

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 27

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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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

REGULATIONS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 15 OF
THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ORDINANCE, 1954.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Importation) Control Regulations, 1955.

2. For the purposes of these Regulations—

"animal" shall not include a fish or a monkey;

"British Caribbean Territories" means the Colonies of Barbados, British Guiana, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands, St. Lucia and St. Vincent;

"Director of Agriculture" means the Director of Agriculture or any officer of the Department of Agriculture thereunto lawfully authorised by him in writing;

"prescribed certificate" means a certificate which purports to have been given—

- (a) in the case of Great Britain, by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries;
- (b) in the case of Northern Ireland, by the Ministry of Agriculture;
- (c) in the case of the Republic of Ireland, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (d) in the case of Canada, by the Department of Agriculture;
- (e) in the case of the United States of America, by the Bureau of Animal Husbandry;
- (f) in the case of a British Caribbean Territory, by a Government Veterinary Officer of such Territory; and
- (g) in the case of any other country, by an Official Veterinarian of the National Government of such country;

"vessel" means any ship, schooner, boat or other floating craft.

3. (1) No animal shall be imported into the Colony except in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations. Importation of animals

(2) No animal shall be imported into the Colony except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Agriculture.

4. (1) No animal shall be landed at any port, except the ports of Port-of-Spain, San Fernando and Scarborough or at any aerodrome other than the Piarco Airport and the Crown Point Airfield. Landing of animals

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the Director of Agriculture may in his absolute discretion grant a permit in writing for an animal to be landed at such port or at such aerodrome and upon such conditions as may be specified in such permit.

Defining
of ports

5. (1) The port of Port-of-Spain shall be such part of the Gulf of Paria as is confined within a radius of three miles from the Customs House of Port-of-Spain.

(2) The port of San Fernando shall be such part of the Gulf of Paria as is confined within a radius of three miles from the Customs House of San Fernando.

(3) The port of Scarborough shall be such part of Rockly Bay as is confined within a radius of one mile from the Customs House of Scarborough.

(4) The Piarco Airport shall have the same boundaries as are set out in Gazette Notice No. 1889 in the *Royal Gazette*, Vol. 122, No. 82 of 19th November, 1953.

(5) The Crown Point Airfield shall have the same boundaries as are set out in Gazette Notice No. 359 in the *Royal Gazette*, Vol. 120, No. 17 of 1st March, 1951.

Inspection,
disinfection
and quarantine
of vessels
and aircraft

6. Where any vessel or aircraft by which animals are imported arrives in the Colony, the following provisions shall have effect:—

- (a) The Agent or Owners of the vessel or aircraft shall notify the Inspector of the fact that animals are being imported by such vessel or aircraft.
- (b) The Master or Captain and the agents or owners of such vessel or aircraft shall afford every facility to the Inspector for the proper inspection of such animals.
- (c) The Inspector may place in quarantine such vessel or aircraft or any portion thereof as he may deem necessary for preventing the introduction or spread of any communicable disease, and such vessel or aircraft or portion thereof shall remain in quarantine during such period as the Inspector may direct.
- (d) The Master or Captain of such vessel or aircraft shall carry out such written directions as he may receive from the Inspector with respect to such quarantine.
- (e) The Master or Captain of such vessel or aircraft shall take such measures as the Inspector may direct for the cleaning and disinfection of all stalls and boxes in and of any portion of the vessel or aircraft used for the transportation of animals.

Inspection
of animals

7. (1) Every animal before being landed shall be subject to inspection by the Inspector who may—

- (a) if satisfied—
 - (i) that any such animal is suffering from disease; or
 - (ii) that any condition of a permit permitting the importation of any such animal has not been complied with,
 refuse permission for any such animal to be landed; or
- (b) grant permission for any such animal to be landed either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he may impose.

(2) No animal shall be landed without the prior written permission of the Inspector in the Form set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations. First Schedule

(3) Any animal landed in contravention of the provisions of this Regulation may be seized by the Inspector and, in his discretion, detained, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as he shall direct.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of Regulations 7 and 10 of these Regulations, and if so required by the Inspector, every animal upon being landed in the Colony shall be removed by such means, in such manner and subject to such conditions as the Inspector may direct to a quarantine station approved by such Inspector for the purpose of quarantine and shall there be kept in quarantine for such period as the Inspector may direct. Quarantine of animals

(2) The release from quarantine of any animal shall be subject to and dependent upon the result of re-inspection and of any diagnostic examination and any tests which the Inspector may deem necessary to employ for the detection of disease.

(3) Notwithstanding the expiry of the period of quarantine directed by the Inspector under paragraph (1) of this Regulation, no animal shall be removed from any quarantine station without the prior written permission of the Inspector and such permission may be either unconditional or subject to such conditions as may be specified.

