

GENERAL ORDER of the Local Government Board; Foreign Meat Regulations (Amendment, 1909).

To all Port Sanitary Authorities;—

To all other Sanitary Authorities and Local Authorities as herein defined;—

To all Officers of Customs and Excise;—

To all Medical Officers of Health of the Sanitary Authorities and Local Authorities aforesaid;—

To all Masters of Ships;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

Whereas, in relation to articles of food, the Public Health (Foreign Meat) Regulations, 1908, provide for the use of an Official Certificate, for the Classification of Foreign Meat, and for the combined action of Authorities for the purposes of those Regulations;

And whereas it is expedient that, with respect to the aforesaid matters and to other purposes, the Public Health (Foreign Meat) Regulations, 1908, be altered, and that accordingly such Regulations as are hereinafter set forth be made;

And whereas the Commissioners of Customs and Excise have signified their consent to the said Regulations, so far as they apply to the Officers of Customs and Excise:

Now, therefore, We, the Local Government Board, by this Our Order, and in the exercise of the powers conferred upon Us by the Public Health Act, 1875, the Public Health (London) Act, 1891, the Public Health Act, 1896, and the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907, and of every other power enabling Us in that behalf, do make the following Regulations, that is to say:

Revocation of Article I of former Regulations and substitution of altered Regulation.

ARTICLE I.—Article I of the Public Health (Foreign Meat) Regulations, 1908, shall be revoked: and those Regulations shall be altered so that they shall have effect, with the substitution for the Article so revoked of the following Article, namely:—

“ Interpretation.

“ ARTICLE I.—In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

“(a) Words importing the masculine gender include females;

“(b) Words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;

“(c) Expressions referring to writing include references to printing and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form;

“(d) The expression ‘cattle’ includes a bull, cow, ox, heifer, calf, ram, ewe, wether, goat, and kid;

“(e) The expression ‘pig’ includes a boar, sow, and hog;

“(f) The expression ‘meat’ means pork, the flesh of cattle, any other edible part of a pig or of cattle, or a substance, compound, material or article of which pork, or the flesh of cattle, or any other edible part of a pig or of cattle is an ingredient;

“(g) The expression ‘foreign’ used in relation to meat means brought from a place situate elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man;

“(h) The expression ‘Official Certificate’ used in relation to foreign meat or in relation

to a box, case, receptacle, or package containing foreign meat, means a certificate, label, mark, stamp, or other voucher which, by a notice published in the London Gazette at any time during the period of twelve months beginning on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eight, or which, by a notice published in the London Gazette after the expiration of that period, is declared to be admissible in the manner, to the extent, and subject to the rules and conditions, prescribed in that notice, as evidence that the cattle or pig from which the meat is derived has been certified by a competent authority in the place of origin to be free from disease at the time of slaughter, and that the meat has been certified by the like authority to have been dressed or prepared, and packed with the needful observance of all requirements for the prevention of danger arising to public health from the meat as an article of food; and, for the purposes of this definition and of any Regulations under the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907, every Official Certificate which, by a notice published in the London Gazette at any time during the period of twelve months, beginning on the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and eight, is declared to be admissible as aforesaid, shall, notwithstanding anything prescribed in the notice, continue to be so admissible until, by a further notice to be published in the London Gazette, the said Official Certificate is declared to be no longer so admissible;

“(i) The expression ‘Foreign Meat of Class I’ means foreign meat in the form

“(A) Of scrap meat, namely, meat which, whether it is fresh, or has, before importation, been subjected to a process of freezing or other refrigeration, or to chemical or other treatment, with or without the addition of any preservative or colouring substance—

“(i) consists of scraps, trimmings or other pieces (whether with or without bone in its natural state of attachment) of such shape or in such condition as to afford insufficient means of identification with definite parts of a carcase; and

“(ii) has not, before importation, been made ready for human consumption in the form of a sausage, or of another prepared or manufactured article of food;

“ or

“(B) Of tripe, namely, any edible part of the stomach, or

“Of a tongue, or kidney,

to which formalin, or a solution, or other preparation of, or comprising formic aldehyde; or a compound containing fluorine or boron; or salicylic acid, formic acid, sulphurous acid, benzoic acid, or any compound of any such acid has been applied;

“ or

“(c) Of severed parts of the carcase of a pig, or of other edible parts of a pig, which have not, before importation, been salted, cured, pickled, dried, or smoked, or otherwise prepared in the manner in which bacon or ham is ordinarily prepared, and which are not contained in a box, case, receptacle, or package with an Official Certificate impressed thereon, or affixed or attached thereto;

“ or

“(D) Of severed parts of the carcase of a pig, or of other edible parts of a pig, which