

CHAPTER 211

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS

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CHAPTER 211**FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS**
(Section 11)

- Short title. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the
- FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE REGULATIONS.**
- Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations –
- “Act” means the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act.
- “animal” means any horse, ass, mule, ox, sheep, goat or other ruminating animal or pig;
- “carcass” means the carcass of an animal, and includes part of the carcass or of the meat, bones, hide, skin, hoofs, horns, offal or other part of an animal;
- “diseased animal” means an animal affected with foot and mouth disease;
- “inspector” means an inspector or an assistant inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act;
- “suspected animal” means an animal suspected of being affected with foot and mouth disease.
- Notification of disease. 3. (1) Every person –
- (a) having, or having had in his possession or under his charge, any animal or carcass affected with or suspected of being affected with foot and mouth disease, or

- (b) who suspects by reason of the appearance or behaviour of any animal (the ownership of which cannot be immediately established) that such animal is, or was at the time of its death, affected or suspected of being affected with foot and mouth disease,

shall within twenty-four hours give notice of such animal or such carcass being or having been so affected or suspected, to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(2) Every veterinary surgeon who examines any animal or carcass of any animal and is of opinion or suspects that such animal or carcass is affected with foot and mouth disease, or was so affected when it died or was slaughtered, shall within twenty-four hours give notice of the affection or suspicion of affection to the constable in charge of the nearest police station.

(3) Every such constable, upon the receipt of such notice shall—

- (a) forthwith transmit the information by telegram to the Chief Agricultural Officer;
- (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter confirm in writing to the Chief Agricultural Officer the transmission by telegram of such information, and
- (c) inform the Medical Officer of Health.

4. (1) Where pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph (3) of regulation 3 of these Regulations, the Chief Agricultural Officer receives such information or has reasonable grounds for suspecting that foot and mouth disease exists, or has within fifty-six days existed, on any premises, he shall forthwith cause a notice in the Form A in the Schedule to these Regulations to be served

Declaration of infected place.

on the occupier of any premises whereon such animal is or with respect to which such suspicion exists.

(2) Upon service of such notice the place therein specified shall become an infected place subject to confirmation or otherwise by the Minister under the provisions of the Act, and the Chief Agricultural Officer shall immediately cause an inspector to proceed to the place to which such notice refers, and there make a full investigation of all the circumstances; and such inspector shall forthwith report thereon to the Chief Agricultural Officer, who shall submit a report to the Minister:

Provided that the Chief Agricultural Officer may at any time within twenty-one days of such service, and before such confirmation or otherwise, withdraw such notice and thereupon such place shall cease to be an infected place.

(3) For the purposes of his enquiries an inspector may enter on any part of the premises and he may take therefrom any specimen he may require for the purposes of analysis, and the occupier of the premises and persons in his employment shall render such reasonable assistance to such inspector as may be required.

(4) Every inspector before entering any premises in which foot and mouth disease exists or is suspected to exist shall put on suitable boots and overall clothing which are capable of being disinfected, and immediately before leaving such premises thoroughly disinfect his boots, overall clothing and hands.

Withdrawal
notice.

5. Subject as hereinafter provided the rules, applied to premises declared to be infected places under regulation 4 of these Regulations, shall remain in force until such notice is withdrawn by a further notice in the Form B of the Schedule to these Regulations served on the occupier of the place by an inspector. Notice of the serving of a notice in the Form B shall be sent to the officer in charge of the nearest police station and to the local medical officer of

health.

6. (1) Where an inspector has caused a notice in Form A to be issued under regulation 4 (1) of these Regulations it shall thereupon be unlawful for any person to move any animal out of the area lying within a radius of five miles from the place of the suspected outbreak, or along, over or across a highway, road or lane in such area except where the movement, being movement entirely within the area, is necessary or expedient for the detention of the animal:

Restriction on movement of animals about infected place.

