

addition to any other charges a fee not exceeding the sum of 2s. per hour or portion thereof shall be charged for supervision. Minimum fee, 2s.

*Depreciation or Injury of Imported Plants.*

Any loss occasioned during the removal, handling, or treatment of any imported plant under the direction of a quarantine officer shall be borne by the owner of such plant, and he shall have no claim whatever against the Commonwealth for compensation for any such loss.

*Disposal of Plants and Packing seized under the Quarantine Act.*

Any plant or goods, together with any case, package, or packing-material, seized under the provisions of section 68 of the Act shall be removed to a quarantine-station, and if their introduction is not absolutely prohibited under the Act they may, after due detention and treatment, and provided that, in the opinion of the Chief Quarantine Officer, there is no danger to be apprehended by their introduction, be sold; otherwise they shall be destroyed.

*Penalty for Breach of Regulations.*

Except in those cases where a penalty is specially provided in the Act for any offence against the Act or breach of the regulations made thereunder, the penalty for a breach of any of the regulations of this Part shall be a sum not exceeding £50.

*Restrictions on the Introduction into Australia of Animals, Hides and Skins, Wool, Hair, Animal-manures, &c., from New Zealand.—Notice No. 1800.*

Department of Agriculture, Industries, and Commerce,  
Wellington, 21st September, 1915.

THE following summary of restrictions imposed by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia on the introduction of animals, hides and skins, wool, hair, animal-manures, &c., into that country is published for general information.

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DEFINITIONS.

"DISEASE," in relation to animals, means glanders, farcy, pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa, foot-and-mouth disease, rinderpest, anthrax, Texas or tick fever, hog-cholera, swine-plague, mange, scab, surra, dourine, rabies, tuberculosis, actinomycosis, variola ovina, cattle-tick, camel-tick, horse-tick, sheep-tick, sheep-lice, epizootic lymphangitis, influenza, mal de cadenas, nagana (tsetse-fly disease), warbles, swine-erysipelas, trichinosis, fowl-cholera, fowl-diphtheria (roup), trypanosomiasis, Johne's disease, or any other disease declared by the Governor-General by Proclamation to be a disease affecting animals.

"Quarantine officer" means an officer dealing with the quarantine of imported animals.

"Chief Quarantine Officer" means the chief officer dealing with the quarantine of animals in any State.

"Importer" includes owner or consignee, or the agent for the owner or consignee.

"Australian vessel" means a vessel which does not voyage or ply to or from any place outside Australia.

"Oversea vessel" means any vessel other than an Australian vessel.

PORTS OF ENTRY.

No person shall land any imported animals or plants in any port or place in Australia except a port declared by Proclamation to be a port where the imported animals or plants may be landed. Penalty, £100.

The following have been declared ports where imported animals may be landed:—

New South Wales . . . . .	..	Sydney.
Victoria . . . . .	..	Melbourne.
Queensland . . . . .	..	Brisbane, Townsville.
South Australia . . . . .	..	Port Adelaide.
Western Australia . . . . .	..	Fremantle.
Tasmania . . . . .	..	Hobart.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF QUARANTINE ACT.

No imported animals or plants, and no hay, straw, fodder, litter, fittings, clothing, utensils, appliances, or packages used on any vessel in connection with imported animals or plants shall, until released from quarantine, be moved, dealt with, or interfered with except by authority and in accordance with this Act and the regulations. Penalty, £100.

No imported animals or plants, and no hay, straw, fodder, litter, fittings, clothing, utensils, appliances, or packages used on any vessel in connection with imported animals or plants shall be landed or removed from the vessel until a permit for their landing or removal from the vessel has been granted by a quarantine officer.

A quarantine officer prescribed for the purpose shall make a careful inspection of all imported animals before they are delivered to the importer.

If the imported animals (other than camels, horses, or dogs) come from a country declared by the Governor-General by Proclamation to be free from disease affecting animals of the kind of those imported, and are accompanied by a certificate of an approved veterinary surgeon at the port of shipment, certifying that he had examined the animals prior to their shipment and that they then were in good health and free from disease, and the quarantine officer has reported to the Minister that he is satisfied that during the voyage they have not suffered from any disease or been exposed to infection, and were free from disease at the time of landing, and that there is no danger of their introducing any disease, he may, subject to the regulations, give to the importer a certificate to that effect, and may allow them to be delivered to the importer without being required to perform quarantine.

If any imported animal is not suffering from any disease, the quarantine officer may, subject to the regulations, permit the animal to leave the ship, or, if it has been ordered into quarantine, the quarantine-station under quarantine surveillance.

An animal under quarantine surveillance shall continue thereunder for such period as is prescribed, and shall be treated and dealt with as prescribed, and the owner or person in charge of the animal shall during such period comply with the regulations relating to quarantine surveillance of animals, and a quarantine officer may, at any time during such period, order the animal into quarantine.

In all other cases a quarantine officer shall order the imported animals into quarantine.

A quarantine officer may examine, and order into quarantine, any animals or plants declared by Proclamation to be subject to quarantine.

The expenses connected with the examination of any animals or plants or goods, and of their conveyance to a quarantine-station, and of their detention, maintenance, and treatment in quarantine, or under quarantine surveillance, shall be paid by the importer or owner of the animals or plants or goods to the Commonwealth, and shall be a charge upon the animals or plants or goods.

A quarantine officer may refuse to grant a permit for the landing or removal of any animals or plants or goods until security is given to his satisfaction for payment of the expenses payable to the Commonwealth under this section.

REGULATIONS.

*Importation of Animals.*

Not less than seven days' notice of the arrival of any animal from any country except New Zealand shall be given by the importer to the Chief Quarantine Officer of the State.

In the case of any animal from New Zealand, not less than three days' notice shall be given by the importer.

The owner or consignor of any imported animal or animal to be imported shall forward with any such animal, to be delivered to the Chief Quarantine Officer prior to the landing of the animal, declarations, certificates, notices, and permits as follows:—

In the case of any horse, ass, or mule from New Zealand:—

(1.) A declaration from the owner, certifying—

(a.) That the animal has been free from disease during the six months next preceding the date of shipment;

(b.) That it has not been in contact with any animal suffering from disease during the six months next preceding the date of shipment.

(2.) A certificate by a Government Veterinary Surgeon—

(a.) That the animal is free from disease; and

(b.) That he has knowledge that the animal has not been within any country from which the importation of horses into Australia is prohibited under the Commonwealth of Australia Quarantine Act within the three years next preceding the date of shipment.

In the case of cattle from New Zealand:—

(1.) A declaration from a Government Veterinary Surgeon, certifying that the animal is free from disease, and that it has been located in New Zealand for not less than sixty days next preceding shipment.

(2.) A tuberculin-test certificate by a qualified surgeon. The certificate shall state, *inter alia*, the date on which the test was applied.