STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 945

ANIMALS

DISEASES OF ANIMALS

The Brucellosis Melitensis (Amendment) Order 1977

Made -25th May 1977 Coming into Operation 1st July 1977

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State acting jointly, in relation to England and Wales, and the Secretary of State, in relation to Scotland, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 85(1) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1950(a), and now vested in them by Article 7(1) of the Transfer of Functions (Animal Health) Order 1955(b), and of all their other enabling powers, hereby order as follows:-

Citation, extent and commencement

1. This order, which may be cited as the Brucellosis Melitensis (Amendment) Order 1977, shall apply throughout Great Britain, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) This order shall be construed as one with the Brucellosis Melitensis Order of 1940(c), as amended(d), hereinafter referred to as "the principal order".
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Amendment of principal order

3. The principal order shall be amended by the insertion, after Article 10 thereof, of the following Article:-

"Application of order

- 10A.—(1) The provisions of this order shall not apply in relation to approved premises, within the meaning of the Importation of Animals Order 1977(f), and shall apply in relation to imported animals only-
 - (a) from the time specified in the licence issued in respect of those animals under Article 11(5) of that order; or
 - (b) where the existence or suspected existence of disease in any part of Great Britain makes it expedient that no such licence should be issued for the time being, from the time when those animals have

⁽a) 1950 c. 36. (b) S.I. 1955/958 (1955 I, p. 1184). (c) S.R. & O. 1940/1251 (Rev. II, p. 468: 1940 I, p. 65). (d) S.R. & O. 1942/143 (Rev. II, p. 468: 1942 I, p. 17). (e) 1889 c. 63. (f) S.I. 1977/944 (1977 II, p.2631).

completed the period of detention in quarantine required under the provisions of that order or, as the case may be, have been rested at an approved reception centre for the period so required.

(2) For the purposes of this Article 'animals' means cattle, sheep, goats and swine.".

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 23rd May 1977.

(L.S.)

John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

25th May 1977.

Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the order.)

This order amends the Brucellosis Melitensis Order of 1940 to take account of the provisions of the Importation of Animals Order 1977. The effect of the amendment is to ensure that the provisions of the 1940 Order do not apply to approved premises at which imported animals are detained in quarantine or rested before proceeding to their final destination in Great Britain, and that those provisions shall only apply to such animals from the time when they are licensed to be released from approved premises under the 1977 Order, or would be so licensed but for the existence or suspected existence of disease in some part of Great Britain.

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