from the date of the report of the finder, but without prejudice to its retention for a further period with the consent of the finder.

4. Where the object has been deposited with the police officer and has been retained by him as not being suitable for transmission to the Secretary, the Secretary shall, not later than twenty one days from the date of the report of the finder, instruct the police officer regarding the disposal of the object.

5. Where the object is retained by the finder as being of such a nature as not to be readily portable, the Secretary shall inform the finder within twenty-one days from the date of the report of the finder, whether any offer to purchase is proposed, and the finder, if he is informed that no such offer is proposed, or if he is dissatisfied with the offer, or if he receives no information under this regulation within the said twenty-one days, shall be at liberty to dispose of the object.

6. The Ancient Monuments Advisory Council shall report to the Ministry of Finance, in relation to the finding of any archæological object, all such facts as may enable the said Ministry to decide whether the object so found should be purchased, or assistance be given towards the purchase thereof, for the purpose of public exhibition in accordance with section four of the Act hereinbefore recited.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this seventh day of August, 1937, in the presence of :

G. C. Duggan,
Assistant Secretary.

ANIMALS.

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Diseases of Animals : Importation of Dogs and Cats.

THE IMPORTATION OF DOGS AND CATS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER OF 1937, DATED 1ST MARCH, 1937.

1937. No. 14.

The Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in it under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, as amended and adapted by any subsequent enactments,

and by every other power enabling it in that behalf, orders and it is hereby ordered as follows :—

Restriction on Importation of Canine and Feline Animals.

1.—(1) An imported canine animal (hereinafter referred to as "dog") or feline animal (hereinafter referred to as "cat"), that is to say, a dog or cat brought to Northern Ireland from any other country except Great Britain, the Irish Free State, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, shall not be landed in Northern Ireland unless its landing is authorised by a licence of the Ministry previously obtained, and when landed it shall be subject to the provisions of this Order, and to the conditions inserted in any licence authorising its landing.

(2) The provisions of this Order shall also apply to a dog or cat taken from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, the Irish Free State, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man, into any port in any other country (except Northern Ireland, Great Britain, the Irish Free State, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man) as if the animal were an imported dog or cat, and also to any dog or cat which has, at any time before or after arrival at a port in Northern Ireland, been in contact with any imported dog or cat as defined in this Order.

Detention and Isolation of Imported Dogs and Cats.

2.—(1) An imported dog or cat shall, for a period of not less than six calendar months after its landing, be detained and isolated at the expense of its owner upon premises in the occupation, or under the control, of a veterinary surgeon, which shall have been previously approved in writing by the Ministry for that purpose, and such premises are in this Order referred to as the "place of detention."

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided, the dog or cat shall not be moved from the place of detention during the said period except to another place of detention or to a vessel for exportation, and in either case only with a licence of the Ministry authorising such movement.

(3) The Ministry may at any time suspend or withdraw approval of any place of detention or of any part thereof, or may by the service of a notice signed by an Inspector or Officer of the Ministry direct the removal of an imported dog or cat from one part of the place of detention to another part thereof, or to some other place of detention, subject to such conditions as may be inserted in the notice.

(4) This Article shall apply to—

(*a*) an imported dog or cat which is shown to the satisfaction of the Ministry to be a bona fide performing animal ; or

(*b*) an imported dog or cat which is intended to be exported from Northern Ireland within forty-eight hours after its landing ; or

(*c*) a canine animal (other than the domestic dog) or a feline animal (other than the domestic cat) imported for breeding or exhibition or other special purpose ;

only so far as its provisions are applied by way of conditions inserted in the licence authorising the landing of the animal.

Rules and Conditions of Licence.

3. The Ministry may make such Rules and may insert in a licence granted by it under this Order such conditions as it thinks necessary or desirable for the following purposes :—

(i) for prescribing and regulating the detention and isolation of the dog or cat so far as the same is not prescribed and regulated by this Order ;

(ii) for prescribing the person by whom and the premises on which the dog or cat shall be detained and isolated ;

(iii) for regulating the movement of the dog or cat to the place of detention, or vessel for exportation, and for prohibiting or regulating its movement after its landing, or until its exportation, as the case may be ;

(iv) for prescribing the confinement of the dog or cat in a suitable receptacle during the movement of the dog or cat by railway, or along a highway or thoroughfare ;

(v) for prescribing the mode of isolation of the dog or cat ;

(vi) for prescribing the muzzling of the dog ;

(vii) for prescribing the notice to be given of the death or loss of the dog or cat, or of any matter arising in connection with the movement, detention or isolation of the dog or cat and the person by whom and to whom the notice is to be given ; and

(viii) for prescribing the production of a licence or notice for inspection by an officer of the Ministry, or police constable, or officer of Customs and Excise :

and in such case it shall be the duty of any and every person concerned to observe the said rules and comply with the said conditions so far as the same are applicable to him.

Action in Case of Illegal Landing or other Default.

