

General Power of Detention.

8. If it appears to the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise, with respect to any foreign horse, ass, or mule, or with respect to any carcase of a foreign horse, ass, or mule, that disease may be thereby introduced, he may seize and detain the same; and he shall forthwith report the facts to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, who may give such directions as they think fit, either for the slaughter or destruction or the further detention thereof or for the delivery thereof to the owner on such conditions, if any (including payment by the owner of expenses incurred by them in respect of detention thereof), as they think fit.

Meaning of "Disease" and "Local Authority."

9. In this chapter the expression "disease" means glanders (including farcy), epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine, horse-pox, sarcoptic mange, psoroptic mange, influenza, ringworm, or strangles, and the expression "local authority" means the local authority of the port of landing for the purpose of the provisions of the Act of 1894 relating to foreign animals.

Effect of Chapter on Existing Orders.

10. Any order of the Board which deals with any of the above-mentioned diseases shall, in relation to a horse, ass, or mule detained under this chapter, be modified by the terms of this chapter.

CHAPTER II.—CARRIAGE BY WATER.

Carriage by Water of Unfit Horses, &c.

11. No horse, ass, or mule shall be permitted by the owner thereof, or his agent, or any person in charge thereof, to be embarked in a vessel for carriage thereon from any port in Great Britain if, owing to infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause, it cannot be carried without unnecessary suffering during the intended passage.

Notification by Inspectors of Unfitness of Horses, &c., for Conveyance.

12. Where an Inspector of the Board or of a local authority is of opinion that a horse, ass, or mule intended to be carried on a vessel from any port in Great Britain cannot, owing to infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause, be so carried without unnecessary suffering, he may serve a notice to that effect on the person in charge of the animal, and also, when practicable, on the master of the vessel; and until such notice is withdrawn by an Inspector it shall be unlawful to carry the animal on a vessel, and if the animal is carried in contravention of this article the person in charge thereof, and the master of the vessel, where the notice has been served on the master, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Provisions as to Vessels carrying Horses, &c.

13. The provisions of this article shall apply to all vessels on which horses, asses, or mules are carried to or from any port in Great Britain.

Fittings of Vessels.

(i.) Each horse, ass, or mule shall be carried in a separate box or stall, except that brood mares, ponies, asses, mules, and unbroken horses, and horses in charge of special attendants, may be carried in pens. Boxes, stalls, and pens shall be of sufficient size, and shall be so constructed as to be of a substantial character, and of sufficient strength to withstand the action of the weather and to resist the weight of any animal that may be thrown against them. A movable box shall be so secured as to prevent its displacement by the motion of the vessel.

(ii.) The floor of each box, stall, or pen shall, in order to prevent slipping, be fitted with suitable battens, and be strewn with a proper quantity of sand or other suitable substance.

(iii.) The vessel shall be provided with sufficient and suitable means for slinging the animals carried.

(iv.) The fittings or other parts of a vessel, box, stall, or pen likely to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to horses, asses, or mules shall be properly and securely fenced off or padded, as the case may require.

(v.) Horses, asses, and mules while on a vessel shall be protected against injury or unnecessary suffering from undue exposure to the weather.

Ventilation.

(vi.) All parts of the vessel in or on which horses, asses, or mules are carried shall be sufficiently and suitably ventilated. All such parts, if below deck, shall, in addition to any ventilation obtained by means of the hatchways, be provided with sufficient and suitable ventilators for the removal of foul air and for the admission of a proper supply of fresh air to all the animals carried.

Light.

(vii.) All parts of the vessel over which the horses, asses, or mules pass, or in which they are carried, shall be properly lighted, and arrangements shall be made for the provision at all times of adequate light for the proper tending of the animals.