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THE CATTLE BRUCELLOSIS CONTROL REGULATIONS 1966

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 2nd day of November 1966

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Stock Act 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Cattle Brucellosis Control Regulations 1966.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of December 1966.

2. (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Director-General” means the Director-General of Agriculture:

“Inspector” means an Inspector under the Stock Act 1908:

“Maximum specified age”,—

(a) In relation to any female dairy calf, means its age on the day eight months after the date of its birth:

(b) In relation to any female beef calf and any female dairy-beef crossbred calf, means its age on the day 10 months after the date of its birth.

(2) For the purposes of these regulations a calf shall be deemed to attain the age of four months at the beginning of the day four months after the date of its birth.

3. It shall be the duty of the owner, and the person in charge, for the time being, of every female calf that has attained the age of four months but has not passed the maximum specified age to cause the calf to be vaccinated against brucellosis, with a vaccine and in a manner approved by the Director-General, before the expiration of the day on which the calf attains the maximum specified age.

4. Every person who is the owner, or in charge of, any female calf at any time on the day on which the calf attains the maximum specified age commits an offence against these regulations if he wilfully fails or neglects to ensure that the calf has been vaccinated as aforesaid against brucellosis before the expiration of that day.

5. Except with the written consent of the Chief Inspector of Stock, no person shall administer bovine brucella vaccine to any cattle, except to female calves that have attained the age of four months but have not passed the maximum specified age.

6. No person other than a registered veterinary surgeon or an Inspector shall administer bovine brucella vaccine.

7. Where any calf is vaccinated in accordance with these regulations, the owner or person in charge of the calf shall cause it to be identified at the time of the vaccination in the manner required by the Director-General.

8. An Inspector may give to the owner or person in charge of any calves that are due to be vaccinated in accordance with these regulations notice in writing, at least 14 days before the day specified in the notice, requiring him to muster, on a day and at a time and place specified in the notice, all calves which he has a duty under these regulations to cause to be vaccinated.

9. Where the owner or person in charge of any calves to which any such notice relates fails without reasonable cause to muster them in accordance with the notice, an Inspector may cause the calves to be mustered at the expense of the owner, and the amount of the expense shall be recoverable from the owner as a debt due to the Crown.

10. Where a registered veterinary surgeon or an Inspector vaccinates any calves of any owner in accordance with these regulations, he shall, at the time of the vaccination, issue to the owner a certificate of vaccination in the form set out in the Schedule hereto.

11. Where a registered veterinary surgeon or an Inspector issues a certificate of vaccination as aforesaid, he shall, within 14 days thereafter, forward a copy of the certificate to the nearest office of the Department of Agriculture.

12. No person shall slaughter any calf for human consumption within two months after the date on which it was vaccinated as aforesaid for brucellosis.

13. Every person who wilfully fails to comply with or wilfully acts in contravention of any provision of regulations 5, 6, 7, and 12 hereof commits an offence against these regulations.

14. (1) Any owner of cattle may, at his own expense, arrange for the voluntary testing of his herd for brucellosis, through any registered veterinary surgeon.

(2) Where such a brucellosis test shows that any animal is affected with brucellosis, the owner shall dispose of the animal by slaughter at a time convenient to him and shall not otherwise dispose of it. Every person who wilfully fails to comply with or wilfully acts in contravention of this subclause commits an offence against these regulations.

15. Every registered veterinary surgeon shall keep records of all brucellosis testing carried out in accordance with these regulations, and shall make these available to officers of the Department of Agriculture at all reasonable times when required.

16. Every person who commits an offence against these regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.

