

1925, No. 1178.

(4071.)

The Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1925, and of every other power enabling him in this behalf, hereby orders as follows :—

Hay and Straw used as packing material.

1.—(1) No hay or straw, from any source, which has been used for packing purposes, shall be brought into contact with any animal in Great Britain, or be removed from any premises, except used as packing, or for the purposes of destruction. Hay or straw which has been used for packing purposes, if not so used again, shall be destroyed.

(2) No tree, shrub, plant, bulb, or other horticultural product which is packed in hay or straw shall be exposed for sale, or permitted to be stored, on any premises whilst such premises are being used for the purpose of the sale or exposure for sale of animals.

Meat Cloths, wrappings, &c.

2.—(1) No cloth, wrapping, sacking, or other material which has been used for or in connection with the wrapping of meat, meat products, offals, or other part of a carcase shall be brought into contact with any animal in Great Britain, unless and until it has been boiled or otherwise thoroughly sterilised after being so used.

(2) No box, crate, basket, or other receptacle which has been used for or in connection with the carriage of meat, meat products, offals, or other parts of a carcase (not being cooked or

preserved meats or meat essences) shall be brought into contact with any animal in Great Britain.

Offences.

3.—(1) If any person does any act in contravention of the provisions of this Order, or fails to do any act which he is by this Order required to do, he and the occupier of the premises on which any animal in respect of which any such act is done is kept, or on which there is a failure to do any act required by this Order to be done, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894. (a)

(2) If any tree, shrub, plant, bulb, or other horticultural product is exposed or stored in contravention of this Order, the person exposing the same, and the person permitting the same to be exposed or stored and the occupier of the premises, shall each according to and in respect of his own acts and defaults be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Local Authority to enforce Order.

4. The provisions of this Order shall be executed and enforced by the Local Authority.

Interpretation.

5. In this Order, " animals " means cattle, sheep, goats, other ruminating animals, and swine.

" Person " includes a body corporate or unincorporate.

" The Act of 1894 " means the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

Other terms have the same meaning as in the Act of 1894.

Commencement.

6. This Order shall come into operation on the nineteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

Short Title.

7. This Order may be cited as the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Packing Materials) Order of 1925.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries is hereunto affixed this sixteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

(L.S.)

F. L. C. Floud,
Secretary.