Provided that an inspector may by a licence in the Form C of the Schedule to these Regulations and subject to such conditions as are set out in such licence authorise movement of animals which is otherwise prohibited by this regulation in any case where in his opinion such movement is necessary or expedient, and the movement is wholly within the area in which movement is prohibited by this regulation, and thereupon it shall be lawful to move the animals in accordance with the licence.

(2) Dogs and poultry in the area lying within a radius of five miles from an infected place shall be kept under control by being -

- (a) confined to a kennel, pen or other enclosure from which they cannot escape; or
- (b) effectively secured to some fixed object; or
- (c) accompanied by the owner or some responsible person deputed by him and under the effectual control of such owner or person.

7. (1) Any place or premises declared to be an infected place under regulation 4 of these Regulations shall be subject to the following rules -

Rules to be observed in infected place.

Rule 1. No cloven-hoofed animal shall be moved into or out of an infected place except under the terms of a licence granted by an inspector.

- Rule 2. No horse, ass or mule shall be moved out of an infected place unless it has been disinfected to the satisfaction of an inspector and in accordance with a licence granted by the inspector.
- Rule 3. No carcass shall be moved out of an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a licence granted by an inspector.
- Rule 4. No live poultry, rabbit, dog, cat or other animal or any portion of the carcass of such animal or poultry shall be removed out of an infected place except in accordance with the conditions set out in a licence granted by an inspector.
- Rule 5. No fodder, litter, dung, utensil, vehicle or other thing shall be removed from an infected place except in accordance with the terms of a licence issued by an inspector.
- Rule 6. All liquid manure, urine or shed washings shall be thoroughly disinfected to the satisfaction of an inspector before being permitted to escape from any shed, yard or other place in which a suspected or diseased animal is or has recently been kept.
- Rule 7. No person other than an inspector shall enter or leave an infected place except in accordance with a written permit from an inspector.
- Rule 8. Any person whomsoever entering any shed, field or other place in which a diseased or suspected animal is or has recently been kept shall wear suitable overall clothing and boots which are capable of being disinfected and are approved by an inspector, and shall before leaving such place thoroughly cleanse and disinfect such clothing and boots and also his hands.
- Rule 9. Where any inspector so directs, any person upon leaving a shed, field or other place in which a diseased or suspected animal is or has recently been kept, shall leave such clothing as the inspector may

direct in such shed, field or other place and shall thoroughly disinfect his hands and boots.

Rule 10. Any person attending a diseased or suspected animal shall not attend an animal not so diseased or suspected except with a written permit from an inspector.

Rule 11. A receptacle containing an approved disinfectant shall be kept at all exits and at such other parts of the infected place as the inspector may direct.

Rule 12. Milk from any animal shall not be moved from an infected place, and unless and until such milk has been boiled it shall not be used for the feeding of animals, and any utensil in which such milk is placed before being so treated shall be thoroughly sterilised with boiling water or by other means to the satisfaction of an inspector before any other milk is placed therein.

(2) An inspector acting under the direction of the Chief Agricultural Officer may by notice in writing to the occupier of an infected place direct that-

- (a) such additional rules as may be specified in such notice, shall apply to the infected place;
- (b) any of the rules prescribed in this regulation shall cease to apply to the infected place or shall be modified in the manner specified in such notice.

(3) Unless the Minister shall in any particular case otherwise direct, the inspector shall as soon as is practicable after the issuance of an Order of the Minister confirming any premises to be an infected place, arrange for, and undertake the valuation and slaughter of all cloven hoofed animals in the same field, shed or other place, or in the same herd or flock, or otherwise in contact

with diseased animals, or in any way exposed to infection with foot and mouth disease and the disposal of the carcasses of such animals by cremating or by other means authorised by the Chief Agricultural Officer, and in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Rules for infected areas.

