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To				
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Grateful learn if any risk infectious disease involved in importing donkeys from Chile

Colonial Secretary

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TELEGRAM.

No. 4/1185.

From Britain, Punta Arenas.

To Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley.

Despatched : 27th December, 19 62. Time : 1200

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~~427~~ 1 Your cable 2nd. Donkeys negative this province.

Britain

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We could allow
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A.O.
to note + advise Mr
Beek accordingly.

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H. C. S.

Noted thank you & advised Mr Peck.

H. C. S.

12/5/63

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15th August, 63.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to previous correspondence relating to the importation of live stock to the Falkland Islands from Uruguay and to say that due to the risk of introducing live stock diseases (particularly foot and mouth) it has been decided to suspend the importation of cattle from any part of South America and to limit sheep from that area lying south of Rio Gallegos. This arrangement is a provisional one and has been applied pending receipt of further information on the subject.

2. Meanwhile I have received an application to import a donkey from Montevideo and wonder if you would be good enough to seek advice on this point from your Agricultural Attache in Buenos Aires and advise me accordingly. At the moment we have no restriction governing the import of horses, mules or donkeys from South America except the general requirement that all live stock imported from a foreign country must be accompanied by a written declaration from the exporter made before a British Consular Officer to the effect that the animal was free, on embarkation, from any infectious or contagious disease and had not been within 30 days preceding shipment in contact with infected stock.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signature)
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

H.B.M. Ambassador,
British Embassy,
Montevideo,
URUGUAY.

Copy to Agric. Officer.

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Commercial Department
BRITISH EMBASSY
Rincón 454, P.5, MONTEVIDEO
Telephone: 9-25-01

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In any reply please quote: CD 50110/63

September 13, 1963

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Dear Sir,

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Reference your letter 1093/c. of August 15, 1963 I am enclosing herewith the information that we have obtained from the Veterinary Attaché from Buenos Aires relative to the export of a donkey from Montevideo to the Falkland Islands. Please do not hesitate to write again if you wish for any further information.

Yours faithfully,

(R.A. Lacroze)
Commercial Attaché

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.



BRITISH EMBASSY

Buenos Aires

5th. September, 1963.

Dear Acting Colonial Secretary,

If it is decided that the importation of a donkey from Montevideo is important, I would consider that the necessary certification should be provided by a Government veterinary surgeon. A declaration from the owner about the health of the animal is of no value. The certification of the veterinary surgeon which should accompany the animal, should state, if this is the case, that at time of shipment there was no evidence of symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases affecting equines. A statement by the owner to say that to the best of his knowledge and belief, the animal had not been exposed to infection within 30 days preceding shipment, is a limited safeguard and may be worth requiring. I notice that there are no other restrictions applied to horses, asses or mules from South America. Although glanders is said to be virtually unknown in South America, I would consider that the donkey should be subjected to a mallein test or complement fixation test for this disease.

To sum up, the following certification would provide adequate safeguards:-

- 1) The certificate of a government veterinary surgeon to the effect that;
 - (a) the donkey had been subjected to a mallein test or complement fixation test for glanders during the 7 days preceding shipment and that the result of the test was negative;
 - (b) that at an examination immediately before shipment, no clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease was observed.
- 2) A declaration by the exporter that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the animal had not been in contact with infected animals during the period of 30 days before shipment.

It would be inadvisable to import equines from the Middle East and Africa, because of the risk of African horse sickness. In importation into Britain, the following are the prohibited countries at present:- Afghanistan, Cyprus, India, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, and any country in Africa.

If there are any other points on which I can help, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. Ewart
Veterinary Attaché.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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J.E.,

Des Beck has asked permission to import a donkey. I understand it is intended as a pet for some camp child or children. The law may require the importer to produce a written declaration from the exporter made before a British Consular Officer to the effect that the animal was free on embarkation from any infectious or contagious disease and was not, within thirty days preceding shipment, in direct or indirect contact with infected stock (Cap 40 Vol II p. 206).

As the Veterinary Attache states this could be of no value.

Section ¹³⁽¹⁾ 72 of the same Regs may help but one would suppose that an inspector would have to have some evidence or suspicion before taking such action. Refusal or omission on the part of the exporter to obtain a certificate from a Govt Vet. might be sufficient evidence for such action. May I advise Mr Beck approval is given subject to the production of documents as listed in para 2 of leaf, please. An alternative would be to seek your advice.


L.G.

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We have discussed. The key is in
the first sentence of ⁸ 57. The importation of
a donkey cannot be considered important, and
I think it should be discouraged.

 3.10.63

8 October, 63.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your verbal request for permission to import a donkey from South America and to inform you that Government has been advised against granting such permission unless the importation is considered to be important.

2. In the circumstances of this particular case it would appear prudent to refuse permission for the importation.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. Gleadell

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. D. Peck,
STANLEY.

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