notice shall be required if the sheep are dipped as soon after such date as is practicable.

(3.) A return in the Form B set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, shall be sent immediately after each dipping by the owner or person in charge of the sheep dipped to the person appointed to receive such returns by the Local Authority of the District in which the sheep are dipped, except in any case in which an Inspector or other officer of the Local Authority is present at the dipping.

Isolation of Sheep after Dipping.

5. A sheep shall not be deemed to have been dipped in accordance with the requirements of this Order, if after being dipped it shall at any time during the prescribed dipping period come in contact with sheep which have not been so dipped.

Declaration after Dipping Period.

6. The occupier of a farm or holding in the Dipping Area on which sheep are kept shall personally, or by his agent authorised in that behalf, on or after the first day of September, but not later than the fifteenth day of September, send a declaration as to the dipping of the sheep in the Form C set forth in the Second Schedule hereto, or to the like effect, to the person appointed to receive such declarations by the Local Authority of the District in which the farm or holding is situate.

Notice of Appointment of Persons to receive Returns, &c.

7. The Local Authority shall appoint persons for their District or for separate parts of their