

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

17. Where an Inspector of the Board or of a local authority is of opinion that a horse, ass, or mule intended to be carried by railway 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in charge of the animal, and also, when practicable, on an officer of the railway company; and until such notice is withdrawn by an Inspector it shall be unlawful to carry the animal by railway, and if the animal is carried in contravention of this article the person in charge thereof, and the railway company, where the notice has been served on an officer of the company, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Act of 1894.

Construction of Trucks, &c., used for Carriage of Horses, &c.

18. (1.) No horse, ass, or mule shall be carried by railway in a truck or other vehicle which is not in accordance with the provisions of this article.

(2.) Every truck or other vehicle shall be provided at each end with spring buffers, and the floor thereof, in order to prevent slipping, shall be fitted with battens or other proper footholds, or be strewn with a proper quantity of litter or sand or other proper substance.

(3.) The battens in a truck or other vehicle (other than a horse-box) shall be placed across the vehicle, except between the doorways, where they shall be placed lengthways.

(4.) Every truck or other vehicle (other than a horse-box) shall be so constructed as to admit of ventilation and inspection at the floor-level.

(5.) Every truck or other vehicle shall be so constructed that the interior thereof shall be free from any boltheads, angles, or other projections likely to cause suffering to animals carried therein.

(6.) Every falling loading-door, and every gangway, passage-way, loading or unloading board, shall be fitted with longitudinal battens or other proper footholds.

(7.) Every truck for carrying horses, asses, or mules, built after the 1st day of March, 1904, shall be fitted with a roof, and with falling loading-doors of a pattern approved by the Board, and all internal projections shall be rounded.

(8.) Every truck or other vehicle shall be so constructed as to permit of its being cleansed and disinfected in manner prescribed by this order.

Overcrowding.

19. A railway company shall not allow any railway-truck or other railway-vehicle used for carrying horses, asses, or mules on the railway, or any compartment thereof, to be overcrowded so as to cause injury or unnecessary suffering to the animals therein.

CHAPTER IV.—CLEANSING AND DISINFECTION.

Vessels.

20. (1.) A vessel used for carrying horses, asses, or mules by sea, or on a canal, river, or inland navigation, shall, after the landing of such animals therefrom at any port in Great Britain, and before the taking on board of any other such animal or other cargo, be cleansed and disinfected as follows:—

(i.) All parts of the vessel with which any such animal or its droppings have come in contact shall be scraped and swept, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water, and then have applied to them a coating of lime-wash, or be otherwise disinfected in the manner hereinafter prescribed; provided that the application of lime-wash shall not be compulsory as regards such parts of a vessel as are used for passengers or the crew.

(ii.) All fittings, pens, hurdles, or utensils used for or about the animals shall, if not permanently removed from the vessel, be scraped, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water, and then have applied to them a coating of lime-wash, or be otherwise disinfected in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

(2.) The scrapings and sweepings of the vessel shall not be landed unless and until they have been well mixed with quicklime.

(3.) In the case of a ferry-boat or other vessel which makes short and frequent passages across a river or an arm of the sea or other water it shall be sufficient if the ferry-boat or vessel be cleansed and disinfected once in every period of twelve hours within which it is so used.

Fodder and Litter.

21. All partly consumed or broken fodder that has been supplied to, and all litter that has been used for or about, horses, asses, or mules carried by sea, or on a canal, river, or inland navigation, shall, if and when landed from the vessel, be forthwith well mixed with quicklime and be effectually removed from contact with horses, asses, or mules.

Movable Gangways and other Apparatus.

22. (1.) A movable gangway, passage-way, cage, or other apparatus used for the loading or unloading of horses, asses, or mules on or from a vessel, or otherwise used in connection with the transit of such animals by sea, or on a canal, river, or inland navigation, or used for the loading or unloading of such animals on or from a railway-truck or other railway-vehicle, or otherwise used in connection with the transit of such animals on a railway, shall as soon as practicable after being so used be cleansed as follows: The apparatus shall be scraped and swept so as effectually to remove therefrom all dung, litter, and other matter, and then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water.