8. Whenever the Minister shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of the Act, by order declare any area to be infected with foot and mouth disease, such area shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) any farm, holding, pen, property or enclosure which is partly within and partly outside the infected area shall be deemed to be wholly within the area, and for this purpose the detached parts of farms, holdings, pens, properties or enclosures shall be deemed separate premises;
- (b) no animal shall be moved out of the infected area;
- (c) no animal shall be moved into the infected area except direct to a farm or slaughter-house situated not less than two miles from any infected place and then only if accompanied by and in accordance with the conditions of a licence issued by an inspector;
- (d) (i) no animal shall be moved within the infected area unless accompanied by and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted by an inspector, and subject as hereinafter provided,

such inspector may grant a licence if in his opinion the movement is necessary;

- (ii) where the place of destination specified in the licence is premises other than a slaughter-house, the animal shall on arrival thereat be detained for a period of fourteen days;
- (iii) no licence shall be granted for the movement of any animal to farm premises for purposes of sale or exhibition thereon;
- (iv) no licence shall be granted for the movement of an animal within two miles of any infected place;
- (e) no animal shall graze on any roadside or unenclosed or insufficiently enclosed pasture within any infested area;
- (f) no animal shall be allowed to stray on any highway, road or unenclosed land within any infected area, and any animal found so doing shall be impounded and kept at the owner's expense;
- (g) no exhibition or sale of animals shall be held in any infected area;
- (h) (i) licences for the movement of animals granted under this regulation shall be

in the Form C of the Schedule to these Regulations, and every such licence shall state the conditions under which movement may be made;

- (ii) no person shall efface, alter, obliterate or remove or attempt to efface, alter, obliterate or remove any mark painted, stamped or clipped on any animal as required by the conditions of any licence granted under these Regulations;
- (i) no manure or waste meat trimmings or any other refuse shall be moved from any slaughter-house or other premises within an infected area except to other premises within the same infected area and then subject to the conditions set out in the written permit given by an inspector;
- (j) all dogs and poultry within an infected area shall be kept under control by being-
 - (i) confined in a kennel or other enclosure from which such dog or poultry cannot escape; or
 - (ii) effectively secured by some fixed object; or
 - (iii) accompanied by the owner or some responsible person deputed by him, and under the effectual control of such

owner or person,

and any dog or poultry not so restrained shall be liable to seizure and destruction;

- (k) an inspector may, notwithstanding the existence of any footpath or right of way, prohibit the entry of any person into any field, shed or other place in an infected area by giving notice in writing to that effect to the occupier. In every such case the owner of any animal in such place or his agents or servants may enter such premises or place for the purpose of feeding or tending the animals, but such owner or his agents or servants shall not enter such place for any other purpose except with the permission in writing of an inspector, and no other person shall enter such premises or place except with a written permit granted by an inspector. Notices shall be affixed or exhibited by an inspector to ensure compliance with the restrictions imposed.

9. (1) Every shed or other place in which an animal affected with foot and mouth disease has been kept while so affected or has died or been slaughtered shall be disinfected and cleansed as follows:

Disinfection
for foot and
mouth disease.

- (a) the whole of the interior of such shed or other place including the fittings shall first be thoroughly washed or sprayed with a disinfectant approved by an inspector; then

- (b) all dung or other discharge shall be scraped from the walls, fittings and floors, and then the shed or other place swept out, and the sweepings and all litter, dung or other thing that has been in contact with, or used about, any animal shall be effectually removed therefrom; and
- (c) the floor of the shed or other place and all other parts thereof with which any animal or its droppings or any discharge may have come into contact shall again be thoroughly washed or sprayed with a disinfectant approved by an inspector.

(2) All litter, dung or other thing removed from the shed or other place shall be forthwith thoroughly disinfected or burnt or otherwise destroyed to the satisfaction of an inspector.

(3) Where any field or other like place is not capable of being so disinfected and cleansed, it shall be sufficient if such field or place be disinfected and cleansed to the satisfaction of an inspector.

Disinfection of
vehicles.