4.—(1) If an imported dog or cat is not detained and isolated as required by this Order or by the conditions or provisions of any licence or notice thereunder, or if there is reason to believe that a dog or cat has been landed in contravention of this Order, an Inspector or other Officer of the Ministry or a police constable may—

(*a*) serve a notice upon the owner or person in charge of the dog or cat requiring that within a time specified

in such notice the dog or cat shall be moved (i) to a vessel for exportation, or (ii) to a place of detention approved by the Ministry for the purpose of detention and isolation at the expense of the owner of the dog or cat for a period of not less than six calendar months from the date of landing of the dog or cat ; or

(*b*) seize and detain the dog or cat ; and the dog or cat shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, be removed to a place of detention approved by the Ministry for the purpose of detention and isolation for a period of not less than six calendar months from the date of the landing of the dog or cat.

(2) Such provisions may be inserted in any notice served in pursuance of this Article as the Ministry may think necessary or desirable for any of the purposes mentioned in this Order. The Inspector or other Officer or constable shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the requirements of the notice are complied with.

(3) The operation of a notice under this Article may be terminated by notice to that effect given by an Inspector or other Officer of the Ministry, to the owner or person in charge of the dog or cat on proof to the satisfaction of the Inspector or Officer that the dog or cat was not landed in contravention of this Order.

(4) An Inspector or other Officer or constable shall report immediately to the Ministry any action taken by him under this Article, and the circumstances in which such action was taken.

(5) Where a dog or cat has been seized and detained in accordance with this Article, the owner of the dog or cat shall from time to time as may be notified to the owner by the Ministry pay to the Ministry the expenses of the detention and isolation of the dog or cat, and if the owner of the dog or cat fails to comply with this requirement, the Ministry may destroy or otherwise dispose of the dog or cat as it thinks expedient without further notice to the owner and without prejudice to its claim for any such expenses payable to it.

Re-landing Prohibited of Imported Dogs or Cats moved to Vessels for Exportation.

5. An imported dog or cat which has been moved to a vessel for exportation in accordance with a licence or notice under this Order shall not be re-landed in Northern Ireland without a licence of the Ministry authorising such landing.

Regulation of Transhipment of Imported Dogs or Cats.

6. An imported dog or cat shall not be transhipped in a port in Northern Ireland except with the written permission of an Officer of the Ministry or of an Officer of Customs and Excise.

Proceedings under Customs Acts for Unlawful Landing.

7.—(1) If any person lands or attempts to land a dog or cat in contravention of this Order, he shall be liable, under and according to the Customs Acts, to the penalties imposed on persons importing or attempting to import goods the importation whereof is prohibited by or under the Customs Acts, without prejudice to any proceedings against him under the Act of 1894 for an offence against that Act.

(2) The dog or cat in respect whereof the offence is committed shall be forfeited under and according to the Customs Acts in like manner as goods the importation whereof is prohibited by or under the Customs Acts.

Detention of Dogs and Cats on Vessels in Port.

8.—(1) Every dog or cat to which this Article applies shall at all times while on board a vessel in any port in Northern Ireland be—

(*a*) confined in an enclosed part of the vessel from which it cannot escape ; or

(*b*) or, alternatively, in the case of a domestic dog, secured to some part of the vessel by a collar and chain and muzzled with a wire cage muzzle, so constructed as to render it impossible for such dog while wearing the same to bite any person or animal, but not so as to prevent such dog from breathing freely or lapping water.

(2) If any dog or cat to which this Article applies shall die, or be lost from a vessel, in any port in Northern Ireland, the person in charge of the dog or cat shall forthwith give notice of such death or loss to the *Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Stormont, Belfast.*

(3) The provisions of this Article shall apply to every imported dog or cat which is not accompanied by a licence issued by the Ministry authorising the landing of such a dog or cat in Northern Ireland.

Extension of the Meaning of "Animals" for the Purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

9. Canine animals and feline animals shall be animals for the purpose of the undermentioned sections of the Act of 1894, viz :—

Sections forty-three and seventy-four (Powers of Police).

Section forty-four (General Administrative Provisions).

Section fifty-six (Proceedings under Customs Acts for unlawful landing or shipping) ; and also for the purposes of all other sections of the said Act containing provisions relative to or consequent on the provisions of those sections and this Order, including such sections as relate to offences and other legal proceedings.

Ministry to Enforce Order.

10. The provisions of this Order, except where it is otherwise provided, shall be executed and enforced by the Ministry.

Offences.

11. Any person committing, or aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any breach of the provisions of this Order, or any Rules or the conditions of any licence made or issued thereunder, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Interpretation.

12. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires :—

"Canine animal" means dog, all other animals of the canine tribe wild or domesticated, and hyena ;

"Feline animal" means cat, and all other animals of the feline tribe, wild or domesticated ;

"Inspector" includes veterinary inspector ;

"Master" includes a person having the charge or command of a vessel ;

"Police constable" includes any member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary ;

"This Act of 1894" means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

Revocation of Orders.

13. The Orders specified in the Schedule to this Order are hereby revoked : provided that this revocation shall not affect the operation of any licence granted or notice given under any of such revoked Orders before the commencement of this Order.

Commencement.

14. This Order shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven.

Short Title.

15. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Dogs and Cats (Northern Ireland) Order of 1937.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland is hereunto affixed this first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven.

(L.S.) (Signed), *J. Taylor,*
Assistant Secretary.