

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States **XIV**

**1962**

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**The Poultry and Hatching Eggs  
(Importation and Exportation)  
Ordinance, 1962**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the ninth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty; and on the representations of the States Committee for Agriculture and Fisheries, hereby order:—

1. Subject to the succeeding provisions of this Ordinance, a person shall not import or attempt to import hatching eggs into this Island. Prohibition of importation of hatching eggs.

2. Nothing in the last preceding section shall be taken to prohibit the importation of hatching eggs into this Island from— Exceptions.

- (a) the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Island of Jersey, the Island of Alderney or the Island of Sark if each consignment thereof is accompanied by a certificate, in writing, signed by a

veterinary surgeon that an outbreak of fowl pest has not occurred on the premises on which the eggs were produced or at any place within a radius of three miles of those premises during the two months immediately preceding the date of dispatch of the eggs from those premises and if such certificate was signed not more than seven days before the date of dispatch as aforesaid;

- (b) Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, Norway or Sweden if each consignment thereof is accompanied by a certificate in such form, and containing such particulars, as may from time to time be prescribed by the Committee by order and signed by a veterinary officer of the Government of the country in which the premises on which the eggs were produced are situated.

Prohibitions  
on exportation.

3. (1) A person shall not export or attempt to export from this Island live poultry, poultry carcasses (other than carcasses which are fully cooked) or eggs to the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Island of Jersey, the Island of Alderney or the Island of Sark otherwise than in accordance with a licence granted by the Committee in that behalf.

(2) A person desirous of obtaining a licence for the purposes of the last preceding subsection may make application in that behalf to the Committee and upon the receipt of such an application the Committee may either—

- (a) grant the licence;
- (b) refuse to grant the licence; or
- (c) grant the licence subject to such conditions as the Committee may think it necessary or expedient to impose.

(3) The Committee may, from time to time, revoke or vary any conditions attached to any licence granted in pursuance of the provisions of the last preceding subsection or may revoke any such licence.

4. A person shall not use or attempt to use for hatching any eggs which he knows were, or which he has been notified in writing by or on behalf of the States Supervisor were, imported into this Island from any of the countries specified in section two of this Ordinance unless the consignment of which such eggs formed part were accompanied by a certificate as required by the said section two. Prohibitions  
on hatching.

5. (1) The States Supervisor may, in agreement with the President of the Committee, order:— Powers of  
Supervisor.

(a) in respect of any eggs imported into this Island which, in the opinion of the States Veterinary Officer, constitute a danger to the poultry industry of this Island, that they be destroyed;

(b) in respect of any hatching eggs imported into this Island and not accompanied by a certificate in accordance with the provisions of section two of this Ordinance, that—

(i) they be forthwith delivered to the importer; or

(ii) they be forthwith returned to the consignor; or

(iii) they be detained in his custody until the said certificate has been received by him or on his behalf.

(2) The charges for or in connection with any action taken under this section shall be recoverable as a civil debt from the importer of the eggs concerned.

## Offences.

6. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance or fails to comply with any condition attached to the grant of a licence in pursuance of the provisions of subsection (2) of section three of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds and the court may, in addition, order the seizure, destruction or other disposal of any eggs to which the conviction relates at the expense of the convicted person.

## Interpretation.

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

“carcase” means the carcase of poultry and any part of any carcase;

“Committee” means the States Committee for Agriculture and Fisheries;

“eggs” means the eggs of poultry;

“fowl pest” means fowl pest in any of its forms, including Newcastle disease, fowl plague and pneumo-encephalomyelitis;

“fully cooked” means, in connection with a carcase, cooked throughout the whole of its substance as to render it unnecessary for it to be further cooked before being used for human consumption;

“this Island” means the Islands of Guernsey, Herm and Jethou;

“importer” includes any person who whether as owner, consignor or consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of or in any way entitled to the custody or control of the eggs imported;

“poultry” means domestic fowl, turkeys, geese, ducks and guinea fowl;

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

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the Poultry and Hatching Eggs (Importation and Exportation) Ordinance, 1962. Citation.

9. This Ordinance shall come into force on the first day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-two. Commencement.

R. H. VIDELO,

Her Majesty's Greffier.