

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 21ST DECEMBER 1921.)

EXPORTATION AND TRANSIT OF
HORSES, ASSES AND MULES ORDER
OF 1921.

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

CHAPTER I.—EXPORTATION AND TRANSIT BY
SEA OF HORSES, ASSES AND MULES.

*Examination before Shipment. Shipment
Limited to Certain Ports.*

1.—(1) By the Diseases of Animals Act, 1910, as amended by the Exportation of Horses Act, 1914, it is not lawful for any shipping company or person to ship or attempt to ship any horse, ass or mule from any port in Great Britain to any port or place in Europe outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man unless immediately before shipment the animal has been examined by a Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Ministry to conduct such examinations, and certified by him in writing to be capable of being conveyed by sea and disembarked without cruelty, and also to be capable of being worked without suffering.

(2) Provision for such examination by a Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry, unless and until it is otherwise ordered by the Minister, is made only at the ports of Folkestone, Goole, Harwich, Hull, Leith, London (including Tilbury) and Southampton, hereinafter referred to as authorised ports of shipment. The examination shall in every case be carried out during daylight.

(3) This Article and the next following Article shall not apply to any thoroughbred horse which is being shipped with a certificate of a steward or the Secretary of the Jockey Club in accordance with Section 7 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1910.

Notice of Intended Exportation.

2.—(1) Horses, asses, or mules will not be examined by the Ministry's Inspectors unless a shipping company or railway company intending to ship a horse, ass or mule for conveyance from a port in Great Britain to any port or place on the Continent of Europe outside the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man gives notice in writing of the intended shipment to the Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Ministry to examine horses, asses or mules shipped from such port so as to reach the Veterinary Inspector not later than 2 p.m. on the day preceding that on which the animals are to be shipped. The addresses of the Veterinary Inspectors appointed to examine horses before export at the authorised ports of shipment may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Whitehall Place, London, S.W. 1. The notice shall state—

(a) the name and address of the owner, and the number of horses, asses or mules intended to be shipped;

(b) the name of the vessel on which the animals are intended to be shipped;

(c) the name of the wharf, quay or dock at an authorised port of shipment at which the animals are intended to be shipped;

(d) the date and approximate time at which the animals will arrive at the place of proposed shipment; and

(e) the date and the approximate time of sailing of the vessel on which the animals are intended to be shipped.

*Detention of Horses, Asses and Mules at
Place of Examination.*

3. The Veterinary Inspector of the Ministry may refuse to examine any horse, ass or mule until it has undergone such period of rest and observation as the Inspector may consider necessary.

Fees for Examination.

4. The fee payable for the examination of a horse, ass or mule by a Veterinary Inspector under the above-mentioned Acts shall be the sum of five shillings for each animal, and such fee shall be paid before the examination takes place to the Veterinary Inspector, unless he is satisfied that payment has been made to the Ministry.

*Provisions as to vessels carrying horses, asses
and mules.*

5. The provisions of this Article shall, except as provided in paragraph (14) thereof, apply to all vessels on which horses, asses or mules are carried from any port in Great Britain, or to any such port from a port in the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man.

*Method of carrying horses, asses and mules,
and fittings of vessels.*

(1) Each horse, ass or mule shall be carried athwartships either in a separate stall or in a portable box. Each stall and the movable fittings thereof shall be numbered for purposes of identification: Provided that small ponies, asses, small mules, mares with foal at foot, and young unbroken horses may be carried together in pens of suitable size formed by removing the division boards between a number of stalls and by fastening a sufficient number of boards to the front of the stanchions under the breast rail to keep the animals in the pen.

(2) Horses, asses and mules shall not be carried during the months of October to March inclusive, except under a permanent deck cover, and in fittings constructed in accordance with this Article. This paragraph shall come into operation forthwith.

(3) Boxes shall be secured to the vessel separately and in such a manner as to prevent their displacement by the motion of the vessel.

(4) The flooring of each box, stall or pen shall, in order to prevent slipping, be fitted with suitable wooden battens and be strewn with a proper quantity of sand or other suitable substance.

(5) Horses, asses and mules while on a vessel shall be protected against injury or suffering from exposure to the weather.

(6) The fittings on any vessel used for the carriage of horses, asses or mules shall be so constructed as to be of a substantial character and of sufficient strength to withstand the action of the weather and resist the