STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 260

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (African Horse Sickness) (Prohibition) Order, 1961

Made - - - -	14*th February*, 1961
Laid before Parliament	21*st February*, 1961
Coming into Operation	22*nd February*, 1961

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers vested in them under sections 1, 24, 84 and 85 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950(a), as extended to horses, asses and mules by the Diseases of Animals (Extension of Definitions) Order, 1952(b), and as adapted to air transport (as so extended) 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, commencement and revocation

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (African Horse Sickness) (Prohibition) Order, 1961, shall come into operation on the 22nd day of February, 1961, and thereupon the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (African Horse Sickness) (Prohibition) Order, 1960(d), shall be revoked.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the Principal Order" means the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules Order, 1957(e);

"specified country" means any of the countries specified in the Schedule to this Order as countries in relation to which the Minister and the Secretary of State are satisfied that horses therein are affected with the specified disease, or that there is risk of their being so affected;

"the specified disease" means African horse sickness (*Pestis equorum*).

(2) This Order shall be construed as one with the Principal Order.

Extension of definition of disease

3. For the purposes of this Order, and for the purposes of sections 1 and 24, and Part III of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1950, in so far as they are applicable to the making, administration and enforcement of this Order, the definition of the expression "disease" in section 84 of that Act is hereby further extended so as to include a reference to the specified disease.

(a) 14 Geo. 6. c. 36. (b) S.I. 1952/1236 (1952 I, p. 128). (c) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39.
(d) S.I. 1960/1721 (1960 I, p. 300). (e) S.I. 1957/467 (1957 I, p. 159).

Prohibition of importation of horses, etc. from specified countries

4.—(1) Notwithstanding anything in the Principal Order, the landing or unloading in Great Britain from any vessel or aircraft of any horse brought from a specified country is hereby prohibited.

(2) For the purposes of this Article a horse is brought from a specified country if—

(*a*) its journey to Great Britain started in a specified country, or

(*b*) any vessel or aircraft, carrying the horse, in the course of its journey to Great Britain, called at, or landed in, a specified country.

Amendment of the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules Order, 1957

5. The Principal Order shall be amended as follows:

(*a*) in sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*d*) of paragraph (1) of Article 4 of the Principal Order (which Article regulates the importation of horses into Great Britain from countries other than specified countries), and in items (1) and (3) in the form of veterinary certificate incorporated in the Schedule to the Principal Order (which certificate is required to accompany horses brought to Great Britain from countries other than specified countries), there shall be included in each case, with the references to the diseases therein mentioned, a reference to the specified disease;

(*b*) after sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) of the said Article 4 there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*d*1) that African horse sickness (*Pestis equorum*) has not existed in such country for at least 12 months"; and

(*c*) after the said item (3) in the said form of veterinary certificate there shall be inserted the following item:—

"(3A) that African horse sickness (*Pestis equorum*) has not existed in the country first mentioned above for at least 12 months".

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this tenth day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

Christopher Soames,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

(L.S.)

John S. Maclay,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

SCHEDULE

Countries in relation to which the Minister and the Secretary of State are satisfied that horses therein are affected with African horse sickness (Pestis equorum), or that there is risk of their being so affected.

Afghanistan, Cyprus, India, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, and any country in Africa.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes and re-enacts with amendments the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (African Horse Sickness) (Prohibition) Order, 1960 (S.I. 1960/1721).

The principal amendment is to remove the U.S.S.R. from the list of countries, believed to be affected with African horse sickness, from which the importation of horses was prohibited by the Order of 1960. The Order also provides that in the case of a horse imported from a country not on such list the veterinary certificate which, under the Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules Order, 1957 (S.I. 1957/467), must accompany the horse shall include a statement that African horse sickness has not existed in such country for at least 12 months.