PESTS

1954 No. 380

The Importation of Plants from Belgium, France and the Netherlands (General Licence) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	23*rd March*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	25*th March*, 1954
Coming into Operation	1*st April*, 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects Act, 1877(a), as amended by Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1907(b), and Section 1 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1927(c) respectively, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, orders as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Importation of Plants from Belgium, France and the Netherlands (General Licence) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1954.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

" Minister " means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries ;

" Plant " includes tree and shrub ;

" Raw vegetables " include raw tomatoes, raw aubergines and raw salads, but does not include potatoes, mushrooms, cucumbers, marrows or pumpkins.

Modification of Requirements on Importation

3. In pursuance of Article 10 of the Importation of Plants Order of 1947(d) and notwithstanding Articles 3, 5 and 6 of that Order and Article 3 of the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1953(e) the Minister hereby authorises the landing in England or Wales of the hereinafter-mentioned plants, raw vegetables and potatoes during the periods and subject to the conditions hereinafter specified namely:—

(1) Plants from Belgium and the Netherlands

(*a*) During the month of April, 1954 and during the period 16th September, 1954 to 15th October, 1954 (both dates inclusive) any plants with bare roots grown in Belgium or the Netherlands provided that every consignment of such plants is accompanied by two copies of the certificate prescribed in Article 5 of the Importation of Plants Order of 1947, as amended by Article 2 of the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1952(f), and two copies of a certificate in the Form B set out in the Third Schedule to the Importation of Plants Order of 1947, the originals of such certificates

(a) 40 & 41 Vict. c. 68. (b) 7 Edw. 7. c. 4. (c) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 32.
(d) S.R. & O. 1947/671 (Rev. V, p. 743: 1947 I, p. 498).
(e) S.I. 1953/207 (1953 II, p. 1547). (f) S.I. 1952/2277 (1952 II, p. 2425).

being sent by post by the exporter to Horticulture Branch I, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London, S.W.1, before the consignment is despatched ;

(*b*) During the month of April, 1954 and during the period 16th September, 1954 to 15th October, 1954 (both dates inclusive) any plants with balled roots grown in the Ghent or Bruges districts of Belgium or in the Boskoop district of the Netherlands provided that every consignment of such plants is accompanied by two copies of the certificate prescribed in Article 5 of the Importation of Plants Order of 1947, as amended by Article 2 of the Importation of Plants (Amendment) Order, 1952 and two copies of a certificate in the Form B set out in the Third Schedule to the Importation of Plants Order of 1947, and that the said certificates are endorsed by the signatory with the words " plants with balled roots grown in the " [" Ghent " or " Bruges " or " Boskoop "] " district ", the originals of such certificates being sent by post by the exporter to Horticulture Branch I, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London, S.W.1, before the consignment is despatched ;

(2) Vegetables from Belgium, France and the Netherlands

During the periods specified below the following raw vegetables grown in the countries mentioned, provided that every consignment of such vegetables is accompanied (in place of a certificate in the Form A or the Form B set out in the Third Schedule to the Importation of Plants Order of 1947) by a certificate of a duly authorised Official of the Phytopathological Service of the country in which the vegetables were grown, in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Order : —

Belgium (Districts of Louvain and Malines only)

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1954 to 15th May, 1954 (both dates inclusive).
Carrots, with foliage not exceeding five inches.	1st April, 1954 to 15th October, 1954 (both dates inclusive).

France (Districts of Barfleur, Caen, Creances, Lannion, Nantes, Perros-Guirec, Rennes and Saint Pol de Leon only)

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1954 to 15th May, 1954 (both dates inclusive).
Carrots, with foliage not exceeding five inches.	1st April, 1954 to 15th October, 1954 (both dates inclusive).

The Netherlands (i) All Districts

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1954 to 15th May, 1954 (both dates inclusive).
Carrots, with foliage not exceeding five inches.	1st April, 1954 to 15th October, 1954 (both dates inclusive).
All raw vegetables (including lettuce) other than cauliflowers and carrots, and other than those referred to in paragraph (3) of Article 4 of the Importation of Plants (General Licence) Order, 1953(a).	1st April, 1954 to 30th April, 1954 (both dates inclusive).

(a) S.I. 1953/566 (1953 II, p. 1552).

(ii) Westland District and the Islands of the Province of South Holland only

Cauliflowers, summer and winter varieties (trimmed).	1st April, 1954 to 31st May, 1954 (both dates inclusive).

