

Shipments of these tongues, however, are from time to time made from New Zealand to this country, and as foot-and-mouth disease does not exist in the Dominion the High Commissioner trusts that the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order of 1913, of the 15th ultimo, may be amended by the inclusion of New Zealand in the schedule of countries exempted from the operation of the Order.

I am, &c.,

C. WRAY PALLISER,

Secretary to the Department.

The Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 4 Whitehall Place, S.W.

SIR,—

Westminster Chambers, 13 Victoria Street, London S.W., 29th May, 1913.

Referring to my letter of the 2nd instant, and yours of the 25th ultimo numbered as above, with regard to the Importation (Raw Tongues) Order of 1913, I am directed by the High Commissioner to inquire whether you are able now to inform him that New Zealand has been included in the schedule of countries exempted from the operation of the Order.

I am, &c.,

C. WRAY PALLISER,

Secretary to the Department.

The Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, 4 Whitehall Place, S.W.

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DATED THE 21ST MARCH, 1912.—FOREIGN HAY AND STRAW 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 :—

*Prohibition of Landing of Hay and Straw.*

1. The landing in Great Britain of hay or straw brought from any country out of the United Kingdom which is not mentioned in the schedule to this Order is hereby prohibited, except as herein-after expressly provided.

*Exceptions.*

2. (1.) This Order shall not apply to—

- (a.) Hay or straw which at the time of importation is being used for packing merchandise ; or
- (b.) Manufactured straw not intended for use as fodder or litter for animals ; or
- (c.) Hay or straw which is landed at a foreign-animals wharf for the purpose of being there destroyed or otherwise disposed of in accordance with any instructions given by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries ; or
- (d.) Hay or straw which is authorized to be landed for use otherwise than as fodder or litter for animals by a license granted by an Inspector or other officer of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, which license shall contain such conditions as in the opinion of the Board are necessary to prevent the introduction of disease by the hay or straw.

(2.) The expression “ animals ” means horses, asses, and mules ; cattle, sheep, goats, and all other ruminating animals ; and swine.

*Offences.*

3. (1.) If any hay or straw shall be landed in contravention of this Order, the owner thereof, and the owner and the lessee and the occupier of the place of landing, and the person causing, directing, or permitting the landing, and the owner and the charterer and the master of the vessel from which the same is landed, shall, each according to and in respect of his own acts or defaults, be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

(2.) If any person does any act in contravention of a condition imposed by a license under this Order he shall be deemed guilty of an offence under the said Act.

*Revocation of Orders.*

4. The Foreign Hay and Straw Order of 1908 and any Order amending that Order are hereby revoked, and any license under any Order hereby revoked shall have effect as a license under this Order.

*Commencement.*

5. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1912.

*Short Title.*

6. This Order may be cited as the Foreign Hay and Straw Order of 1912.

In witness whereof the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries have hereunto set their official seal this 21st day of March, 1912.

T. H. ELLIOTT, Secretary.