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**Authority :** These regulations were made on 30th December, 1994 by the Minister under section 12 of the *Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act*.

**Commencement:** 27th February, 1995.

**Short title**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Animals (Diseases and Importation) (Amblyomma Variegatum, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis) (Prevention and Control) Regulations, 1994*.

**Interpretation**

2. In these regulations

“relevant police officer” means the Officer in charge of the nearest police station;

“Veterinary Surgeon” means a person whose name is registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons pursuant to the *Veterinary Surgeons Act*, Cap. 374.

**Notification of *Amblyomma Variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis**

3.(1) Where any person has in his possession or under his charge any animal infested with or suspected of being infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis or the carcass of an animal so infested or suspected, the person shall with all practicable speed, give notice of the

infestation or suspicion of the infestation of that animal or carcass to the Senior Veterinary Officer, or to the relevant police officer.

(2) Where on examination of any animal or the carcass of any animal referred to in paragraph (1), a Veterinary Surgeon is of the opinion or suspects that the animal is, or was when it died or was slaughtered, infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis the Veterinary Surgeon shall with all practicable speed, give notice of the infestation or suspicion of infestation, to the Senior Veterinary Officer or to the relevant police officer.

(3) Where the relevant police officer receives a notice referred to in paragraph (2), the officer shall

- (a) forthwith, transmit the information to the Senior Veterinary Officer, and
- (b) as soon as may be practicable thereafter, confirm in writing to the Senior Veterinary Officer, the transmission of such information.

#### **Authority of Senior Veterinary Officer**

4.(1) The Senior Veterinary Officer shall, immediately after receipt of the notice referred to in paragraph (1) or (3) of regulation 3, proceed to the place to which the notice refers.

(2) The Senior Veterinary Officer may give directions in relation to the steps that should be taken in dealing with any animal infested with the *Amblyomma variegatum* tick, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and any other animal within an infested area or infested place; and the owner or occupier of the infested area or infested place shall comply with the directions.

#### **Duty of Owner of Infested Place**

5. The owner or occupier of an infested place shall
- (a) prevent access of any other animal to any part of the premises that have been exposed to infestation by an animal infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis, or

- (b) detain on the premises any animal infested with or suspected of being infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater and Dermatophilosis and any other animal that has been in the same shed, stable, building, yard or field with the animal.

### **Control of infested Animals**

6.(1) No person shall, in relation to an animal infested with or suspected of being infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis

- (a) expose the animal in any market, fair, yard or in any other place where animals are exposed for sale;
- (b) place the animal in any place adjacent to any market, fair, yard or other place at which animals are exposed for sale;
- (c) carry, lead or drive the animal or cause it to be carried, led or driven, on any highway or thoroughfare;
- (d) place, keep or graze the animal, or permit it to be placed, kept or grazed on the sides of any public road or any land adjoining a public road which is unfenced or insufficiently fenced;
- (e) allow the animal to stray on to a public road or on the sides of a public road or to be in an un-enclosed land or in any field or place which is insufficiently fenced.

(2) In addition to any penalty recoverable against a person convicted of an offence against this regulation, an animal found in any place in contravention of the provisions of this regulation may be moved by or at the direction of the Senior Veterinary Officer to some place designated by the Senior Veterinary Officer and there be detained and be isolated.

### **Infested Animals be Marked**

7.(1) The Senior Veterinary Officer shall place or cause to be placed a clearly defined brand, mark or tag upon each animal infested or suspected to be infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis, and shall

make a record of the brand, mark or tag together with a notation of the name of the owner of the animal in a register which he shall keep for the purpose.

### **Disposal of Carcass**

**8.(1)** Where an animal dies within an infested place, the owner or person in charge of the animal shall, within twelve hours of death, and subject to paragraph (2), bury the carcass of the animal with lime in a pit not less than seven feet deep within the infested place as near to the place where the animal died as practicable.

