

Ordinance of the Chief Pleas of Sark, passed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 1952.

THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ORDINANCE, 1952.

1. In this Ordinance:

- (a) "Animal" means cattle, sheep, goats and all other ruminating animals and swine and includes the carcase of an animal;
- (b) "Carcase" means the carcase of any animal, and includes part of a carcase, and the meat, bones, hide, skin, hoofs, horns, offal, or other part of any animal separately or otherwise, or any portion thereof;
- (c) "Cattle" means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers and calves;
- (d) "Committee" means the Sanitary Committee;
- (e) "Livestock" means animals, horses, asses, mules, dogs and any other domestic animal and poultry;
- (f) "Poultry" includes domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls and pigeons;
- (g) "Infected Place" shall be a place, the extent of which shall be defined by the Sanitary Committee;
- (h) "Sark Veterinary Officer" means a Veterinary Surgeon who is authorised to practice as such in any of the British Islands and who is nominated by the Committee to carry out the duties prescribed in this Ordinance, and may, if a Veterinary Surgeon is not available to carry out such duties, mean a person nominated by the Committee to carry out any special duties in relation to this Ordinance.

2. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge an animal which is affected or suspected of being affected with Foot and Mouth Disease shall immediately notify the Constables and shall:

- (a) prevent the access of livestock or of any person (other than the Sark Veterinary Officer and the person attending the animal) to the premises on which the affected or suspected animal is; and
- (b) detain on the premises all livestock and carcasses thereon.

(2) If a notification as aforesaid is made to the Constables then the Constables shall be responsible for making the necessary arrangements for the conveyance of a Veterinary Surgeon to Sark as soon as practicable.

- (3) The restrictions imposed by subsection (1) of this section shall remain in operation as regards any premises until notice in writing to the contrary is given to such person by the Sark Veterinary Officer.
3. (1) The Sark Veterinary Officer is, in any case where he suspects that Foot and Mouth Disease exists on any premises, authorised to inspect such premises and any animal on the premises and to keep under inspection any suspected premises or animal for any period which he may think fit.
- (2) Before entering any such premises the Sark Veterinary Officer shall put on suitable boots and overall clothing which are capable of being disinfected, and immediately before leaving such premises shall thoroughly disinfect his boots, overall clothing and hands.
4. The Sark Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after carrying out an inspection in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing section, inform the Committee of any animal found to be, or suspected of being, affected.
5. On receipt of notification from the Sark Veterinary Officer that Foot and Mouth Disease exists, or is suspected to exist, on any premises, the Committee 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 regulations:
- (a) No animal shall be moved into or out of the Infected Place.
- (b) No horse, ass, mule, dog, or any other domestic animal or poultry and no carcase, foodstuffs, litter, dung, utensil, food-bag, pen, hurdle, vehicle or other thing shall be moved out of the Infected Place except with a licence granted by the Committee and in accordance with such conditions as may be specified therein.
- (c) All liquid manure, urine or shed washings shall be thoroughly disinfected to the satisfaction of the Sark Veterinary Officer before being permitted to drain or escape from any shed, yard or other place in which a diseased animal is or has recently been kept.
- (d) No person, other than the Sark Veterinary Officer or the person attending the animal, shall enter or leave the Infected Place unless authorised by, and in accordance with, a written permit obtained from the Committee.

- (e) Any person entering any part of the Infected Place shall wear suitable overall clothing and boots which are capable of being disinfected and shall, before leaving such place, thoroughly disinfect such clothing and boots and his hands. When not in use such clothing and boots shall be left in such place as the Sark Veterinary Officer shall direct.
- (f) Any person attending an affected or suspected animal shall not attend an animal not so affected or suspected unless authorised by and in accordance with, a written permit obtained from the Committee.
- (g) Such receptacle as the Sark Veterinary Officer may approve containing disinfectant of a kind approved by him, shall be kept at or near every exit from an Infected Place, and the said disinfectant shall be changed or renewed as he may direct.
- (h) The milk from a diseased or suspected animal shall not be moved from the Infected Place, and any such milk shall not be used for the food of animals unless and until it has been boiled. Any utensils in which such milk is placed before being so treated shall be thoroughly sterilised with boiling water before any other milk is placed therein.
- (i) The Committee may direct that the premises or any part thereof, and any vehicle, utensil, appliance or other thing thereon or used in connection therewith shall be disinfected to the satisfaction of the Sark Veterinary Officer.
- (j) The owner of the animal shall give to the Committee or the Sark Veterinary Officer any information concerning the animal which the Committee or that Officer may require.

