

1968 No. 2005

FACTORIES

The Anthrax (Cautionary Notice) Order 1968

Made - - - 17th December 1968

Coming into Operation 13th January 1969

The Secretary of State in pursuance of Regulation 14 of the Regulations dated 20th December 1907 relating to processes involving the use of certain horse-hair(a), Regulation 2 of the Hides and Skins Regulations 1921(b) and Regulation 6 of the Tanning Welfare Order 1930(c) hereby prescribes for the purposes of the said Regulations the cautionary notice as to anthrax.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Anthrax (Cautionary Notice) Order 1968 and shall come into operation on 13th January 1969.

(2) The Order prescribing the cautionary notice as to anthrax made by the Minister of Labour and National Service on 21st January 1958 is hereby revoked.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

3. The cautionary notice as to anthrax for the purposes of the said Regulations shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Signed by order of the Secretary of State.
17th December 1968.

K. Barnes,
Deputy Under Secretary of State,
Department of Employment and Productivity.

(a) S.R. & O. 1907/984 (Rev. VII, p. 354: 1907 p. 152).
(b) S.R. & O. 1921/2076 (Rev. VII, p. 349: 1921 p. 243).
(c) S.R. & O. 1930/312 (Rev. VII, p. 174: 1930 p. 512).
(d) 1889 c. 63.

ANTHRAX

CAUTIONARY NOTICE

*Form prescribed by the Secretary of State to be affixed in certain premises

What Anthrax infection of the skin looks like :

On first or second day

On third or fourth day



ANTHRAX OF THE SKIN This usually starts with the appearance of a small blister, or blisters, upon an inflamed base, a dusky red swelling of the part and a tendency to form a **CENTRAL BLACK SCAB**, but these signs may vary widely. Skin anthrax used often to be **FATAL** ; with modern antibiotics it can easily be treated provided **TREATMENT STARTS EARLY**. A **DOCTOR MUST BE CONSULTED AT ONCE IF THERE IS ANY SUSPICION OF INFECTION†**.

ANTHRAX is a disease affecting certain animals. It may be conveyed to man by the handling of hides, wool, horse hair or bristles of animals which have died of the disease. Anthrax in man has also been traced to other infected animal products such as dried bones, horns, hooves etc., or quite unsuspected materials contaminated by contact such as wrapping materials or sacking.

The germs of the disease (Anthrax spores) are found in the dirt and dust on the material or in the material itself, and may remain active for years.

The disease is communicated to man sometimes by **BREATHING** or **SWALLOWING** the dust from the material, but **MUCH MORE OFTEN** by the germs lodging in a **BREAK OF THE SKIN**, such as a scratch, cut or a sore. Dirty hands or finger nails may carry the germs. Infection happens more readily on uncovered parts of the body such as the **HAND, ARM, FACE**, and most frequently of all on the **NECK**.

Scrupulous cleanliness and a high standard of personal hygiene will lessen the chances of contracting Anthrax.

ANTHRAX can be **PREVENTED** by **IMMUNISATION**. Persons at risk are advised to be immunised. This can be undertaken (free of charge) by general medical practitioners or‡

* Regulation 14 of the Horsehair Regulations 1907 (SR & O 1907 No. 984)

