



Compulsory Slaughter of Animals.

THE following Regulations have been approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and are to be strictly observed by all Police-Officers and others concerned :—

1. On notification or information being received at a police-station of a case of, or symptoms of, one of the diseases of animals enumerated in Government Circular No 32, the officer in charge of such police-station shall at once report such notification or information, by telephone or telegram, to the Chief-Constable, and he shall confirm such telephonic or telegraphic communication by a report, in writing, on the prescribed form.
2. The Chief-Constable, or, in his absence, the next senior officer, shall at once communicate the information received by him to the Government Office by telephone, and shall confirm the information by a report, in writing, on the prescribed form.
3. On receipt of the information by telephone by the Government Office, the Government Veterinary Inspector will at once be communicated with and ordered to proceed to the scene of the suspected case by motor car, in company with the Chief-Constable, or the officer acting for him, in case of his absence.
4. The Government Veterinary Inspector shall at once examine the suspected animal, and issue his certificate as to the nature of the disease under which the animal is labouring or showing symptoms, and shall state in such certificate what precautions are necessary for dealing with the particular case.
5. The Chief-Constable shall examine the Government Veterinary Inspector's certificate, and, if the certificate shall recommend the slaughter of an animal or animals, the Chief-Constable shall at once summon, by motor car, to the scene a Justice of the Peace.

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6. On arrival, the Justice of the Peace (who, for such purpose, shall be deemed to be an arbitrator appointed under section 21 of the Cattle Diseases Prevention Act, 1866) shall, in conjunction with an arbitrator to be appointed by the owner of the animal, determine the value of the animal or animals recommended to be slaughtered, by careful consideration of all the circumstances.
7. The Government Veterinary Inspector shall then communicate, by telegram or telephone (to be confirmed by a written report, transmitting his certificate), to the Government Office a statement as to the nature of the disease, his recommendations for dealing with the case, and the value of the animal or animals recommended for destruction; and he shall forthwith receive his instructions.
8. In all cases where an animal is certified by the Government Veterinary Inspector to be suffering from one of the diseases specified in Government Circular No. 32, the Chief-Constable shall at once take precautions to see that the Government Veterinary Inspector's recommendations as to isolation and disinfecting are strictly observed.

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Government Office,
Isle of Man,
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