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ESTABLISH QUARANTINE ON
FOXES IMPORTED FOR BREEDING

To protect owners of fox farms, the Secretary of Agriculture has ruled that all foxes offered for importation into the United States from any part of the world, except those imported for zoological gardens or similar institutions, shall be subject to inspection by an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry. The foxes must also be quarantined under the supervision of the inspector of the bureau until it can be determined by inspection or examination whether they are affected with contagious disease. If such disease is found, the animals must be returned to the country of origin or be destroyed. This regulation goes into effect June 1, 1921.

The new regulation states that permits must be procured for all foxes offered for importation into the United States as provided by Regulation 11, for the importation of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, and all foxes imported for breeding purposes must be entered through ports designated for the entry of foxes as follows: Boston, Mass.; New York, N. Y.; Rouses Point, N. Y.; Calais, Me.; Pembina, N. Dak.; and Seattle, Wash.

They must be accompanied by an affidavit made by the owner or importer declaring clearly the purpose for which the foxes are imported, viz, whether for breeding purposes or for zoological gardens or other institutions. Feed, attendants, and quarantine will be at the expense of the owner, and each owner or his agent shall give satisfactory assurance to the inspector at the time of admission to quarantine that such provision will be made. The place of quarantine, its construction, arrangement, and equipment will be subject to the approval of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

The demand for fur and the attractive prices which it commands has interested many people who are favorably situated to breed fur-bearing animals. A number of fox farms have been established in the Northern States. To encourage this work and to guide those who undertake it, the department has published Farmers' Bulletin 795, The Domesticated Silver Fox; and Yearbook Separate 693, Fur Farming as a Side Line; and Department Circular 135, Maintenance of the Fur Supply.

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