(2) The pit referred to in paragraph (1) shall be dug no less than one hundred feet from any dwelling house, river, well, water course, drain or other channel.

### **Prohibition of Movement of Animals**

**9.(1)** Any owner or person in charge of an animal who moves that animal into or out of an infested area or place without the written permission of the Senior Veterinary Officer is guilty of an offence.

(2) The Senior Veterinary Officer shall publicise in the *Official Gazette*, in each daily newspaper, and on radio and television the areas declared as infested areas pursuant to section 6 of the *Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act*, Cap. 253.

### **Entry into land**

**10.(1)** The Senior Veterinary Officer or an inspector authorised in writing by him for the purpose, may enter any land, premises or farm at any time with or without police assistance for the purpose of inspecting any animal to ascertain whether the animal is infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and of causing the infested animal to be treated.

(2) Where any power of entry conferred under paragraph (1) is to be exercised by the Senior Veterinary Officer or an inspector authorised for the purpose, the person claiming the right to enter shall produce the document of authorisation.

(3) A document purporting to have been signed by the Senior Veterinary Officer shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to have been signed by that Officer.

#### **Power to search vehicles**

**11.** Where the Senior Veterinary Officer has reasonable grounds for believing that any provision of these regulations has not been or is not being complied with, he may enter and search any aircraft, vehicle, vessel or boat in connection therewith.

#### **Control over importation of animals**

**12.(1)** A Veterinary Officer shall inspect any animal imported into Barbados on its entry into Barbados to determine whether the animal is infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis.

(2) No animal shall be imported into Barbados which is infested with Heartwater disease.

(3) Any animal imported into Barbados that is found to be infested with *Amblyomma variegatum* Dermatophilosis shall be treated by a Veterinary Officer with an acaricide upon arrival within Barbados, placed in quarantine for 14 days or for such longer period as the Senior Veterinary Officer may prescribe and during the period in quarantine shall be subject to further acaricide treatment.

(4) The Minister may, whenever he deems it necessary, in order to prevent the introduction of any disease into Barbados or the spread of the disease, by notice prohibit the landing in Barbados of such animals as he may specify in the notice that have been or may be brought into Barbados from such country as he may specify in the notice.

(5) No animal shall be imported into Barbados unless a certificate from the Government Veterinary Officer of the country from which the animal has been shipped, is presented at the port of embarkation certifying that the animal is free from *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and that the animal has been treated with an acaricide.

**Stray Animals**

**13.(1)** Any stray animal found straying within any area infested with *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis may be seized by a police officer or a Veterinary Officer or inspector and taken to premises designated by the Senior Veterinary Officer.

(2) Any stray animal seized under paragraph (1) shall be treated for *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis and shall be kept for 36 hours.

(3) If within 36 hours a stray animal seized under paragraph (1) is not claimed by its owner, the Senior Veterinary Officer may direct that the animal, be destroyed and buried.

**Quarantine**

**14.(1)** Any premises, place or locality in which the existence of the *Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis is officially confirmed, shall be placed under quarantine; and notification of the quarantine shall be in writing and shall be handed to the owner or to the person in charge of the farm, premises or infested place by the Senior Veterinary Officer.

(2) The Senior Veterinary Officer shall cause the area in quarantine to be identified with posters indicating the terms and conditions under which the movement of animals out of the area shall be permitted.

(3) Any place or premises in which

(a) animals that were illegally moved from an area in quarantine are kept,  
or

(b) animals that have been moved into an area from an infested area.

shall also be placed under quarantine.

(4) No animal shall be moved from any premises, place or locality placed under quarantine by the Senior Veterinary Officer because of the presence of the



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*Amblyomma variegatum*, Heartwater or Dermatophilosis except where the animal is being moved under a permit granted by the Senior Veterinary Officer.

**Offence**

**15.** Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with regulations 3, 4(2), 5, 6, 8, 9, 12(2), 12(5), or 14(4) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1 000 or to imprisonment for a term of 1 year.