

*Action to be taken by Local Authority after Preliminary Investigation.*

6.—(1.) The Local Authority may at any time and from time to time by a notice served on an occupier of infected premises require him to adopt such measures for prevention of the spread of the disease as are authorised by this Article and specified in the notice.

(2.) A notice under this Article may require the occupier of the premises as regards all or any of the bushes on the premises to adopt any one or more of the following measures:—

- (a) to destroy on the infected premises the fruit (if any) on each diseased bush;
- (b) to prune the bushes in such manner as may be directed by an Inspector of the Local Authority and to his satisfaction;
- (c) at such time or times as may be specified, to spray the bushes thoroughly with a solution of liver of sulphur (containing not less than one pound of liver of sulphur to thirty-two gallons of water), or with Bordeaux mixture, or with a solution of sulphate of copper, as may be directed by the notice.
- (d) to spray in like manner the ground beneath each diseased bush and the site of each bush which has been destroyed on account of disease.

Provided that nothing in this Order shall prevent the destruction by the owner thereof, by fire or other effective method, of any bush if such destruction takes place on the infected premises.

(3.) Where a Local Authority have consented to pay compensation for the destruction of bushes directed by notice served by them, the Local Authority may by a notice under this Article require the occupier of infected premises to destroy by burning or other effective method all or any of the bushes on the premises, and the Local Authority shall pay compensation for such destruction subject and according to the provisions in that behalf of the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907.

(4.) All clippings arising from any pruning under this Article shall be forthwith destroyed on the infected premises by the occupier by burning or other effective method.

(5.) A notice under this Article may prescribe the time within which the adoption of any measure thereby prescribed shall be completed.

*Power to Require Adoption of Precautions on Premises in Vicinity of Infected Premises.*

7. The Local Authority may by a notice served on the occupier of any garden in which there are bushes to which the disease is likely to spread from infected premises in the vicinity, require such occupier, on or before such date as therein specified, to spray thoroughly all the bushes on such garden with a solution of liver of sulphur (containing not less than one pound of liver of sulphur to thirty-two gallons of water).

*Precautions against Spread of Disease by Fruit Picking.*

8. Where the Local Authority are satisfied that the extent of the disease in any garden is such that the picking of any gooseberry, currant, or other fruit crop in the garden would be likely to spread the disease to other premises, the Local Authority may by a notice served on the occupier of the garden prohibit the picking of fruit except upon such conditions as they think necessary for the prevention of the spread of disease.

*Precautions against Spread of Disease by Bushes.*

9.—(1.) No bush shall be removed from infected premises except with, and subject to the

conditions (if any) inserted in, a licence granted by the Board, or an officer of the Board.

(2.) An Inspector of the Local Authority may within the district of the Local Authority, and an Inspector of the Board may elsewhere in Great Britain, by a notice served on the owner or person in charge of any diseased bushes which are being moved or exposed for sale or of any bushes which have been moved in contravention of this Order, or on any person to whom any such bushes have been consigned for sale, prohibit the sale or exposure for sale of such bushes, and require the same either to be destroyed or returned to the premises from which they have been moved in contravention of this Order.

*Withdrawal of Notices of Infected Premises.*

10. A notice constituting any premises infected premises may be altered or withdrawn by a notice signed by an officer of the Board. Unless there are special circumstances, a notice shall not be issued as regards any premises until the expiration of the year following that in which the disease has last been seen on the premises, unless the premises are before that date cleared of bushes.

*Copies of Notices and Returns of Proceedings to be sent to the Board.*

11.—(1.) A copy of every notice served under this Order shall be sent to the Board by the Inspector by whom the notice is signed.

(2.) The Local Authority shall, in a form to be provided by the Board, notify the Board of any outbreak of disease.

*Powers of Entry.*

12. Any Inspector or other officer appointed in that behalf by the Local Authority, may upon production if so required of his appointment or authority enter any premises on which he has reason to believe that disease exists or has recently existed or that there are any bushes landed in contravention of this Order and examine any bush on such premises.

*Prohibition of Importation of Bushes.*

13.—(1.) The landing in Great Britain of any bush brought from any place out of Great Britain (except the Channel Islands) is prohibited except as hereinafter provided.

(2.) This Article shall not apply to the landing of any currant bush under the authority of a licence authorising such landing previously obtained from the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

*Notification of Order.*

14. This Order shall be published by the Local Authority in accordance with any direction given by the Board.

*Powers of the Board and their Inspectors.*

15. The powers conferred by this Order on a Local Authority or an Inspector of a Local Authority may be exercised by the Board or an Inspector of the Board respectively and any notice served by a Local Authority or an Inspector of a Local Authority may be altered or revoked by a notice under this Order served by the Board or an Inspector of the Board.

*Offences.*

16. Every person shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds, who—

- (1.) knowingly fails to give notification of disease as required by Article 3; or