9. (1) The expenses of and incidental to the keeping in quarantine of an animal shall be borne by the consignee of such animal. Expenses of and destruction of animals in quarantine

(2) Every animal shall be kept in quarantine at the risk of the consignee.

(3) When any animal, while in quarantine in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, develops or, in the opinion of the Inspector, shows symptoms of, any disease the spread of which would endanger the health of animals in the Colony, such animal may, with the approval of the Governor, be destroyed without payment of any compensation.

10. The provisions of such of these Regulations as relate to the importation of animals shall not apply to any animals (other than dogs) imported by or on behalf of the Government of the Colony. Saving

11. (1) No dog or cat shall be imported into the Colony except such dog or cat is imported directly from one of the countries specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations. Dogs and cats
Second Schedule

(2) No dog or cat so imported shall be landed unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(3) Such certificate shall state that—

(a) such dog or cat is in good health and free from symptoms of infectious and contagious diseases; and

(b) there has been no rabies among unquarantined dogs and cats or other animals in the country from which such dog or cat was exported during the six months immediately preceding the exportation of such dog or cat; and, if such dog or cat has been in quarantine in such country, that it has completed a six months period of quarantine.

(4) No dog or cat so imported shall be landed if, during the period of transportation, it has been in contact with any other cat or dog other than a dog or cat—

- (a) in respect of which a certificate referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Regulation has been given; or
- (b) which has been released from quarantine in any of the countries specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations as being free of rabies.

Horses
Third
Schedule

12. (1) No horse shall be imported into the Colony except such horse is imported directly from one of the countries specified in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) No horse so imported shall be landed in the Colony unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(3) Such certificate shall state—

- (a) that the country from which such horse was exported is free from foot and mouth disease; or
- (b) if such country is not free from foot and mouth disease, that the area from which it originated and through which it was transported to the port of exportation is free from foot and mouth disease;
- (c) that such horse is healthy and free of infectious diseases;
- (d) that such horse has been subjected to the Mallein test for glanders (*farcy*) with negative results; and
- (e) so far as it has been possible to ascertain no case of dourine (*mal du coit*), *mal de caderas*, glanders (*farcy*), epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, influenza, equine infectious aenemia, equine encephalomyelitis, or mange, has occurred in the stables or on the premises where such horse was kept during the thirty days prior to the date of exportation.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (3) (d) of this Regulation the Inspector may permit the landing in the Colony of any horse shipped from Great Britain or a British Caribbean Territory without the prescribed certificate:

Provided that, if he thinks fit, such animal shall be detained and dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 8 and 9 of these Regulations.

(5) For the purpose of this Regulation "horses" includes mares, mules, donkeys and zebras.

Cattle, sheep
and goats.
Fourth
Schedule

13. (1) No cattle, sheep or goat shall be imported into the Colony except any such animal is imported directly from one of the countries specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations.

(2) No cattle so imported shall be landed in the Colony unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(3) Such certificate shall state that—

- (a) the country from which such cattle were imported is free from foot and mouth disease;
- (b) such cattle are physically sound, in good health, and free of symptoms of paratuberculosis (Johne's disease) and other infectious diseases;

- (c) such cattle have passed negative to an intradermal tuberculin test within ten days prior to the date of exportation;
- (d) such cattle have reacted negatively to the serum-agglutination test for brucellosis within thirty days prior to the date of exportation.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs of this Regulation, the Director of Agriculture may, in his discretion, permit cattle to be imported for slaughter purposes subject to such conditions and directions as he may impose in writing.

(5) No sheep so imported shall be landed unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(6) Such certificate shall state that—

- (a) the country from which such sheep was exported is free from foot and mouth disease; and
- (b) such sheep is physically sound, in good health and free from infectious and contagious diseases.

(7) No goat so imported shall be landed unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(8) Such certificate shall state that—

- (a) the country from which such goat was exported is free from foot and mouth disease;
- (b) such goat is physically sound and free from symptoms of infectious and contagious diseases;
- (c) such goat has passed negatively to an intradermal tuberculin test within ten days prior to the date of exportation; and
- (d) such goat has reacted negatively to the serum-agglutination test for brucellosis within thirty days prior to the date of exportation of such goat.

14. (1) No pig shall be imported into the Colony except any such pig is ^{Pigs} imported directly from one of the countries specified in the Fifth Schedule to ^{Fifth Schedule} these Regulations.

