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ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

**The Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment)
Order 1972**

Made - - - - 31st October 1972
Laid before Parliament 9th November 1972
Coming into Operation 1st December 1972

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1), 29(2)(c)(ii), 33(1) and 85(1) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(a) and now vested in them (b), as adapted to air transport by section 11 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1954(c) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order 1972, and shall come into operation on 1st December 1972.

Interpretation

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.

Extension of Diseases of Animals Act 1950

3. Brucellosis, tuberculosis, leptospirosis and blue tongue are hereby declared to be diseases within the meaning of section 29(2)(c)(ii) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950.

Amendment of Principal Order

4. For Article 3 of the Importation of Canadian Cattle Order of 1933(e) there shall be substituted the following Article:—

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- (a) 1950 c. 36. For change of title of the Minister see S.I. 1955/554 (1955 I, p. 1200).
 (b) By the Transfer of Functions (Animal Health) Order 1955 (S.I. 1955/958 (155 I, p. 1184)).
 (c) 1954 c. 39. (d) 1889 c. 63.
 (e) S.R. & O. 1933/15 (Rev. II, p. 377: 1933, p. 361).

“Certificates etc. to be furnished on importation—

3. Canadian cattle shall not be landed in Great Britain unless and until there are delivered to a proper officer of Customs and Excise, the certificates and declaration prescribed by this Article, namely:—

- (a) A certificate or certificates signed by a duly authorised officer of the Government of Canada that:—
- (i) the cattle were for a period of one clear day immediately before shipment kept separate from other animals and were examined from time to time during that period by a duly authorised veterinary officer of Canada, and in particular were thoroughly so examined immediately before shipment;
 - (ii) on such examination no animal was found to be affected with cattle plague, contagious bovine pleuro pneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease or blue tongue;
 - (iii) at the date of shipment of the cattle to Great Britain blue tongue did not exist in Canada;
 - (iv) if shipped on any date within the period commencing on 1st December and ending on 31st March in the year following, the cattle were quarantined on the farm of origin for a period of not less than 30 days immediately preceding shipment and blood samples from all cattle in quarantine were subjected to testing for blue tongue with negative results as specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State (the nature of the test to be specified in the certificate);
 - (v) if shipped on any date within the period commencing on 1st April and ending on 30th November in any year, the cattle were quarantined for a period of not less than 32 days immediately preceding shipment in fly-screened accommodation situated in an urban area under federal supervision and the blood samples from all cattle in quarantine were subjected to testing for blue tongue with negative results as specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State (the nature of the test to be specified in the certificate);
 - (vi) the cattle were not at the time of shipment affected with mange;
 - (vii) the cattle originated from premises declared officially free from brucellosis and that not more than 30 days before leaving those premises each animal was subjected to the blood agglutination test for brucellosis with negative results as specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State;
 - (viii) the cattle were subjected to a tuberculin test not more than 30 days before leaving the premises of origin with negative results;
 - (ix) leptospirosis had not been diagnosed in the herd of origin in the previous 12 months and that not more than 30 days before leaving the premises of origin the cattle were subjected to agglutination tests for leptospirosis (serotypes to be specified in the certificate) with negative results as specified by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State;

- (x) the relevant parts of the vessel or aircraft in which cattle are to be brought to Great Britain were thoroughly cleansed and disinfected before shipment and that after such cleansing and disinfection no animals were permitted to go on board the said vessel or aircraft before its departure for Great Britain except animals in respect of which certificates had been furnished by a duly authorised officer of the Government of Canada in similar or equivalent terms to the certificates required by paragraph (a) of this Article;
 - (xi) the cattle other than pedigree cattle were before shipment marked by securely affixing to the left ear of each animal a tag of a pattern approved by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State bearing stamped thereon the letters 'H of A' and a prefix letter and a serial number on the other side;
 - (xii) the cattle were born and reared in Canada;
 - (xiii) any vehicle used to transport the cattle from the farm of origin to the place of shipment, any lairage used for the reception of the cattle between the farm of origin and the place of shipment and any lairage so used at the place of shipment itself were all thoroughly cleansed and disinfected before use for the cattle and did not contain at the time of such use any other animals except animals in respect of which certificates in similar or equivalent terms to the certificates required by paragraph (a) of this Article have been furnished by a duly authorised officer of the Government of Canada.
- (b) A declaration signed by the Master or Pilot of the vessel or aircraft in which the cattle are brought to Great Britain that the cattle were shipped from a port or airport in Canada and that the vessel or aircraft did not during transit enter any port, airport or place outside Great Britain."

Revocation

5. The Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order 1963(a) is hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 24th October 1972.

(L.S.)

J. M. L. Prior,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

31st October 1972. *Gordon Campbell,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

(a) S.I. 1963/224 (1963 I, p. 202).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the order.)

This order revokes and re-enacts with amendments the Importation of Canadian Cattle (Amendment) Order 1963. Blue tongue is added to the diseases of animals declared to be diseases within the meaning of section 29(2)(c)(ii) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950 and it becomes a condition of landing Canadian cattle in Great Britain without slaughter that the Minister and the Secretary of State must be satisfied that the cattle were not at the time of shipment affected with these diseases. Additional requirements are also imposed as to the terms of the certificates required before cattle can be landed and certain of the existing terms are modified.

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