(3) Later imports of Cabbage from the Netherlands

During the period 1st May, 1954 to 15th October, 1954 (both dates inclusive) cabbage grown in the Alkmaar, Enkhuizen or Hoorn districts of the province of North Holland of the Netherlands, provided that every consignment of such cabbage is accompanied (in place of a certificate in the Form A or the Form B set out in the Third Schedule to the Importation of Plants Order of 1947) by a certificate of a duly authorised Official of the Netherlands Phytopathological Service in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Order ;

(4) Potatoes from France

During the period 1st April, 1954 to 31st May, 1954 (both dates inclusive) new potatoes grown in European France provided that every consignment of such potatoes is accompanied by two copies of a certificate of a duly authorised Official of the French Phytopathological Service in the form set out in the Third Schedule to this Order, the original of such certificate being sent by post by the exporter to Horticulture Branch I, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, London, S.W.1, before the consignment is despatched.

Operation and Revocation

4. This Order: —

(*a*) shall not operate to relieve any person from any obligation imposed by the Importation of Plants Orders, 1947 to 1953(**a**) or by the Importation of Forest Trees (Prohibition) Order, 1952(**b**) or any other Order of the Minister or of the Forestry Commissioners respectively for the time being in force except in so far as those obligations are excused or modified by this Order ;

(*b*) may be revoked by the Minister at any time either generally or in relation to any particular produce, person, place or district.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-third day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

(L.S.)

Tom Dugdale,
Minister.

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1947/671 (Rev. V, p. 743: 1947 I, p. 498); S.I. 1949/1693, 1952/2277, 1953/207 (1949 I, p. 1458; 1952 II, p. 2425; 1953 II, p. 1547).
(**b**) S.I. 1952/1929 (1952 II, p. 2423).

FIRST SCHEDULE

This is to certify:—

(1) that the consignment of vegetables of which particulars are given below was grown in the ..... district of .....;

(2) that an intensive system of control of Colorado beetle is in operation in the district; and

(3) that the consignment was examined on the ..... (date) by ..... (name) a duly authorised Official of the ..... Phytopathological Service, and is believed by him to be free from Colorado beetle.

(Signed) .....

(Official status) .....

(Date) .....

Number and description of packages .....

Distinguishing marks .....

Kind of vegetables .....

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Exported by .....

Name and address of consignee.....

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Name of vessel .....

Date of shipment .....

Port of landing in England or Wales .....

SECOND SCHEDULE

This is to certify that during the 12 months preceding the date of this certificate there has been no outbreak of the Colorado beetle in the province of North Holland of the Netherlands within a distance of 25 kilometres from the place where the cabbage included in the package or consignment described below were grown.

(Signed) .....

(Official status) .....

(Date) .....

Number and description of packages .....

Distinguishing marks .....

Quantity .....

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Grown at .....

Exported by .....

Name and address of consignee.....

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Name of vessel .....

Date of shipment .....

Port of landing in England or Wales .....

THIRD SCHEDULE

This is to certify:—

(*a*) that the new potatoes included in the consignment of which particulars are given below, were thoroughly examined on the.....(date) by ..... (name) a duly authorised Official of the French Phytopathological Service and found to be healthy, no evidence of the presence of any insect, fungus or pest destructive to agricultural or horticultural crops having been found in them;

(*b*) that no case of the disease known as "wart disease" or "black scab" of potatoes (*Synchytrium endobioticum*) or of the disease known as bacterial Ring Rot (*Corynebacterium sepedonicum*) has occurred at any time on the farm or holding where the new potatoes included in the consignment were grown, nor within two kilometres thereof;

(*c*) that the new potatoes have been riddled and thoroughly washed and are free from soil and from Colorado beetle infection;

(*d*) that the new potatoes were grown in a district where an intensive system of control of Colorado beetle is in operation.

(Signed) .....

(Official status) .....

(Date) .....

Number and description of packages .....

Distinguishing marks .....

Quantity .....

.....

Grown at .....

Exported by .....

Name and address of consignee.....

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Name of vessel .....

Date of shipment .....

Port of landing in England or Wales .....

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Importation of Plants Orders, 1947 to 1953 impose restrictions on the landing in England or Wales of trees, shrubs, plants, raw vegetables and potatoes.

This Order modifies those restrictions in the case of certain produce imported from Belgium, France and the Netherlands during specified periods of the year 1954.