10. (1) Any cart, van, truck or other vehicle used for the conveyance of any animal or carcass thereof into, within or out of an infected area, or with respect to which any inspector shall issue a notice requiring disinfection, shall as soon as practicable after each occasion on which it is so used, and before any other animal or any fodder or litter, or any other thing intended to be used for or about animals is placed therein, be disinfected, cleansed, and again disinfected by, and at the expense of, the owner thereof or the person using or the person in charge of the same in the following manner:

- (a) the floor, roof, sides and ends of the inside of the vehicle and the sides and ends of the outside of the vehicle and all other parts thereof with which any animal or its droppings or discharges have or may have come in contact, shall be scraped and swept, and the scrapings and sweepings and all dung, sawdust, litter and other matter shall be effectually removed therefrom, the same parts of the vehicle shall then be thoroughly washed or scrubbed or scoured with water, and then be disinfected by being thoroughly coated or washed with a disinfectant approved by an inspector;
- (b) the scrapings and sweepings of the vehicle and all dung, sawdust, litter, bedding and other matter removed therefrom shall forthwith be well mixed with quicklime and buried, or burnt.

(2) Every crate, box, hamper, loading board, rope, net or other apparatus used in connection with the conveyance of animals as aforesaid shall, on each occasion when the vehicle is required by this regulation to be cleansed and disinfected, be thoroughly cleansed and then be disinfected by being thoroughly coated, washed or saturated with a disinfectant approved by an inspector, and at the expense of the owner or person using or the person in charge of the vehicle.

(3) If the owner or the person using, or the person in charge of any vehicle or other thing used for or in connection with the conveyance of an animal as aforesaid, fails to cleanse and disinfect to the satisfaction of an inspector, the vehicle or thing as required by this regulation or by a notice served by an inspector, it shall be lawful for the Chief Agricultural Officer to

cause such vehicle to be cleansed and disinfected and to recover from such owner or person the expense of such cleansing and disinfection as a civil debt.

Control of
movement of
animals exposed
to infection.

11. (1) Where an inspector as a result of information received, believes that any animal has been exposed to the infection of foot and mouth disease he shall, and in any other case in respect of any animal if he considers it expedient so to do for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease, may, forthwith serve a notice in the Form D of the Schedule to these Regulations as herein provided, on the owner or the person in charge of the animal.

(2) After the service of a notice under paragraph (1) of this regulation it shall not be lawful for any person, until the operation of the notice terminates or the notice is withdrawn by a further notice in the Form E of the Schedule to these Regulations signed by an inspector –

(a) to move any animal on, to or into such place;
or

(b) to permit any animal to which the notice applies to stray out of such place or to come into contact with any other animal.

(3) The inspector may insert in any notice given under paragraph (1) of this regulation such conditions governing the isolation, housing, pasturage, movement or handling of any animal as he may consider expedient.

(4) In any case where any animal may be in such a situation as to make effective isolation impracticable, the inspector may require that such animal be moved to some convenient and isolated place approved by him for the detention of the animal before the serving of the notice in the Form D in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Control of
movement of
persons.

12. (1) If an inspector has reasonable grounds for believing that the movement of any person, animal or thing on to or from any place may be attended

with risk of spread of foot and mouth disease or that any animal, place or thing has been exposed to the infection of such disease, he may, acting under the general or special direction of the Chief Agricultural Officer and for the purpose of preventing the spread of the disease, prohibit the movement of any person, animal or thing on, to or from any place, or direct the movement of any person, animal or thing from any place or impose any condition on any such movement or any requirement in relation to such person, place, animal or thing, either in respect of subsequent detention or disinfection or otherwise, by serving a notice in writing to that effect on such person or on the owner or occupier of the place as aforesaid or on the owner or person in charge of the animal or thing.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation “animal” shall be deemed to include any four-footed animal and any poultry.

(3) Any disinfection required by the provisions of a notice under this regulation shall, if so required by the notice, be carried out by and at the expense of the person to whom the notice is served.

SCHEDULE**FORM A** (Reg. 4)*Notice Defining an Infected Place*

To _____ of _____
I, the undersigned, being an Inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act, hereby give you notice, as the occupier of the undermentioned premises, that in accordance with the provisions of the Foot and Mouth Disease Regulations, under which this Notice is served, the under-mentioned premises are hereby declared to be a foot and mouth disease infected place for the purposes of the said regulations, and that the said premises accordingly become subject to the rules set out below. Any person infringing these Rules is liable to heavy penalties.

