

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States. **XXXIX**

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**The Anthrax Ordinance, 1950**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 21st day of September, 1949, hereby order:—

1. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge an animal of more than two months of age which dies suddenly otherwise than in an accident or by slaughter shall, unless a qualified veterinary surgeon certifies that the animal has not died of anthrax, immediately notify the States Veterinary Officer and shall—

- (a) ensure that no person touches or moves the animal;
- (b) ensure that no person or other animal or poultry comes near that animal or on to any premises which, if that animal had died of anthrax, would be or might be infected therewith;
- (c) detain on such premises as aforesaid any animal or poultry already thereon:

PROVIDED that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any animal other than an animal of the species of cattle, sheep, goats, swine or horses unless the death of such animal is suspected or known by such person to have been caused by anthrax.

(2) The restrictions imposed in any case by the last preceding subsection shall remain in operation until they are cancelled by the States Veterinary Officer and the restrictions imposed by paragraphs (a) and (b) of the said subsection shall not apply to him or to any person authorised by him.

2. The States Veterinary Officer may at any time enter upon and inspect any premises and any animal thereon which he suspects may be infected with anthrax.

3. The States Veterinary Officer may at any time take such samples as he may deem necessary for the purpose of investigation of the blood or other fluid of any animal which he knows or suspects to be or suspects may be infected with anthrax, and shall immediately inform the Board of the existence of such animal.

4. (1) On being informed as aforesaid that an animal is or may be infected with anthrax the Board may—

(a) direct that any place where the animal is kept or has recently been, and any vehicle or thing on such place shall be disinfected to the satisfaction of the States Veterinary Officer ;

(b) declare any such place as aforesaid to be an Infected Place.

(2) While a declaration made under paragraph (b) of the last preceding subsection is in force, the following regulations shall apply to the place to which that declaration relates—

- (i) movement into or out of such place of an animal or poultry is prohibited without the written permission of the Board, save as regards animals other than cattle, sheep or swine, which are not known to be or suspected of being infected with anthrax, and the Board may grant such permission subject to such conditions, including, in the case of permission to remove an animal or poultry otherwise than for the purpose of immediate slaughter, a condition that the regulations in this subsection contained shall apply to any place to which such animal or poultry is removed, as the Board may think fit ;
- (ii) no litter, dung, broken fodder, utensil, pen, hurdle or other thing may be moved out of such place without the written permission of the Board ;
- (iii) milk produced by an animal known to be or suspected of being infected with anthrax shall not be mixed with other milk. Such milk shall be boiled immediately and any utensil in which such milk has been placed before being boiled shall immediately be thoroughly sterilised with boiling water ;
- (iv) the skin of the carcase of such an animal as aforesaid shall not be cut, nor shall anything be done thereto which may cause effusion of blood, by any person other than the States Veterinary Officer ;
- (v) the occupier shall to the best of his ability give to the Board or to the States Veterinary Officer any information concerning any animal which the Board or that Officer may require.

(3) The Board may at any time, on the advice of the States Veterinary Officer, revoke wholly or partially any such declaration as is in this section mentioned.

(4) The Board, on declaring any place to be an Infected Place under this section, shall specify the area to be affected by the declaration.

5. No person other than the person normally attending such animal or a person authorised in that behalf by the States Veterinary Officer shall come near an animal affected or suspected of being affected with anthrax.

6. The Board may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of anthrax infection, order the destruction of the carcase of any animal and of any broken fodder or litter, and such carcase, fodder or litter shall thereupon be disposed of in the manner prescribed by and under the supervision of the States Veterinary Officer at the expense of the States.

7. The Board shall cause to be cleansed and disinfected under the supervision of the States Veterinary Officer every utensil, pen, hurdle, vehicle or other thing used for or about or for the transport of any animal or carcase infected or suspected of being infected with anthrax.

8. (1) It shall be an offence under this Ordinance—

(a) for any person knowingly, without the permission of the Board, to bring an animal infected or suspected of being infected with anthrax into a public place or into any place where such animal may come into contact with other animals or poultry ;

(b) for any person in charge of such infected or suspected animal as aforesaid to fail to take all reasonable precautions to prevent access of other animals or poultry to them, or being in control of a place where such infected or suspected animals have been while so infected or

suspected, to fail to take reasonable precautions to prevent access by animals or poultry to that place.

(2) An animal or poultry in respect of which there has been a contravention of the past preceding subsection and any other animal or poultry having come into contact therewith may be detained in such place (being a place in the possession of the owner of the first-named animal or poultry or under the control of the Board), for such time and under such conditions as the Board may direct, and any expense incurred in carrying out such a direction shall be paid by the said owner.

9. It shall be an offence to dig up or cause to be dug up, without the written permission of the Board, the carcase of an animal the burial of which has been prescribed under this Ordinance.

10. The expenses of any disinfection ordered to be carried out under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be borne by the States, save in so far as the same have been increased by the wilful act or neglect of the owner of the animal concerned, his servants or agents, in which case the Board may recover the amount of such increase from the said owner.

11. A person contravening any provision of this Ordinance or any Order or direction given hereunder or obstructing or attempting to obstruct the States Veterinary Officer in the execution of his duty hereunder shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

12. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ animals ” means cattle, sheep, goats and other ruminating animals, swine, horses, asses, mules, dogs and other domestic animals, and

the carcasses or parts of the carcasses of any such animals and the expression "animal" shall be construed accordingly ;

"anthrax" means the disease known as anthrax, splenic fever or splenic apoplexy of animals ;

"Board" means the States Board of Administration ;

"poultry" includes domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls and pigeons ;

"States Veterinary Officer" includes a person nominated by the Board to carry out special duties under this Ordinance.

13. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou.

14. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 7th day of December, 1950.

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