

1894 to 1927, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

*Amendment of Article 5 of the Exportation and Transit of Horses, Asses and Mules Order of 1921.*

1. Article 5 of the Exportation and Transit of Horses, Asses and Mules Order of 1921, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order," shall be read and have effect as if the following additional provisions were inserted therein, namely:—

*"Unfavourable Weather.*

"(27). Horses, asses or mules shall not be carried on any voyage of a vessel if, in the judgment of the master of such vessel, there are reasonable grounds for anticipating that owing to adverse weather conditions the voyage would be attended by serious injury or suffering to, or loss of life among, the animals."

*"Plans to be furnished in certain cases.*

"(28). In the case of vessels fitted or refitted for the carriage of horses after the date of this Order, the owners of the vessel shall cause the Ministry to be furnished in duplicate with plans showing the general arrangement of the fittings and a longitudinal section showing in detail the proposed fittings."

*Amendment of Chapter III of the Principal Order as to Cleansing and Disinfection.*

2. The provisions of Chapter III of the Principal Order are hereby modified as follows:—

(1). Sub-sections (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of Article 20 are hereby revoked and the following sub-sections substituted therefor:—

"(i) All parts of the vessel with which any such animal or its droppings have come in contact shall be scraped and swept and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water and then disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed or saturated with an approved disinfectant;

(ii) All fittings, pens, hurdles or utensils used for or about the animals shall be scraped and then thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water and then disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed or saturated with an approved disinfectant."

(2). Sub-sections (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1) of Article 23 are hereby revoked and the following sub-sections substituted therefor:—

"(i) The floor of the truck and all other parts thereof with which any such animal or its droppings have come in contact shall be scraped and swept and the scrapings and sweepings and all dung, sawdust, litter and other matter shall be effectually removed therefrom;

(ii) The same parts of the truck shall then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water and then disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed or saturated with an approved disinfectant."

(3) (a) In sub-section (i) of paragraph (1) of Article 24 the words "disinfected in the manner hereinafter prescribed. The floor and other parts shall thereafter be" shall be deleted.

(b) In sub-section (iii) of Article 24, the words "an approved disinfectant" shall be substituted for the words "one of the disinfectants hereinafter described."

(4) Article 25 of the principal Order is hereby revoked.

3. In the principal Order, as amended by this Order, the expression "an approved disinfectant" means a disinfectant approved for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals (Disinfection) Order of 1926, if used at the dilution at which such disinfectant is so approved.

*Amendment of Specification for Fittings.*

4.—(1) Article 4 of the Exportation and Transit of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) Order of 1923, is hereby revoked.

(2) In the principal Order, the Schedule (*Specification for certain fittings on vessels carrying horses, asses or mules*) shall be read and have effect as if, in the section headed "Dimensions of Stalls", the following paragraph were substituted for the paragraph relating to the space from foot platform to the deck above horse's head; namely:—

"The height from foot platform to the deck above shall be not less than 7 feet in the clear; from foot platform to underside of beam above not less than 6 feet 6 inches in the clear; Provided that no beam or projection from the deck above or any other obstruction the underside of which is less than 7 feet in the clear from the foot platform is in the stall area or corresponding area in the passage way within 3 feet of the front of the stall. These requirements shall also apply in the case of portable boxes carried under deck cover."

*Commencement.*

5. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-first day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

*Short Title, etc.*

6. This Order may be cited as the EXPORTATION AND TRANSIT OF HORSES, ASSES AND MULES (AMENDMENT) ORDER OF 1927, and shall be read as one with the principal Order as amended by the Exportation and Transit of Horses, Asses and Mules (Amendment) Order of 1923.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this seventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven.

(L.S.)

P. J. L. Kelland,

Authorised by the Minister.

Copies of the above Order can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, 7, Whitehall Place, S.W. 1.