

GOVERNMENT NOTICE No. 28

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 Anthrax Regulations, 1955.

2. (1) Every person having in his possession or under his charge any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with anthrax, or the carcase of an animal so affected or suspected, shall with all practicable speed give notice of the animal 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 animal or the carcase of any animal, is of opinion or suspects that such animal is, or was when it died or was slaughtered, affected with anthrax, 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 any 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 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 shall be taken in dealing with any animal affected with anthrax 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(4) A notice under paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall remain in force until withdrawn by a Withdrawal Notice in Form B in the Schedule to these Regulations.

4. The owner or occupier of any infected place shall—

(a) prevent access of any other animal—

(i) to any animal or carcase affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax;

(ii) to any part of the premises which has been exposed to infection by any animal or carcase affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax;

- (b) detain on the premises any animal affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax, and any other animal which has been in the same shed, stable, building, yard or field with any such animal;
 - (c) disinfect as soon as practicable with a five per cent. solution of Jeyes fluid or carbolic acid or such other antiseptic as the Inspector may in any particular case authorise any place where the animal or carcase has lain or where its blood or body discharges have escaped.
5. (1) No animal shall be moved into or out of, an infected place, except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector.
- (2) No animal shall be allowed to stray into or out of an infected place.
- (3) No carcase, litter, dung, fodder, utensil, pen, hurdle or other thing used in connection with any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with anthrax, shall be removed from an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector.
6. The carcase of every animal which dies within an infected place shall—
- (a) within twelve hours of death, be burnt within the infected place as near to the place where such animal died as practicable; or
 - (b) be buried with lime within the infected place in a pit not less than seven feet deep and such pit shall be dug as near to the place where such animal died as practicable and shall in no case be less than one hundred feet from any dwelling house, river, well, water course, drain or other channel.
7. No person, except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector, shall open any pit in which the carcase of any animal has been buried pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 6 of these Regulations or dig up or remove such carcase or any part thereof.
8. No person shall skin, open or in any way mutilate the carcase of any animal which died or is suspected to have died from anthrax:
- Provided, however, that the provisions of this Regulation shall not apply to any autopsy or diagnostic examination performed by, or on the instructions of, the Inspector.
9. No milk obtained from any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with anthrax shall be used as food either for human beings or for animals and any container in which such milk has been shall be thoroughly sterilized before being used for any other purpose.
10. Every occupier of an infected place shall at his own expense and in such manner as the Inspector shall direct, cleanse and disinfect—
- (a) all parts of any shed, stable, building, field or other place in which any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with anthrax has died or was slaughtered or was kept prior to its death or slaughter;
 - (b) every utensil, pen, hurdle or other thing used in connection with any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax.

11. (1) No person shall, in relation to any animal affected with or suspected of being affected with anthrax—

- (a) expose any such animal in any market, fair, sale yard or in any other place at which animals are exposed for sale;
- (b) place any such animal in any place adjacent to any market, fair, sale yard or other place at which animals are exposed for sale;
- (c) send or carry or cause to be sent or carried by rail, canal, inland navigable water or on any coasting vessel any such animal;
- (d) carry, lead or drive, or cause to be carried, led or driven, on any highway or thoroughfare, any such animal;
- (e) place, keep or graze, or permit to be placed, kept or grazed, on the sides of any public road or on any land adjoining a public road which is unfenced or insufficiently fenced, any such animal;
- (f) allow any such animal to stray on to a public road or on to the sides thereof or to be on un-enclosed land or in any field or place which is insufficiently fenced.

(2) In addition to any penalty recoverable against any person convicted of an offence against this Regulation, every animal found in any place in contravention of the provisions of this Regulation may be moved by or at the direction of the Inspector to some convenient place and there detained and isolated.

12. (1) Every owner of any animal within an infected place shall, if required by the Inspector and at his own risk and expense, cause such animal to be vaccinated, inoculated or otherwise treated in such manner and with such substances as the Inspector may direct.

(2) Every such owner shall comply with such directions as the Inspector may from time to time give with regard to the care, management and method of handling any such animal during and subsequent to the time of such vaccination, inoculation or other treatment.

(3) Every such owner shall from time to time report to the Inspector the number of animals which have been vaccinated, inoculated or otherwise treated and such report shall indicate the respective numbers of each type of animal and the date upon which each such animal was so treated.

13. 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.

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

SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Regulation 3)

ANTHRAX REGULATIONS, 1955

Notice declaring an Infected Place

WHEREAS notice has been received that there is (or has been) an animal (or carcase) which is affected with, or is suspected of being affected with, anthrax, at the premises known as.....and situate in the Ward of..... in the County of.....

Now, therefore, I hereby give you notice as the occupier of the aforesaid premises that the premises specified in the Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be an infected place and that until this notice is withdrawn or revoked by order of the Governor in Council it is unlawful for any person—

- (a) to move any animal into or out of the infected place except in accordance with the terms of a permit in writing granted by the Inspector;
(b) to allow any animal to come in contact or be associated with any animal affected with, or suspected of being affected with, anthrax.

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

(Signature)..... Inspector

DESCRIPTION OF INFECTED PLACE

Table with 3 columns: Premises, Ward, County

FORM B

(Regulation 3)

ANTHRAX 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.....

(Signature)..... 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