EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Controlled and Infected Areas) (Modification of Restrictions) Order of 1941 and the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) (Modification of Restrictions) Order of 1943, which authorized the movement under licence of animals to collecting centres in Infected Areas and from collecting centres in Controlled and Infected Areas to slaughterhouses and bacon factories for immediate slaughter. As from 1st July, 1954, there will no longer be collecting centres authorized by the Minister of Food. The movement of animals in Controlled and Infected Areas will continue to be subject to the provisions of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Controlled Areas Restrictions) General Order of 1938 (S.R. & O. 1938/1435 (Rev. II, p. 520: 1938 I, p. 169)) and the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas Restrictions) Order of 1938 (S.R. & O. 1938/1434 (Rev. II, p. 528: 1938 I, p. 155)).

1954 No. 698

The Horses (Landing from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) Order, 1954

Made - - - -	*25th May*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	*27th May*, 1954
Coming into Operation	*25th June*, 1954

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by sections 1, 20 and 23 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), as extended by the Diseases of Animals (Extension of Definitions) Order 1952(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Horses (Landing from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland) Order, 1954 and shall come into operation on the 25th day of June, 1954.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"approved port" means, in relation to any article of this Order, a port approved by the Minister for the landing of horses from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, and, in relation to horses to which articles 6 or 7 of this Order applies, includes also Liverpool, Glasgow, and any port at which bovine animals, imported from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, may lawfully be landed in Great Britain;

"daylight" means, in relation to any day and place, any time between sunrise and sunset on that day at that place;

"horse" includes any ass, mule, or jennet;

"landing place" means a part of a port approved by the Minister for the landing of imported animals;

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) S.I. 1952/1236 (1952 I, p. 128).

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"veterinary inspector" means a veterinary inspector appointed by the Minister for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Provisions for the purpose of protecting horses on landing from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland during inland transit

3. The following provisions of this article shall have effect for the purpose of protecting horses imported into Great Britain from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland from unnecessary suffering on landing and during inland transit after landing:—

(*a*) no person shall land or permit or cause to be landed any horse imported as aforesaid except at an approved port; and

(*b*) (subject to articles 6 and 7 of this Order) no person shall remove or permit or cause to be removed from the landing place of an approved port any horse imported as aforesaid, unless—

(i) it has been examined during daylight by a veterinary inspector;

(ii) the veterinary inspector is satisfied that it is fit to continue its journey from the approved port at which it is landed; and

(iii) he certifies accordingly.

Conditions of examination of horses

4.—(1) No such examination as is referred to in paragraph (*b*) of the foregoing article shall take place, unless—

(*a*) the owners or charterers of the vessel in which any horse is shipped from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland to Great Britain give notice to a veterinary inspector at an approved port and also to the port authority (so as to be received by each of them not later than 4.0 p.m. on the day before the horse is landed) of the intended landing of that horse at that port; and

(*b*) such interval since landing has elapsed as in the opinion of the veterinary inspector is proper for observation of any horse so landed.

(2) Any such notice as is referred to in subparagraph (*a*) of the foregoing paragraph shall specify—

(*a*) the names and addresses of the consignor and consignee;

(*b*) the number of horses intended to be landed;

(*c*) the name of the vessel from which any horse is to be landed;

(*d*) the name of the approved port at which any horse is to be landed; and

(*e*) the date on which and the estimated time at which any horse is to be landed.

Marking of imported horses

5. A veterinary inspector may, for the purposes of identification, mark any horse, which is imported from Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, after it is landed.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Exception for race-horses and horses used for breeding

6. The provisions of paragraph (*b*) of article 3 of this Order, relating to examination of horses on landing, shall not apply in the case of shipment of any horse certified in writing by a steward or the secretary of the Turf Club of Ireland—

(*a*) to have arrived in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland from Great Britain, for the purpose of breeding or being run in a race in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, not more than three months before the date of shipment to Great Britain ;

(*b*) to be shipped for the purpose of breeding or being run in a race in Great Britain ; or

(*c*) to be shipped for the purpose of being sold at a bloodstock sale in Great Britain.

Exemptions for special purposes

7.—(1) Without prejudice to the foregoing article the Minister may grant a permit exempting from the provisions of paragraph (*b*) of article 3 of this Order, relating to examination of horses on landing, any horse which he is satisfied—

(*a*) is intended for the purposes of breeding, racing, jumping, or exhibition ; or

(*b*) belongs to a class of horses in relation to which examination appears to him to be unnecessary.

(2) Application for such a permit shall be made in such manner and within such time as may be required by the Minister.

Delivery of certificates and permits of exemption

8. Any certificate made under article 6 of this Order and any permit of exemption granted under article 7 thereof shall be delivered, in the case of a horse that is to be landed—

(*a*) at Liverpool or Glasgow (other than at the landing place of that port), before the landing of the horse, to the master of the vessel in which the horse is shipped ; or

(*b*) at any other approved port (including, in the case of Glasgow, at the landing place of that port), on the landing of the horse, to the person in charge of the landing place.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this twenty-fifth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

(L.S.) *Tom Dugdale,*
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

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

This Order, made by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, requires that horses imported into Great Britain from Northern Ireland or the Irish Republic must, with certain exceptions, be examined on landing by a veterinary inspector before being permitted to continue their journey, and for this purpose prohibits the landing of such horses except at ports approved by the Minister.