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STOCK DISEASES ACT, 1895.

Premier's Department,
Perth 17th December, 1923.

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor in Executive Council has been pleased to appoint W. N. Hedges, W. A. N. Robertson (Chief Veterinary Officer of Victoria), and P. G. Hampshire (Dairy Expert of the Department of Agriculture) a Board of Control and Inspectors, under the Minister for Agriculture, for the purposes of the administration of "The Stock Diseases Act, 1895," and the regulations thereunder; the said W. N. Hedges to be Chairman of the said Board.

L. E. SHAPCOTT,
Secretary, Premier's Department.

AT a meeting of the Executive Council held in the Executive Council Chamber, Perth, this 17th day of December, 1923, the following Order in Council was authorised to be issued:—

The Stock Diseases Act 1895.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Stock Diseases Act, 1895," the Governor is empowered, by Order in Council to be published in the *Government Gazette* from time to time, to make, vary, alter, or revoke such regulations under the said Act as may be deemed necessary for any of the purposes mentioned in the said Act: Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in him as aforesaid, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations:—

1. These regulations shall be read as one with the regulations under "The Stock Diseases Act 1895," published in the *Government Gazette* on the 4th day of December, 1923.

"The said area" shall mean all that portion of the State situated within a circle bounded by a circumference having a radius of thirty miles from the Town Hall, Fremantle (except the harbour of Fremantle as defined by or under "The Fremantle Harbour Trust

Act, 1902"), established as a quarantine area by the said regulations; and the words "infected premises or premises which have been infected" mean premises which the Chief Inspector of Stock shall, by writing under his hand, declare to be or to have been infected.

For the purposes of these regulations the word "stock" includes cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and dogs.

2. All stock on any premises within one mile of any infected premises, or of any premises which have been infected since the outbreak of rinderpest, may be slaughtered; and shall be slaughtered if the Board of Control appointed by the Governor so directs.

This regulation shall not apply to dogs if quarantined at the owner's expense on an uninfected quarantine station.

Premises of which any portion is within such one mile area shall be deemed to be wholly within such one mile area.

3. The said area as defined in Regulation No. 1 shall be divided into workable sections, in each of which all stock shall be inspected once at least in every seven days.

"Inspected" means an inspection of each individual animal.

To enable this regulation to be carried into effect, the Chief Inspector of Stock, or the Board of Control, may cause to be branded all stock within the said area, and a register of such stock shall be kept.

4. Only such animals as are intended for slaughter shall be permitted to enter the said area, and such stock shall enter only by rail, and shall be sent direct to an abattoir for slaughter.

5. A permit for the movement of any animal within the meaning of the term "stock," from the premises on which such animal is confined, will only be granted under exceptional conditions, and no person shall under such permit remove any animal to any other premises than the premises specified in the permit.

6. If an inspector certifies in writing that any animal has been removed contrary to these regulations, such certificate shall be *prima facie* and sufficient evidence of the truth thereof, unless and until the contrary is proved by or on behalf of any person charged with a breach of these regulations.

7. No person shall keep any stock within the said area otherwise than within a securely fenced enclosure sufficient to prevent ingress and egress.

8. Transit of stock through the said area by any means, including railway, is prohibited, except with the permit in writing of the Board of Control; and any person by whom any stock is taken through the area without such permit commits an offence against these regulations.

9. Any forage store which is considered by the Board of Control to be a source of infection, or liable to be a source of infection, may be quarantined, and from any store so quarantined no forage shall be permitted to leave the premises.

If any owner or occupier of any forage store considered by the Board of Control to be a source of infection, or liable to be a source of infection, removes or allows to be removed from any such store any forage after he shall have been notified by or on behalf of the Board that the store is considered to be a source of infection or liable to be a source of infection, such owner or occupier commits a breach of these regulations.

10. Any person committing a breach of any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds.

11. Any person committing any breach of "The Stock Diseases Act, 1895," as set out in section twenty thereof, is liable to imprisonment for not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds.