



CATTLE DISEASES (PREVENTION) ACTS.

IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS.

The following particulars with regard to a new scheme, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for the importation of Animals into the Isle of Man is circulated for the information of all concerned :—

At present, cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and dogs can only be imported into the Isle of Man under permit, and in the case of cattle, sheep, swine, and goats, the animals as a condition of the permit have to pass through the Government Lairs for veterinary inspection. No departure is being made from existing procedure with regard to dogs, against which there is total importation prohibition, but as to cattle, sheep, swine, and goats, the procedure below specified will come into operation forthwith as regards Ireland; and so far as Great Britain is concerned, as soon as the country is free from Foot and Mouth Disease.

1. A person who desires to import animals will be required to obtain a permit from Government Office for their importation. Before such permit is issued the importer will be required to fill in a queries form in connection with which declarations will have to be made by both the importer and the vendor on the mainland to the effect that the information given is correct, and that the premises from which the animals are being brought are free from contagious disease.

2. The permit will have to accompany the animals in transit, and will be delivered by the master of the vessel (or his representative) to the Police Station at the Port to which the animals are brought.

3. Animals will not be required to pass through the Government Lairs or to undergo any veterinary inspection, but they will be required to be taken immediately to the place of destination without coming into contact with other animals.

4. On arrival at the place of destination, imported animals will be required to be kept isolated from other animals for a period of fourteen days, and may not be removed from the place of destination within a period of fourteen days.

5. It will be possible for animals for slaughter to be removed to a slaughter-house from the place of destination within fourteen days, provided they are not permitted to come into contact with other animals whilst proceeding from the place of destination to the slaughter-house.

6. Any animal found by an Inspector under the Cattle Diseases (Prevention) Acts to be suffering from contagious disease whilst in transit to the place of destination will be liable to detention at the Government Lairs or other place.

7. Any animal imported from a place where contagious disease has appeared subsequent to the removal of the animal to the Island will be subject to detention at the Government Lairs or other place.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEANT,

Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man,
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