(2) No pig so imported shall be landed in the Colony unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(3) Such certificate shall state—

- (a) that the country from which such pig was exported is free from foot and mouth disease and from swine fever (hog cholera); or
- (b) if such country is not free from foot and mouth disease and swine fever, that the area from which such pig originated and through which it was transported to the port of exportation is free from foot and mouth disease and swine fever; and
- (c) that such pig is free from symptoms of infectious and contagious diseases.

15. (1) No poultry shall be imported into the Colony except any such ^{Poultry} poultry is imported from one of the countries specified in the Sixth Schedule to ^{Sixth Schedule} these Regulations.

(2) No poultry shall be landed unless there is delivered to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(3) Such certificate shall state that such poultry are free from and have not been exposed to Newcastle disease (fowl pest).

Monkeys

16. No monkey shall be imported into the Colony.

s. 2(a): Carcases of
G.N. 174/55 cattle, pigs,
sheep and
goats

17. (1) No fresh carcase, whether frozen or chilled, nor any cured or pickled ^{or smoked} carcase, of any cattle, pig, sheep or goat, or any portion of any such carcase, shall be imported into the Colony except such carcase or portion thereof is imported—

Seventh
Schedule

(a) directly from any of the countries specified in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations, or from any other country from which the Director of Agriculture is satisfied that such importation is unlikely to result in the introduction or spread of disease in the Colony, and

(b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Agriculture.

a(b): G.N. 210/55

(1A) ~~Inserted 2(a): G.N. 210/55~~

and (1A)

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (1) of this Regulation shall not apply to—

(a) any importation made by or on behalf of the Government of the Colony; or

Subs. a(b): G.N. 174/55

~~(b) any cooked or sterilized meat imported in hermetically sealed containers.~~

Carcases
of poultry

18. (1) No carcase of any poultry or any portion of such carcase shall be imported into the Colony unless such carcase or portion thereof is imported—

Sixth Schedule

(a) directly from any of the countries specified in the Sixth Schedule to these Regulations; and

(b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Agriculture.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply to any carcase or part of a carcase of any poultry which has been fully cooked.

(3) In this Regulation "fully cooked" means cooked throughout the whole of its substance so as to render it unnecessary for it to be further cooked before being used for human consumption.

Animal
products

19. No animal products including hides, skins, horns, hair, wool, bones, bone meal, meat scrap and tankage shall be imported into the Colony except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the Director of Agriculture and subject to such conditions as he may therein impose.

Fodder and
litter
Eighth
Schedule

20. (1) No fodder or litter shall be imported into the Colony except—

(a) directly from any of the countries specified in the Eighth Schedule to these Regulations; and

(b) in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Agriculture.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, no fodder or litter imported from any country shall be landed in the Colony unless there is produced to the Inspector in respect thereof the prescribed certificate.

(3) Such certificate shall state that the area from which such fodder or litter originated and the district through which it was transported to the port of exportation is free from foot and mouth disease.

21. (1) No dung (other than the excrements of birds) shall be imported into the Colony. Dung and dead carcasses

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply to any dung which is contained in any box or crate in which any animal is lawfully imported into the Colony.

(3) No carcase of an animal which has died or been slaughtered on board a vessel or aircraft while in port or during the voyage shall be landed in the Colony.

22. (1) No used or second-hand animal blanket, saddle cloth, felting pad, or other similar article shall be imported into the Colony. Used or second-hand animal blankets, saddle cloth, felting pads, &c.

(2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply to any such article which accompany and form part of the clothing or individual accoutrement of any animal lawfully imported into the Colony if such article was new at the time of exportation.

23. No used or second-hand harness, saddle, halter, rein, girth, yoke, rope, chain or other trapping shall be landed in the Colony unless such trapping shall first be treated to the satisfaction of the Inspector at the risk of the person to whom such trapping is consigned before delivery to the consignee. Used and second-hand animal trappings

24. (1) No biological product prepared from animal tissues intended for use in veterinary medicine shall be imported into the Colony except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Agriculture. Biological products

(2) In this Regulation "biological product" includes any substance commonly known as hormones, vaccines, sera, toxins, anti-toxins and antigens intended for use in the practice of veterinary medicine.

25. No semen of animals for artificial insemination shall be imported into the Colony except in accordance with the terms of a permit granted by the Director of Agriculture. Semen

26. (1) The fees set out in the Ninth Schedule to these Regulations shall be payable, by the consignee or importer of an animal in respect of the matters therein set forth, to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise or to the Inspector, as therein specified, and all such fees payable to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise shall be paid into the general revenue of the Colony. Fees. Ninth Schedule

(2) All fees payable under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Regulation may be recovered at the suit of the Director of Agriculture in any court of competent jurisdiction.

