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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT, No. 59 OF 1992

Order of Declaration of Infected Area under Section 5 and Consequential Arrangements

WHEREAS, foot and mouth disease a specified disease within the meaning of the Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992, has been reported to have occurred in several areas of the Puttalam District of the North Western Province, I, Dr. W. K. De Silva, the Director General of Animal Production and Health, do, by virtue and in the exercise of powers vested in me under Section 5(1) of the Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992, declare by this Order that -

- (a) Puttalam District of the North Western Province to be infected area for the purposes and within meaning ;
- (b) Cattle, Buffalo, Sheep, Goat and Pig shall be the susceptible species of Animal to this Disease ;
- (c) this order shall come into force on which it is published in the *Gazette* and shall, unless earlier revoked or further extended in accordance with the Section 5(3) of the said Animal Diseases Act, cease to have effect at the expiration of three months from the date hereof.

02. So long as this Order remains in force, I, the Director General of Animal Production and Health do-

- (1) Hereby prohibit the following activities within or in relation to the infected area for the purpose of preventing the spread from and controlling and containing within, the infected area, of the said foot and mouth disease.
 - (a) the performance of artificial breeding procedures in the susceptible species of animals ;
 - (b) the slaughter of susceptible species of Animals ;
 - (c) holding or conducting live animal markets, shows and competitions involving the susceptible species of animal ;
 - (d) sale, exposure for sale, offering for sale, store, supply or distribution of any animal of susceptible species, animal products and infected material ;
 - (e) removal, taking or driving or transport within, to or from the infected area, any animal of susceptible species of animals, animal products or the risk material, without a permit from the Government Veterinary Surgeon of the Respective Divisional Secretariat Division issued under Section 5(4) of the Animal Diseases Act ;
 - (f) throwing or otherwise placing in any body of water, any carcass or any part thereof of an animal that at the time of its death was suspected of being, affected or contaminated with the Foot and Mouth



- Disease or any other risk material that is suspected of or contaminated with the Foot and Mouth Disease ; or
- (g) placing any carcass or any part thereof, of an animal that at the time of its death was suspected of being, affected or contaminated with the Foot and Mouth Disease, in such manner as to facilitate other animal to consume or taking away of those carcass or any part thereof to other places.
- (2) declare, in terms of Section of 6 of the said Animal Diseases Act, all the roads and thoroughfares situated within the infected area to be remaining closed for animal traffic ;
- (3) declare, by virtue and in the exercise of powers vested in me under Section 6(3) of the Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992 that barriers for the purpose of giving effect to the Provisions of Section 6(1) and 6(2) be put up at such places on the roads and thoroughfares situated within the infected area as may be specified by the Government Veterinary Surgeon of the respective infected area.
- (4) by virtue and in the exercise of powers vested in me under Section 7 of that Act, hereby require every person who has in his possession or under his control any animal of susceptible species within the buffer zone in the infected area determined by the Government Veterinary Surgeon in charge of the infected area to have that animal vaccinated against foot and mouth disease on such date and place as may be specified by the Government Veterinary Surgeon of that area ;
- (5) by virtue and in the exercise of powers vested in me under Section 38 of the Animal Diseases Act, nominate -
- (a) the following officers of the department to be authorized officer for the purposes of Sections 3(3) to take action to prevent the commission of the prohibited activities set out under paragraph 2(a) of this order and to take legal action against those committing such prohibited activities and to exercise the powers of an authorized officer under Section 13 of the Animal Diseases Act for that purpose.
- (i) Director (Animal Health) of the Department of Animal Production and Health ;
- (ii) Deputy Director (Animal Health) of the Department of Animal Production and Health ;
- (iii) The Provincial Director of Animal Production and Health of the North Western Province ;
- (iv) The Government Veterinary Surgeon of the Puttalam District ; and
- (v) Every police officers of the Sri Lanka Police.
- (b) every Police officer of the Sri Lanka Police to be authorized officer for the purposes and within the meaning of Section 6(3) of the Animal Diseases Act ;
- (c) the Veterinary Investigation Officer of Puttalam to be an authorized officer for the purposes discharging, within the area of his authority, the functions of an authorized officer under Section 14 of the Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992 and to exercise the powers of an authorized officer under Section 13 of that Act ;
- (d) every Government Veterinary Surgeon of the Puttalam District to be the Veterinary Surgeon for the purpose of exercising the powers, duties and functions of a veterinary surgeon under Section 3(2), 5(4), 12(1) and 12(2) of that Act. ;
- (e) every Government Veterinary Surgeon of the Puttalam District to be an authorized officer for the purpose of performing and discharging the duties and functions of an authorized officer under Section 9 and 11 of that Act and to exercise the powers of an authorized officer under Section 13, for that purpose.

DR. W. K. DE SILVA,
Director General,
Department of Animal Production and Health.