6. (1) The Committee may by order -

- (a) declare the Island of Sark or any part thereof to be an Infected Area, and such order shall have effect, subject to any exemption in writing granted by the Committee, so as to -
  - (i) prohibit the movement of any animal out of or into the Infected Area;
  - (ii) prohibit the movement of any animal across or along any public road, lane or footpath within the Infected Area;
  - (iii) prohibit the watering of any animal at any stream or public watering place within the Infected Area;

(iv) prohibit the grazing of any animal within the Infected Area unless that animal is securely tethered or securely confined within its grazing area;

(v) require the owner or person in charge of any dog to ensure that the dog is secured by a leash or chain not exceeding ten feet in length unless that dog is inside a building or in an enclosure from which it cannot escape.

(b) prohibit the export of any animal from the Island of Sark.

(2) The Sark Veterinary Officer shall, if so instructed by the Committee, inspect any animal within an Infected Area, and shall submit a report of any such inspection to the Committee.

(3) For the purposes of this section any farm or holding which is partly within and partly without an Infected Area shall be deemed to be wholly within that Area, and detached parts of farms or holdings wholly outside an Infected Area shall be deemed to be separate farms or holdings.

7. (1) A declaration that any premises are an Infected Place may be revoked by the Committee after an inspection by, and on the advice of, the Sark Veterinary Officer, and notice of such revocation shall be published in the Official Notice Boxes.

(2) Any order made by the Committee declaring the Island of Sark or any part thereof to be an Infected Area may be revoked by the Committee on the advice of the Sark Veterinary Officer and notice of such revocation shall be published in the Official Notice Boxes.

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

(a) for any person knowingly, without the permission of the Committee, to bring an animal infected or suspected of being infected with Foot and Mouth Disease 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 animals 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 last 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 Committee), for such time and under such conditions as the Committee may direct, and any expense incurred in carrying out such a direction shall be paid by the said owner.

9. The Committee may cause to be disposed of in such manner as it shall direct, and at the expense of the Island:

- (a) any animal affected or suspected of being affected with Foot and Mouth disease; and
- (b) any animal which is or has been in contact with an animal affected with Foot and Mouth Disease, or which appears to the Committee to have been in any way exposed to the infection of that disease.

10. (1) Subject to his having complied with the provisions of this Ordinance compensation shall be paid by the Island to the owner of any animal slaughtered under and in accordance with such provisions.

- (2) (a) In the case of cattle the valuation for compensation shall in no case exceed the amount specified for the kind of animal in question in the Schedule to this Ordinance, and the compensation payable shall be one half of such valuation:

Provided that, in the case of an animal so slaughtered which at the time of slaughter is not visibly affected with Foot and Mouth Disease, the compensation payable shall be one and one-half times the value of the animal subject to the maximum prices set out in the said Schedule.

(b) In the case of a sheep, goat or other ruminating animal or pig the compensation payable shall in no case exceed the value as meat of such sheep, goat, animal or pig.

(c) No deduction shall be made from such value on the ground that the animal slaughtered was, or was suspected of being, affected with Foot and Mouth Disease.

- (3) (a) If, where an animal is ordered by the Committee to be slaughtered, the Committee and the owner of the animal do not agree as to the

value of such animal, such value shall be assessed, before slaughter, by two valuers, of whom one shall be appointed by the Committee, and the other by the owner of the animal.

(b) If such owner shall fail to inform the Committee in writing within such period as the Committee shall specify to him of the name and address of the valuer appointed by him, a valuer shall be appointed by the Committee, who shall then for the purposes of this Ordinance be deemed to be the valuer appointed by the owner.

(c) The valuers so appointed shall before commencing their valuation nominate an umpire, who shall assess the value of the animal if the valuers disagree. The decision of the valuers or of the umpire, as the case may be, shall be final.

(4) Payment of compensation as aforesaid shall be full satisfaction of the value of the animal so slaughtered and of all expenses incurred by the owner of the animal in carrying out his duties under this Ordinance, including the costs, if any, of and incidental to a valuation.

11. No person may dig up or cause to be dug up any carcase disposed of by burial under the provisions of this Ordinance except in accordance with the provisions of a permit issued by the Committee.

12. The cost of any disinfection carried out under and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be borne by the Island, <sup>that</sup> save where such cost has been increased by any wilful act or neglect on the part of the owner of the animal concerned, or of his servants or agents, the Committee may recover, as a civil debt, from such owner the amount of such increase.

13. Any person who shall contravene any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any Order given hereunder or who shall obstruct or attempt to obstruct the Sark Veterinary Officer in the execution of any of his duties hereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

14. This Ordinance shall come into force on the                      day of                      1952.

SCHEDULE

	<u>Maxima</u>	<u>£</u>
1. A milch cow		65
2. A heifer aged -		
2 years and over		50
1½ years and under 2 years		42
1 year and under 1½ years		36
6 months and under 1 year		24
under 6 months		18
3. A bull aged -		
2½ years and over		65
2 years and under 2½ years		50
1½ years and under 2 years		42
1 year and under 1½ years		36
6 months and under 1 year		24
under 6 months		18
4. An ox aged -		
2½ years and over		30
1 year and under 2½ years		20
6 months and under 1 year		15
under 6 months		12