This Notice remains in force until it is withdrawn by a subsequent notice (Form B) served by an inspector on the occupier of the infected place.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____
(Signed) _____
Inspector
(Address) _____

Description of Infected Place

Premises	District

Rules Governing Infected Place
(Foot and Mouth Disease Regulations 6 and 7)

N.B.- Copies of this Notice should be sent to -
Chief Agricultural Officer
Nearest Police Station
Medical Officer (Health)

FORM B

(Reg. 5)

Withdrawal of Notice Defining Infected Place

To _____ of _____
I, the undersigned, being the Chief Agricultural Officer of Belize hereby
withdraw as from the _____ day of _____ 20 , _____ the
Notice in Form A signed by _____ and served upon you on the
day of _____ 20

Dated this _____ day of _____ , 20

(Signed)
Chief Agricultural Officer

N.B.-Copies of this Notice should be sent to –

The Minister
Nearest Police Station
Medical Officer (Health)

(Regs. 6 and 8)

Movement Licence

I, the undersigned, being an Inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act, hereby authorise the movement of the under-mentioned animals or animal products to the place or premises specified in Column IV subject to the conditions set out on the back hereof. These conditions should be carefully read and observed. Failure to comply with them renders a person liable to prosecution and heavy penalties.

I Name and address of person to whom this licence is granted	II Name and description of animals or animal products to be moved.	III Name or description of the place or premises from which the animals or animal products are to be moved.	IV Name or description of the place or premises to which the animals or animal products are to be moved.

This Licence is available for six days, including the day of the date hereof, or such less period as may be specified on the Licence by the Inspector granting it, and no longer.

This Licence may be cancelled at any time by a notice served by an Inspector on the person to whom this Licence is granted.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

(Signed)
Inspector
(Address)

N.B.-Copies of this Licence should be sent to-

Chief Agricultural Officer
Nearest Police Station

Conditions applicable to this Licence

A Licence for movement between different parts of the same farm or holding, if endorsed by the Inspector granting it “occupation licence”, is available for movement of the animals or animal products as often as required, and shall remain in force until cancelled in writing by an Inspector.

2. The animals or animal products shall be moved in the manner and by the route specified in the Licence. If no such provisions are specified the animals or animal products shall be moved by the nearest available route, and without avoidable delay to the place of destination specified in the Licence, and not elsewhere.
3. The animals shall be kept as far as practicable apart from other animals during the movement.
4. Where the number of animals moved (except with an occupation licence) is less than the number in respect of which the licence is granted, the Inspector shall endorse on the Licence at Column II, the number of animals actually moved, and the Licence shall not be valid for any further movements.
5. Before movement, other than movement between different parts of the same farm, animals shall be marked with a letter “M” on the neck.
6. The Licence shall accompany the animals throughout the movement and shall be produced on demand to an inspector or a police constable.
7. The movement licence, unless marked “occupation licence” shall be delivered to the nearest Police Station immediately upon arrival of the animals

at the place of destination.

8. Unless the place of destination specified in Column IV be a place of slaughter, the animals shall on arrival, be detained for a period of 14 days from the date of arrival.

FORM D

(Reg. 11)

Notice to Owner or Person in Charge Prohibiting Movement of Animal

To _____ of _____
I, the undersigned, being an Inspector appointed under section 3 of the Act, hereby prohibit the movement of the following animals, namely, (Describe animal) _____ from or out of _____ (Describe farm, field, shed, sty or other place of detention), and I hereby require you to take notice that in consequence of this and the provisions of the Foot and Mouth Disease Regulations, it is not lawful for any person, (until the _____ day of _____, 20____ on which day the operation of this notice terminates, or* until this notice is withdrawn)-

- (a) to move such animal or any other animal from or out of such place as aforesaid; or
- (b) to move any animal on to or into such place as aforesaid; or
- (c) to permit any animal to which the notice applies to stray out of such place or to come into contact with any animal.

In addition the above-named animal is subject to the following conditions:

*Strike out if inapplicable.

