

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 29

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ORDINANCE, 1954  
(No. 19 OF 1954)

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE  
ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ORDINANCE, 1954.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Swine Fever Regulations, 1955.

2. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any swine affected with, or suspected of being affected with, swine fever, or the carcase of any swine so affected or suspected, shall with all practicable speed give notice of such swine or such carcase being or having been so affected or suspected to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon who, upon examining any swine or the carcase of any swine, is of opinion or suspects that such swine is or was when it died or was slaughtered affected with swine fever, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every such constable upon receiving such notice shall—

(a) forthwith transmit the information by telephone to the Inspector; and

(b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Inspector the transmission by telephone of such information.

3. (1) The inspector shall, upon receipt of any information pursuant to paragraph (3) of Regulation 2 of these Regulations, forthwith cause a notice in the Form A in the Schedule to these Regulations to be served upon the occupier of any premises whereon such animal is.

(2) The Inspector shall immediately after the service of the notice referred to in paragraph (1) of this Regulation proceed to the place to which such notice refers, and shall there make a full investigation of all the circumstances and shall make a report thereon to the Director of Agriculture.

(3) The Inspector may give directions in relation to the steps which should be taken in dealing with any animal affected with swine fever and with any other animal, vehicle, utensil, implement, fodder, litter, dung or other thing within the infected place, and the occupier of every such infected place shall comply with such directions.

(4) A notice under paragraph (1) of this regulation shall remain in force until withdrawn by a withdrawal notice in the Form B in the Schedule to these Regulations, or until revoked by Order of the Governor in Council.

4. No swine nor the carcase of any swine nor any portion of such carcase shall be moved out of or into, or from place to place within, any infected place or area except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing given by the Inspector.

5. All swine within an infected place or area shall be kept confined in a sty, pen or other enclosure.

6. Any swine straying into or out of an infected place or an infected area, may, in the discretion of the Inspector or constable in charge of the nearest police station, be shot or otherwise destroyed.

7. (1) The carcase of any swine—

(a) destroyed pursuant to Regulation 6 of these Regulations; or  
(b) which died of swine fever; or  
(c) which died within an infected place or area, shall be burnt or buried, within six hours of the death of such swine in the infected place or area from or into which it strayed or in which it died, by the owner or occupier of such infected place or area.

(2) Where the carcase of any such swine is buried it shall be buried at a depth of not less than five feet below the surface of the ground.

8. No person shall exhume or dig up the carcase of any swine nor any portion thereof which is buried within an infected place or area except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector.

9. (1) No dung of any swine, nor food, fodder, litter or utensils used in connection with any swine in an infected place or area shall be moved out of such infected place or area.

(2) Any such dung, food, fodder, litter or utensils shall be burnt or buried or otherwise treated, dealt with, or disposed of as the Inspector may in any particular case direct.

10. Every part of every sty, pen or other enclosure where any swine affected with, or suspected of being affected with, swine fever has been kept or isolated shall be cleansed and treated in such manner as the Inspector may in any particular case direct.

11. (1) Any swine which, within a period of thirty days, has been in contact with any swine affected with swine fever shall be isolated and kept confined in a sty, pen or other enclosure for a period of not less than thirty days after the death or destruction of the last of such swine affected with swine fever.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this regulation, every person who has disposed of any swine which has been in contact with swine affected with swine fever shall, upon being required by the Inspector, disclose the name and address of any person to whom such swine was disposed of and the place at which such swine was delivered or the destination to which it was consigned.

(3) The Inspector may order that any swine within any infected place or area shall at the risk and expense of the owner be immunised against swine fever by vaccination or otherwise.

(4) All swine immunised pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Regulation shall be isolated from other swine and kept confined for such period as may be specified by the Inspector.

12. All swine on separate premises within an infected place or area shall be isolated from swine on adjoining premises within or upon the boundary of such infected place or area.

13. No flesh of any swine butchered or slaughtered within an infected place or area shall be offered for sale or used for human consumption.

14. The carcase of any swine which has within seven days immediately preceding the date of its slaughter been in contact with any other swine affected with or suspected of being affected with swine fever may be seized and destroyed by the Inspector.

15. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations or any directions lawfully given, or the terms of any permit lawfully imposed by any person under the authority of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of two hundred and forty dollars.

16. These Regulations shall not apply to swine which originate outside of any infected place or area and which are moved in a vehicle into or through any such place or area for slaughter, within forty-eight hours of being moved through any such place or area, at any public abattoir or other place authorised or licensed for the slaughter or butchering of animals.

17. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 15th day of March, 1955.

SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Regulation 3)

SWINE FEVER REGULATIONS, 1955

Notice Defining Infected Place

To..... OF.....

I, ..... of.....  
 being the Inspector designated under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Ordinance, 1954, hereby give you notice as the occupier of the undermentioned premises that the said premises are hereby declared to be an infected place and to become subject to the provisions of the Swine Fever Regulations, 1955.

Dated this.....day of....., 19.....

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*Inspector*

DESCRIPTION OF INFECTED PLACE

Premises	Ward	County

FORM B

(Regulation 3)

SWINE FEVER REGULATIONS, 1955

Withdrawal Notice

To..... OF.....

I, ..... of.....  
being the Inspector designated under the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Ordinance,  
1954, do hereby withdraw, as from the.....day of.....19.....,  
the notice relating to premises in your occupation at.....  
dated the.....day of.....19....., signed by.....  
and served upon you on the.....day of.....19.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

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*Inspector*

Made by the Governor in Council this 18th day of January, 1955.

G. E. CHEN  
*Acting Clerk, Executive Council*

Laid before the Legislature this 28th day of January, 1955.

T. F. FARRELL  
*Clerk, Legislative Council*