

Regulations shall have effect subject to the following further amendment :—

The 1st day of September, 1931, shall be substituted in Article 1 of the principal Regulations for the 1st day of January, 1931, as the date on which the Regulations shall come into operation so far as they relate to cream, or any article of food containing any preservative which is necessarily introduced by the use in its preparation of preserved cream.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, this 23rd day of December, in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

(L.S.)

D. L. Clarke,
Assistant Secretary.

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby consent to the foregoing Regulations, so far as they apply to the Officers of Customs and Excise.

Signed by Order of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

A. J. Delman,
Assistant Secretary for Customs and Excise.

Prevention of Epidemic, Endemic or Infectious Diseases.

THE PARROTS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORT) REGULATIONS NORTHERN IRELAND, 1930, DATED 25TH APRIL, 1930, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

1930, No. 52.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 148 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, (a) the Public Health Act, 1896, (b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with a view to preventing the spread of the infectious disease known as psittacosis, hereby makes the following Regulations, with the consent of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise, so far as they apply to the Officers of Customs and Excise, that is to say—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Parrots (Prohibition of Import) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1930, and shall come into operation on the Twentieth day of May, 1930.

(a) 41-42 V., c. 52.

(b) 59-60 V., c. 19.

2.—(1) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires :—

“ The Ministry ” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland ;

“ Sanitary Authority ” means a port sanitary authority and the Council of a borough or urban or rural district which includes or abuts on any part of a Customs port which part is not within the jurisdiction of a port sanitary authority ;

“ District ” means the district of a sanitary authority, and in the case of a sanitary authority other than a port sanitary authority includes the waters of any Customs port abutting on any part of their district so far as such waters are not within the district of a port sanitary authority ;

“ Ship ” includes a vessel, boat or aircraft ;

“ Master ” used in relation to a ship includes the officer or other person for the time being in charge or command of the ship ;

“ Medical officer of health ” means the medical officer of health of a sanitary authority or a registered medical practitioner temporarily acting in that capacity and includes any other officer authorised by the sanitary authority and acting under the instructions of the medical officer of health ;

“ Officer of Customs and Excise ” includes any person acting under the authority of the Commissioners of His Majesty’s Customs and Excise ;

“ Parrot ” means a bird of the species Psittaciformes, and includes any of the birds commonly called parrots, parrakeets, lovebirds, macaws, cockatoos, cockatiels, conures, caiques, lorries and lorikeets ;

“ Importer ” includes any person who, whether as owner, consignor or consignee, agent or broker, is in possession of or in any wise entitled to the custody or control of any parrot which is delivered or landed from a ship at any place in Northern Ireland ; and “ import ” shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, (a) applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Subject to such provisions of these Regulations as prescribe functions to be exercised by the proper officers of Customs and Excise and by the medical officer of health and any other officer of a sanitary authority, the sanitary authority shall enforce and execute these Regulations.

4. A person shall not import any parrot into Northern Ireland whether for sale or otherwise :

Provided that nothing in these Regulations shall be deemed to prohibit the importation of any parrot which is proved to the satisfaction of the medical officer of health to be required for purposes of medical or veterinary research, or which is consigned to a person for the time being specially authorised by the Ministry to import parrots otherwise than for sale.

5. The Master of every ship approaching any port shall, if he has reason to believe that a parrot is on board, bring these Regulations to the notice of the person having the custody or control of the parrot, and shall immediately on the arrival of the ship notify the proper officer of Customs and Excise accordingly.

6.—(1) Where it appears to the proper officer of Customs and Excise that there is a parrot on board, or if it comes to his notice that a parrot is being landed in contravention of these Regulations, he shall by a notice in writing given to the master or to the importer require that it shall not be removed from the place specified in the notice, without the consent in writing of the medical officer of health.

The proper Officer of Customs and Excise shall at the same time notify the medical officer of health of the serving of the notice.

(2) The medical officer of health on receiving a notice given by a proper officer of the Customs and Excise in pursuance of the foregoing paragraph of this Article, or on becoming aware in any other manner that a parrot is being imported in contravention of these Regulations, shall give a notice in writing to the importer forbidding its removal from the place specified in the notice for any purpose other than exportation, and stating that, unless, within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice, regard being had to the period during which the ship remains in port he gives to the Sanitary Authority a written undertaking to export the parrot at his own expense within three days or such longer period as the ship may remain in port, the parrot will be destroyed : Provided that where the parrot appears to the medical officer of health to be diseased or to be associated with cases of human illness he may in lieu of giving such notice cause it to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of to his satisfaction.

(3) If within the time specified in a notice given in pursuance of paragraph (2) of this article, the sanitary authority have not received such a written undertaking as is described in the notice or if within that time they have received an undertaking that the importer will at his own expense export the parrot, and the importer fails to export the parrot within the time specified in the undertaking the sanitary authority shall cause the parrot to be destroyed.

7. Where in pursuance of Article 6 the proper officer of Customs and Excise or the medical officer of health has given a notice

forbidding the removal of any parrot no person shall remove such parrot contrary to the terms of the notice except with the express permission of the medical officer of health.

8. A person shall, if so required, give to the proper officer of Customs and Excise and the medical officer of health acting in the execution of these Regulations, all reasonable assistance in his power, and shall, in relation to anything within his knowledge, furnish any such officer with all information he may reasonably require for the purpose of these Regulations, and a person, in relation to anything within his knowledge and material to any purpose of proceedings in pursuance of these Regulations, shall make a true statement and truly answer any question, when required or put by a competent authority in the course and for any purpose of those proceedings.

Given under the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs
for Northern Ireland this Twenty-fifth day of April,
in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirty.

(L.S.)

D. L. Clarke,
Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, N.I.

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise hereby consent to the foregoing Regulations so far as they apply to the Officers of Customs and Excise.

By Order of the Commissioners.

James Cook,
Assistant Secretary for the
Customs and Excise.

NOTE.—The Public Health Act, 1896, provides by sub-section (3) of Section 1 that if any person wilfully neglects or refuses to obey or carry out, or obstructs the execution of any regulation made under any of the enactments mentioned in that Act, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £100, and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further penalty not exceeding £50 for every day during which the offence continues.
