

STATES OF ALDERNEY**ORDINANCE OF THE STATES**

Made 6th January, 1954
Coming into force 7th January, 1954

THE FOWL PEST (ALDERNEY) ORDINANCE, 1954

The States, on the representations of the States Committee for Agriculture and Fisheries, hereby order:-

1. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to day:-
 - (a) "British Islands" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
 - (b) "Clerk" means the Clerk of the States of Alderney or any person who for the time being is performing the duties of that office;
 - (c) "Committee" means the States Committee for Agriculture and Fisheries;
 - (d) "Fowl pest" means fowl pest in any of its forms, including Newcastle disease, fowl plague and pneumo-encephalitis;
 - (e) "Poultry" means domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks and guinea fowls, and partridges, pheasants and pigeons kept in contact with domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks or guinea fowls, and shall include the carcase of any poultry except where otherwise specified;
 - (f) "Premises" and "Infected Place" shall be in each case an area the extent of which shall be defined by the Committee;
 - (g) "States 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.

- 2.(1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any poultry which are affected or suspected of being affected with fowl pest shall immediately notify the Clerk or a member of the Island Police and shall:-

- (a) prevent the access of poultry or of any person other than the States Veterinary Officer and the person attending the poultry to the premises on which the affected or suspected poultry are; and
 - (b) detain on the premises all poultry thereon and the carcasses of any poultry.
- (2) If a notification as aforesaid is made to a member of the Island Police then that member shall immediately notify the Clerk.
- (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 or under the authority of the Chairman of the Committee acting on the advice of the States Veterinary Officer.
- 3.(1) On receipt of a notification in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing section the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable:-
- (a) notify the States Veterinary Officer; and
 - (b) if so requested by the States Veterinary Officer, make the necessary arrangements for such number of carcasses to be taken from the affected or suspected premises as that Officer shall specify and for those carcasses to be despatched to that Officer.
- (2) Any carcasses taken under the provisions of the preceding subsection shall be placed in such receptacle as the States Veterinary Officer shall approve, which shall be sealed and the outside of which shall be thoroughly disinfected before being removed from the affected or suspected premises, and such receptacle shall not be opened except by or under the authority of that Officer.
- (3) The States shall not be liable for making any payment for any carcasses taken under the provisions of this section.
- (4) The States Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after carrying out an examination of any carcasses sent to him under the provisions of this section, inform the Committee of any carcasses found to be or suspected of being affected.
4. The States Veterinary Officer, in any case where he suspects that fowl pest exists on any premises, is authorised to inspect such premises and to keep under inspection any suspected premises for any period which he may think fit.
5. The States Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after carrying out an inspection in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing section, inform the Committee of any poultry found to be or suspected of being affected.

6. On receipt of notification from the States Veterinary Officer that fowl pest exists or is suspected to exist, on any premises, the Committee may declare the premises to be an "Infected Place" and any such premises shall, for as long as such declaration is in force, be subjected to the following regulations:-
- (a) no live poultry shall be moved into or out of the Infected Place;
 - (b) no carcase, foodstuffs, litter, droppings, utensil, food-bag, crate, hurdle, poultry appliance, 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) no eggs intended for hatching shall be moved out of the Infected Place;
 - (d) all droppings, litter and waste food shall be thoroughly disinfected to the satisfaction of the States Veterinary Officer before being permitted to be removed from any building or other place in which the affected or suspected poultry are or have recently been kept;
 - (e) no person other than the States Veterinary Officer or the person attending the poultry, shall enter or leave the Infected Place unless authorised by, and in accordance with, a written permit obtained from the Committee;
 - (f) 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;
 - (g) any person attending affected or suspected poultry shall not attend poultry not so affected or suspected unless authorised by, and in accordance with, a written permit obtained from the Committee;
 - (h) 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 States Veterinary Officer;
 - (i) the owner shall give to the Committee or the States Veterinary Officer any information which it or he may require concerning the poultry.
7. Any premises declared to be an Infected Place shall not be declared by the Committee to cease to be an Infected Place except after an inspection by, and on the advice of, the States Veterinary Officer.
8. No person shall keep any poultry on any premises which have been declared to be an Infected Place for a period of at least twenty-eight days after the date of completion of disinfection of the premises in accordance with section six of this Ordinance, except with the written authority of the Committee.

- (a) prevent the access of poultry or of any person other than the States Veterinary Officer and the person attending the poultry to the premises on which the affected or suspected poultry are; and
 - (b) detain on the premises all poultry thereon and the carcasses of any poultry.
- (2) If a notification as aforesaid is made to a member of the Island Police then that member shall immediately notify the Clerk.
- (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 or under the authority of the Chairman of the Committee acting on the advice of the States Veterinary Officer.
- 3.(1) On receipt of a notification in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing section the Clerk shall, as soon as practicable:-
- (a) notify the States Veterinary Officer; and
 - (b) if so requested by the States Veterinary Officer, make the necessary arrangements for such number of carcasses to be taken from the affected or suspected premises as that Officer shall specify and for those carcasses to be despatched to that Officer.
- (2) Any carcasses taken under the provisions of the preceding subsection shall be placed in such receptacle as the States Veterinary Officer shall approve, which shall be sealed and the outside of which shall be thoroughly disinfected before being removed from the affected or suspected premises, and such receptacle shall not be opened except by or under the authority of that Officer.
- (3) The States shall not be liable for making any payment for any carcasses taken under the provisions of this section.
- (4) The States Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after carrying out an examination of any carcasses sent to him under the provisions of this section, inform the Committee of any carcasses found to be or suspected of being affected.
4. The States Veterinary Officer, in any case where he suspects that fowl pest exists on any premises, is authorised to inspect such premises and to keep under inspection any suspected premises for any period which he may think fit.
5. The States Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after carrying out an inspection in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing section, inform the Committee of any poultry found to be or suspected of being affected.

9. The Committee may, on the advice of the States Veterinary Officer, cause to be disposed of in such manner as it shall direct –
 - (a) any poultry affected or suspected of being affected with fowl pest; and
 - (b) any poultry which are or have been in contact with poultry affected with fowl pest, or which appear to the Committee to have been in any way exposed to the infection of that disease.
- 10.(1) Where the Committee directs the slaughter and disposal of any poultry or the disposal of any poultry carcass, such slaughter or disposal shall be carried out at the expense of the States.
 - (2) The cost of any disinfection carried out under and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be borne by the States, save that where such cost has been increased by any wilful act or neglect on the part of the owner of the poultry concerned, or of his servants or agents, the Committee may recover, as a civil debt, from such owners the amount of such increase.
11. The Committee shall be empowered to prohibit, by Order notified in the customary manner, the movement of any poultry into or out of the area within a radius of half-a-mile of the Infected Place.
12. Any person who shall contravene any of the provisions of this Ordinance or who shall obstruct or attempt to obstruct the States 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 ten pounds.
13. This Ordinance shall come into force on 7th January, 1954.