



Procedure to be followed on an Outbreak of Foot-and-Mouth Disease occurring in the Isle of Man.

1. The Inspector under the Cattle Diseases Prevention Acts on Foot and Mouth Disease being suspected in an animal will call in one, but preferably two, duly qualified Veterinary Surgeons to confirm the appearance of the disease.

2. The Inspector under the Cattle Diseases Prevention Acts will report the outbreak in writing to the Government Secretary, forwarding the written confirmations of the Veterinary Surgeons.

3. The Governor will issue an Order declaring that Foot and Mouth Disease has appeared in the Island.

4. The provisions of the Foot and Mouth Disease (Control of Movement) Order, 1922, will at once apply.

5. The district within a radius of two miles of the site of the outbreak becomes a "prohibited area" and the movement within the area of all animals, hay, straw, fodder, agricultural implements and other articles used in agriculture is prohibited until permitted by licence issued by the Government Secretary, or an officer acting on his behalf.

6. All animals infected with the disease or which have been in recent contact with infected animals shall be slaughtered at once in the presence and under the supervision of the Inspector under the Cattle Diseases Prevention Acts and the Veterinary Surgeons.

7. The Inspector under the Cattle Diseases Prevention Acts will forward to the Government Secretary forthwith particulars of all animals slaughtered, together with the name and address of the owner; these particulars will be accompanied by the certificate of the Inspector and the Veterinary Surgeons as to the value of each animal slaughtered. The signature of the owner agreeing the values should be obtained if possible.

8. The Inspector in consultation with the Veterinary Surgeons will take such steps as are necessary for disinfecting the premises, and will report to the Government Secretary what action has been taken in this direction. In consultation with the Veterinary Surgeons he will advise the Government Secretary when restrictions on movements may be modified by licence.

9. If two or more outbreaks of disease occur the same procedure will be adopted in regard to each "prohibited area."

10. The Veterinary Surgeons will be employed to inspect as often as necessary animals in the vicinity of the outbreak with a view to detecting any animal showing symptoms of the disease.

11. Supplies of carbolic acid and chloride of lime are kept in the Government Stores, and will be available on an outbreak.

12. The Chief Constable will arrange that any "prohibited area" is observed as such by all persons.

13. On an order of the Governor declaring Foot and Mouth Disease to exist being issued, no cattle, sheep, swine or goats may be moved from place to place in the Island (outside the "prohibited area") without a permit from the Government Office.

By Order,

B. E. SARGEAUNT,
Government Secretary.

Government Office,
Isle of Man.

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