

## 1971 No. 1234

## ANTHRAX

## The Anthrax Prevention Order 1971

Made - - - - 28th July 1971

Coming into Operation 1st September 1971

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of July 1971

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 1 of the Anthrax Prevention Act 1919(a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

*Citation, commencement and revocation*

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Anthrax Prevention Order 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1971.

(2) The Order in Council dated 9th March 1921(b) regulating the importation of certain goods likely to be infected with anthrax, in so far as it relates to Great Britain, and the Anthrax Prevention (Goat Hair and Shaving Brushes) Order 1961(c) are hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

**2.**—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if this Order and the Orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“approved” means approved in writing for the time being for the purposes of this Order by the Secretary of State;

“China cashmere” includes cashmere produced in the Mongolian People's Republic;

“freight container” means a container in which goods may be transported, having fittings by which it can be moved by a lifting machine or appliance and having an internal volume of not less than 7 cubic metres;

“goat hair” includes goat wool and noils and other by-products in the production of tops and yarns made wholly or partly of goat hair;

“proper officer” means the proper officer within the meaning of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(e); and

“tops and yarns” includes sliver and rovings and other intermediate products.

(3) References in this Order to an enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment.

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(a) 1919 c. 23.

(c) S.I. 1961/2040 (1961 III, p. 3727).

(e) 1952 c. 44.

(b) S.R. & O. 1921/352 (1921 p. 38).

(d) 1889 c. 63.

*Declaration of infection with anthrax*

3. It is hereby declared that—

- (a) goat hair of whatever origin and all goods mixed therewith and tops and yarns made wholly or partly of goat hair; and
- (b) wool and animal hair produced in or exported from or through the United Arab Republic or the Sudan and all goods mixed therewith, are, with the exceptions specified in the Schedule to this Order, goods likely to be infected with anthrax.

*Prohibition of the importation of tops and yarns*

4.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Article, the importation into Great Britain, otherwise than merely for re-exportation by way of transshipment, or in the same ship, to a destination outside the United Kingdom, of tops and yarns made wholly or partly of goat hair is hereby prohibited.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this Article does not apply to goods of any kind specified in the Schedule to this Order.

*Conditions of the importation of certain goods*

5.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this Article, the importation into Great Britain of goat hair, or of goods mixed therewith, and of wool or animal hair produced in or exported from or through the United Arab Republic or the Sudan, or of goods mixed therewith, is hereby prohibited—

- (a) except at the ports of Liverpool, Hull, Harwich, Felixstowe and Dover;
- (b) unless, in the case of goods imported at Harwich, Felixstowe and Dover, the packages containing the goods are inside freight containers; and
- (c) unless, in all cases, the condition or conditions specified respectively in paragraph (2) or (3) of this Article are complied with.

(2) The said condition is, in the case of goods which are imported solely for re-exportation by means of transshipment, or in the same ship, to a destination outside the United Kingdom, that they shall be so re-exported.

(3) The said conditions in any other case are the following—

- (a) that the goods shall be completely enclosed in packings or wrappings so as to reduce as far as practicable the risk of infection from anthrax;
- (b) that all packages containing any such goods (other than packages inside freight containers) shall, when landed, be placed together and shall not be mixed with any other goods;
- (c) that the goods shall be consigned to a factory in Great Britain which is approved for the disinfection of goods of the kinds specified in paragraph (1) of this Article;
- (d) that the importer shall, if so required by the proper officer, give such security by bond or otherwise for the due removal of the goods to the said factory as the officer may require; and
- (e) that all packages containing wool or animal hair produced in or exported from or through the United Arab Republic or the Sudan, or goods mixed therewith, shall be prominently and legibly marked with the words "UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC" or "SUDAN" as the case may be.

(4) This Article does not apply to goods of any kind specified in the Schedule to this Order or to samples of goods completely enclosed in packings or wrappings so as to reduce as far as practicable the risk of infection from anthrax.

*W. G. Agnew.*

Articles 3, 4(2) and 5(4) SCHEDULE  
GOODS TO WHICH THE PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTATION DO NOT  
APPLY

1. Cashmere yarns which have been bleached and dyed.
2. Mohair yarns.
3. Mohair tops originating from the United States of America or the Republic of South Africa which are imported in unbroken bales as originally shipped from the country of origin and which—
  - (a) if shipped from the country of origin to Great Britain, are shipped direct or, if transhipped at an intermediate port, are shipped on a through bill of lading which is produced to the proper officer; or
  - (b) if shipped to Great Britain from a port other than a port in the country of origin, are proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State or some person authorised by the Secretary of State in that behalf to be mohair tops originating from the United States of America or the Republic of South Africa (as the case may be).
4. China cashmere (other than dehaired China cashmere to which paragraph 5 of this Schedule applies) which is imported in unbroken bales as originally shipped from the People's Republic of China and which—
  - (a) if shipped from a port in the People's Republic of China to Great Britain, is shipped direct or, if transhipped at an intermediate port, is shipped on a through bill of lading which is produced to the proper officer; or
  - (b) if shipped to Great Britain from a port other than a port in the People's Republic of China, is proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State or some person authorised by the Secretary of State in that behalf to be China cashmere and to have been shipped from the People's Republic of China.
5. Dehaired China cashmere which is accompanied by an approved certificate to show that it is China cashmere.
6. Mohair (other than Van mohair) which is imported in unbroken bales as originally shipped from the country of origin and which—
  - (a) if shipped from the country of origin to Great Britain, is shipped direct or, if transhipped at an intermediate port, is shipped on a through bill of lading which is produced to the proper officer; or
  - (b) if shipped to Great Britain from a port other than a port in the country of origin, is proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State or some person authorised by the Secretary of State in that behalf not to be Van mohair.
7. Material of a kind mentioned in Article 5(1) which is accompanied by an approved certificate to show that it has been disinfected abroad in an approved manner and of which a sample has under approved arrangements been tested and found to be free from anthrax.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order prohibits the importation into Great Britain, with specified exceptions, of tops and yarns made wholly or partly of goat hair.

The Order also prohibits the importation into Great Britain, with specified exceptions, of goat hair and goods mixed therewith and of any wool or animal hair produced in or exported from or through the United Arab Republic or the Sudan and goods mixed therewith, unless specified conditions are complied with, including a condition that the goods shall be consigned to a factory in Great Britain approved by the Secretary of State for the disinfection of such goods.

This Order supersedes the Order in Council dated 9th March 1921 regulating the importation of certain goods likely to be infected with anthrax and the Anthrax Prevention (Goat Hair and Shaving Brushes) Order 1961. The 1961 Order, which relates only to Great Britain, is revoked and the 1921 Order is revoked in so far as it relates to Great Britain.

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