1967. No. 293 [NC]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Import of Cattle Trucks and Trailers

ORDER, DATED 15TH NOVEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 18, 23 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958.

This Order was revoked by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 300.

1967. No. 294 [NC]

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

Importation of Rabbits and Hares

ORDER, DATED 6TH NOVEMBER 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UNDER SECTIONS 1, 18, 20 AND 53 OF THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1958(a).

The Ministry of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 1, 18, 20 and 53 of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Rabbits and Hares (Control of Importation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967, shall come into operation on 1st December 1967.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"Act" means the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958.

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Agriculture.

Amendment of First Schedule of the Act

3. For the purpose of this Order and for the purposes of Sections 18, 20 and 53 and of Part III of the Act in so far as those provisions are applicable to the making, administration and enforcement of this Order, Part I of the First Schedule to the Act shall be amended by adding at the end thereof—

"9. Rabbits and Hares".

Application of Section 20 of the Act

4. The provisions of Section 20 of the Act relating to the control of import of horses by licence are hereby extended to apply to the control of import of rabbits and hares.

(a) 1958, c. 13.

Licences

5.—(1) The Ministry may by general licence published in the *Belfast Gazette* authorise the landing of rabbits and hares which originated in and are imported from the Republic of Ireland and any such licence may be revoked by notice published in the *Belfast Gazette* whereupon imports from the Republic of Ireland shall be subject to the licensing provisions set out in Paragraph (2).

(2) Licences authorising the landing of rabbits or hares shall be issued on request only when the Ministry is satisfied—

(*a*) that the animal is being imported for breeding or for exhibition or other exceptional purpose;

(*b*) that it has passed such tests as the Ministry may deem advisable; and

(*c*) that the conditions in the country of origin are such as to afford reasonable security against the importation therefrom of animals affected with disease or possible carriers of disease.

(3) Part II excepting Paragraphs 3 and 4, and Part III of the Third Schedule to the Act shall apply to rabbits or hares landed in accordance with this Order, together with such conditions as may be specified in the licence which may include such conditions regarding quarantine or retention in isolation as may appear to the Ministry to be necessary for the purpose of preventing the introduction of disease and such other conditions as may be required to facilitate the enforcement of this Order.

(4) Failure by any person to whom a licence is granted under this Order to comply with the conditions of the licence shall be an offence against the Act.

Duties of Masters of Vessels or Aircraft

6. The Master of every ship on arrival at any port or of any aircraft on arrival at any aerodrome in Northern Ireland if he has reason to believe that live rabbits or hares are on board shall immediately notify a proper officer of Customs and Excise accordingly.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland this 6th day of November 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.) *A. E. W. Steen,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order which extends the statutory definition of "Animals" in Part I of the First Schedule of the Diseases of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 so as to include rabbits and hares provides for licensing restriction on the import of rabbits and hares into Northern Ireland.