27. (1) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations, or with any order, instruction, or condition lawfully made, given, or 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. Penalty

(2) Where any carcase or any thing specified in any of the Regulations 17 to 25 (inclusive) of these Regulations is imported into or landed in the Colony in contravention of any of the provisions of the said Regulations, the same may be seized by the Inspector and, in his discretion, detained, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as he shall direct.

Revocation Tenth Schedule 28. The Regulations set out in the first and second columns of the Tenth Schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked to the extent shown in the third column of the said Schedule.

Commencement 29. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 15th day of March, 1955.

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 7 (2)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

No.

Animal Landing Permit

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I have this day examined the undermentioned animal(s) and:—

(a) Find them/it to be healthy and therefore permit entry into the Colony.

(b) Find

and therefore order that they be permitted entry into the Colony under the following conditions:—

(c) Find

and therefore order that they be prohibited entry into the Colony.

Date..... Inspector

Number and description of animal(s).....

Name of Importer.....

Whence imported.....

Name of Vessel or Aircraft and date of importation.....

Nature of documents accompanying the animal(s).....

Inspection Fee.....

SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 11

Great Britain	Barbados
Northern Ireland	Jamaica
Republic of Ireland	St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla
Antigua	St. Vincent

THIRD SCHEDULE

Regulation 12

Great Britain	Canada
Northern Ireland	United States of America
Republic of Ireland	British Caribbean Territories
Australia - Added reg. 3: G.N. 174/55	

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 13

Great Britain	Barbados
Northern Ireland	Grenada
Republic of Ireland	Jamaica
Canada	St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla
United States of America	St. Vincent
Antigua	

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 14

Great Britain	Antigua
Northern Ireland	Barbados
Republic of Ireland	Jamaica
Canada	St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla
United States of America reg. 3: G.N. 210/55	

SIXTH SCHEDULE

Regulations 15 and 18

Great Britain	New Zealand
Northern Ireland	Norway
Republic of Ireland	Sweden
Australia	The Netherlands
Argentina	United States of America
Canada	British Caribbean Territories
Denmark	

SEVENTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 17

Great Britain	Canada
Northern Ireland	New Zealand
Republic of Ireland	United States of America
Australia	British Caribbean Territories

EIGHTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 20

Great Britain	United States of America
Canada	

NINTH SCHEDULE

	Regulation 26
1. <i>Inspection Fees</i> (payable to the Comptroller of Customs and Excise)	\$ c.
(a) For every horse, mare, mule or zebra	0 96
(b) For every donkey, cattle, dog or cat	0 48
(c) For every sheep, goat or pig	0 12
2. <i>Overtime Fees</i> (payable to the Inspector)	\$ c.
(a) Between sunrise and 9 a.m.	5 00
(b) Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.	5 00
(c) Between 7 p.m. and sunrise	10 00
(d) On Saturdays between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.	5 00
(e) On Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Public Holidays—	
(i) between sunrise and 12 noon	5 00
(ii) from 12 noon to 12 midnight	10 00

TENTH SCHEDULE

Regulation 28

	Regulations	Extent of Revocation
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 134	Regulations made under section 12 of the Diseases of Animals Ordinance, Ch. 25. No. 2.	Regulations 1 to 16 (inclusive) of Part I; Regulations 1 to 11 and Schedule of Part II
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 140	Control of certain Veterinary Articles Regulations	The whole
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 141	Importation of Animals Regulations	The whole
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 141	Regulations made under section 14 of the Diseases of Animals Ordinance, Ch. 25. No. 2	The whole
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 147	Importation of Frozen Carcases and Boiling of Animal Foodstuffs Regulations	Regulations 2 and 3 of Part I
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 157	Dogs Regulations	Regulations 4 to 17 (inclusive)
Revised Laws, 1950, Vol. IX, page 160	Regulations made under section 3 (2) of the Feline Animals Ordinance, Ch. 25. No. 5	The whole
Revised Laws, 1951-1953, Vol. II, page 29	Diseases of Animals (Importation of Hides and Skins) Regulations, 1951-1953	The whole
Revised Laws, 1951-1953, Vol. II, page 277	Importation of Animals (Foot and Mouth Disease) (French Guiana, the French West Indies, the Dutch Islands of St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba and the British Windward Islands) Regulations, 1952-1953	The whole
Revised Laws, 1951-1953, Vol. II, page 278	Prohibition of Importation of Horses, Mules and Asses from British Guiana Regulations, 1953	The whole
Revised Laws, 1951-1953, Vol. II, page 280	Importation of Animals (Dogs and Feline Animals) Regulations, 1953	The whole
Revised Laws, 1951-1953, Vol. II, page 285	Diseases of Animals (Poultry) Regulations, 1951-1953	The whole