

Island of  Guernsey

Ordinance of the States

IX
1953

Made 8th April, 1953.
Coming into Operation .. 8th April, 1953.

The Shellfish (Import) Ordinance, 1953.

THE STATES, on the representations of the States Board of Health, hereby order:—

1. Subject to the succeeding provisions of this Ordinance, a person shall not import or attempt to import shellfish into this Island from France.

2. (1) A person may import oysters into this Island from France if on the exterior of each separate package or consignment of such oysters there is affixed a duly completed label in a form approved by the States Board of Health.

(2) Every package or consignment of oysters imported into this Island from France shall, as soon as may be after its arrival therein and at such place as the States Supervisor may from time to time direct, be inspected by a States Customs Officer who shall

report to the States Supervisor if such package or consignment has not affixed to it a label as required by the last preceding subsection.

(3) The States Supervisor may, in agreement with the President of the States Board of Health, order that any package or consignment of oysters which has been reported to him in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding subsection shall be destroyed if it is not exported from the Island within such period as he shall prescribe and any such package or consignment which is to be exported from the Island shall be retained in such place and manner as the States Supervisor shall prescribe until it is exported.

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

3. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Ordinance or who takes away any package or consignment of oysters imported from France before it has been inspected by a States Customs Officer or which is retained under the provisions of subsection (3) of the last preceding section shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding ten pounds and the Court may, in addition thereto, order the destruction or other disposal of the package or consignment of oysters to which the conviction relates at the expense of the convicted person.

4. For the purposes of this Ordinance the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them—

“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 shellfish concerned;

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

5. The Ordinance entitled “ Ordonnance prohibant
L’Importation de Huitres Moules, Crustaces ou autre
Coquillage provenant de la France ” made permanent
on the 5th day of October, 1931, shall be repealed.

6. This Ordinance shall come into force on the
8th day of April, 1953.

JAMES E. LE PAGE,
Her Majesty’s Greffier.