

and that where fishing-lights are carried by a trawler, crossing steamers not encumbered should know that the encumbered vessel is there and is encumbered, and that they should direct their operations accordingly." (Sir Samuel Evans.)

Examiners and candidates should carefully bear in mind the interpretation of the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea given in these judgments.

H. LLEWELLYN SMITH, Secretary.

WALTER J. HOWELL, Assistant Secretary.

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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 8th May, 1912.

With reference to my predecessor's circular despatch of the 19th September, 1907, I have the honour to transmit to you, to be laid before your Ministers, copies of an order which has been made by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, entitled the "Horses (Importation and Transit) Order of 1912," together with a copy of a letter from the Board explaining its provisions.

I have, &c.

L. HARCOURT.

Governor the Right Hon. Lord Islington, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., &c.]

Enclosures.

SIR,—

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries,
4 Whitehall Place, London S.W., 25th April, 1912.

I am directed by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to advert to Sir C. P. Lucas's letter of the 11th September, 1907 (No. 30845/1907), as to the restrictions imposed by article 2 of the Glanders or Farcy Order of 1907, on the importation of horses, asses, and mules into Great Britain from abroad; and I am to send to you, for the information of the Secretary of State, the enclosed copies of a new order which has been made by the Board, entitled the "Horses (Importation and Transit) Order of 1912." Chapter I of this order deals solely with the importation of horses, asses, and mules into Great Britain from any other country except Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, and supersedes as from the 1st January next the requirements of article 2 of the Glanders or Farcy Order of 1907. The operation of this part of the order has been deferred until the 1st January next, in order to allow sufficient time for the new regulations to become widely known to all concerned in the trade, and for the necessary arrangements to be made at the various ports in Great Britain at which horses, asses, and mules are landed. Briefly, Chapter I of the new order provides for the detention and testing by mallein of all horses, asses, and mules landed from abroad, except such as may be exempted for special reasons under licenses issued by the Board. It also contains provisions designed to prevent the introduction into Great Britain of the following equine diseases as well as glanders (including farcy)—namely, epizootic and ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine horse-pox, sarcoptic and psoroptic mange, influenza, ringworm, and strangles.

Chapter II of the order deals with the carriage of horses, asses, and mules by water, and lays down certain requirements as to the fittings, &c., of vessels on which such animals are carried to or from any port in Great Britain; and Chapter IV relates, *inter alia*, to the cleansing and disinfection of such vessels. The provisions of the Exportation of Horses Order of 1898 are superseded by these requirements, but the statutory requirements of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1910, and the provisions of the Exportation of Horses Order of 1910 (No. 2) made by the Board thereunder, as to the veterinary examination, with certain exceptions, at the port of embarkation of horses, asses, or mules intended to be exported to the Continent of Europe, are in no way affected.

The whole order except Chapter I (importation) will come into operation on the 1st July this year.

With a view to secure that the provisions of Chapters I and II of the order and the relative requirements of Chapter IV may be widely published amongst all concerned, the Board would be obliged if the Secretary of State would be so good as to cause copies of the order to be distributed to the various colonial Governments.

The Board will cause the requisite number of copies of the order to be sent to you for the above purpose on hearing what number will be required.

The Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

I am, &c.,

T. H. ELLIOTT, Secretary.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DATED 22ND APRIL, 1912.—HORSES (IMPORTATION AND TRANSIT) ORDER OF 1912.

THE Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1911, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—