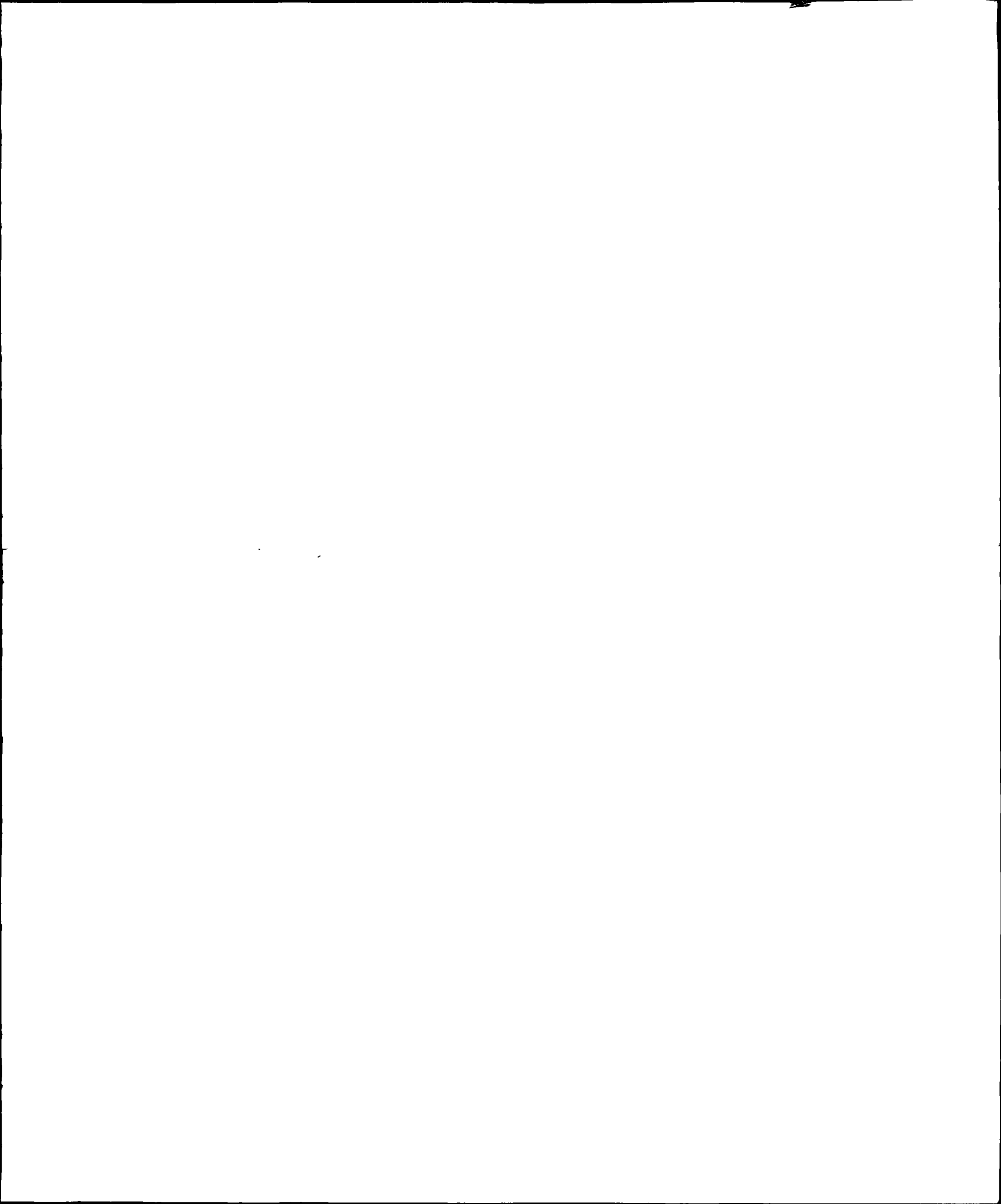
Regulation 2 of the Hides and Skins Regulations 1921 (SR & O 1921 No. 2076)

Regulation 6 of the Tanning Welfare Order 1930 (SR & O 1930 No. 312)

† Cards for individual workers, illustrated, and emphasising the importance of reporting to the foreman or doctor, can be obtained from HM Stationery Office. (F1893 price 1s. 3d. net.)

‡ Where alternative arrangements have been made particulars should be inserted here.

In order to preserve this Form and prevent fading colours, it should be mounted on cardboard and varnished on both sides. It should not be exposed to direct sunlight.



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prescribes the cautionary notice as to anthrax to be kept posted up in factories and other premises to which the Factories Act 1961 applies in which processes involving certain materials liable to be infected with anthrax are carried on. The notice prescribed by this Order supersedes that prescribed by the Order made by the Minister of Labour and National Service on 21st January 1958, which is revoked.