

## \* \* \* ANIMAL CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REGULATIONS \* \* \*

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T.C.S./O.I. 56-10 dated 20 August 56*

1. This paper is designed to provide explanatory comment which will be of assistance to Trade Commissioners called upon to issue certificates required under the regulations concerned with the importation into Canada of various animal feeds specified in Section 183 of the 1959 edition of the Animal Contagious Diseases Regulations. The main purpose of Section 183 of the Regulations is to provide the maximum protection to Canada against the introduction of foot and mouth disease.

2. As far as Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and the United States are concerned, they are currently recognized as free from foot and mouth disease, hence sub-section 2 of Section 183 applies. The effect of this is that the shipment is admissible to Canada if accompanied by two documents:

(a) A sworn declaration of the shipper that the product was grown in such country, and had not been out of that country prior to shipment to Canada, and where second hand bags are used a further declaration that the bags originated in that country and had not been out of that country prior to shipment; *and*

(b) in the case of overseas shipment, a certificate by the master of the vessel on which the product was shipped that no cattle, sheep, goats, other ruminants, nor swine, except those accompanied by a permit from the Minister, were embarked for any purpose on board the vessel on which the shipment so certified was conveyed to Canada.

3. As far as England, Scotland and Wales are concerned, a suitably worded certificate issued by an authorized official in any of these three areas is acceptable to the Canadian authorities.

4. From all other countries, however, animal feeds as defined in Section 183 must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a Canadian or British official before they can be imported into Canada. Obviously, it is not possible or practical for the Trade Commissioner to carry out inspection of the shipment personally. When, therefore, a Trade Commissioner is asked to provide a certificate for a shipment of livestock feed to Canada, he should engage (*to be paid for by the exporter*) a reliable, independent superintendence company to make sure that the requirements of Section 183 are fulfilled. The Canadian Veterinary Director General has no interest in seeing whatever paper is issued by the superintendence company to clear the shipment. It is up to the Trade Commissioner to employ a superintendence company in whom he has sufficient confidence to be able to issue the required certificate himself based upon their report to him. An acceptable certificate would read:

" I hereby certify that satisfactory evidence has been presented to me to indicate that, in accordance with the requirement of Section 183 of the Animal Contagious Diseases Regulations,