

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States. **VIII**
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The Atrophic Rhinitis Ordinance, 1954.

THE STATES LEGISLATION COMMITTEE, under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by paragraph (3) of Article sixty-six of the Reform (Guernsey) Law, 1948, and on the representations of the States Committee for Agriculture and Fisheries, hereby order:—

i. (1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“Board” means the States Board of Administration;

“Infected Place” means a place, the extent of which shall be defined by the Board;

“States Veterinary Officer” includes any person authorised by the Board to carry out any special duties in relation to this Ordinance.

(2) For the purposes of this Ordinance it shall be a sufficient reason to suspect a swine of being affected with atrophic rhinitis that that swine has been in contact with, or is the progeny of a swine which has been in contact with, any swine of any breed imported into the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or the Island of Jersey from Sweden after the 1st day of January, 1953.

2. (1) Every person having in his possession or in his charge any swine which are affected or suspected of being affected with atrophic rhinitis shall immediately notify the States Veterinary Officer or a member of the Island Police and shall:

- (a) prevent the access of other swine to the premises on which the affected or suspected swine are; and
- (b) detain on the premises all swine and carcasses of swine thereon.

(2) The restrictions imposed by this section shall remain in operation as regards any premises until notice in writing to the contrary is given to such person by the States Veterinary Officer.

3. The States Veterinary Officer may, if he suspects that atrophic rhinitis exists on any premises, enter upon and inspect such premises and any swine and any carcasses of swine on those premises and may keep under inspection any suspected premises or swine or carcasses of swine for any period which he may think fit.

4. The States Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after carrying out an inspection in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing section, inform

the Board of any swine and any carcasses of swine found to be, or suspected of being, affected.

5. (1) On receipt of notification from the States Veterinary Officer that atrophic rhinitis exists, or is suspected to exist, on any premises, the Board may declare the premises or any part thereof to be an Infected Place and any such premises shall, for as long as such declaration is in force, be subject to the following restrictions:—

- (a) no swine shall be moved into or out of the Infected Place unless a licence in that behalf has been granted by the Board;
- (b) no carcase of swine and no dung, animal feeding-stuffs or litter shall be moved out of the Infected Place unless a licence in that behalf has been granted by the Board;
- (c) the affected or suspected swine and carcasses of swine shall, as far as practicable, be isolated from other swine; and
- (d) the person in whose possession or charge such swine and carcasses of swine are shall, to the best of his ability, give to the Board or to the States Veterinary Officer any information concerning the swine which the Board or that Officer may require.

(2) Any licence granted by the Board may be granted subject to such conditions as the Board think fit and any such licence may be varied or revoked by the Board.

6. A declaration that any premises are an Infected Place may be revoked by the Board after an inspection by, and on the advice of, the States Veterinary Officer.

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

- (a) for any person knowingly, without the permission of the Board, to bring swine infected or suspected of being infected with atrophic rhinitis into a public place or into any place where such swine may come into contact with other swine;
- (b) for any person in charge of such infected or suspected swine as aforesaid to fail to take all reasonable precautions to prevent access of other swine to them.

(2) Swine in respect of which there has been a contravention of the last preceding subsection and any other swine having come into contact therewith may be detained in such place 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 person in whose possession or charge the first-named swine are.

8. The Board may cause to be slaughtered or otherwise disposed of in such manner as it shall direct:

- (a) any swine affected or suspected of being affected with atrophic rhinitis;
- (b) any swine which are or have been in contact with swine affected with atrophic rhinitis, or which appear to the Board to have been in any way exposed to the infection of that disease;
- (c) the carcase of any swine.

9. The Board may cause to be cleansed and disinfected, under the supervision of the States Veterinary Officer, any Infected Place and any utensil, pen, hurdle, vehicle or other thing used for or about or for the transport of any swine affected or suspected of being affected with atrophic rhinitis.

10. Any person contravening any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any order or direction or licence given hereunder or any person giving information which he is required to give under the provisions of this Ordinance which is false or misleading in a material particular 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.

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

12. This Ordinance shall come into force on the twenty-second day of June, 1954.

JAMES E. LE PAGE,

Her Majesty's Greffier.