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## PART IV (A) — PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

### Provincial Councils Notifications

#### SOUTHERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

##### **Draft Enactment on Livestock Development and Animal Husbandry of Southern Province No. .... of 2007**

I, Gnanawathie Gamage, Secretary to the Ministry of Land and Land Development, Agriculture, Irrigation and Animal Production and Health of the Southern Province Provincial Council, do hereby inform that the draft Enactment on Livestock Development and Animal Husbandry No. .... of 2007 of the Southern Province Provincial Council published hereunder will be submitted to the Southern Province Provincial Council after the lapse of two weeks from the date of publication of this *Gazette*. any representations or amendments proposed on any of the provisions contained therein, may be forwarded to reach me within the two weeks period mentioned above.

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Secretary,

Ministry of Land and Land Development,  
Agriculture, Irrigation and Animal Production and Health,  
Southern Province.

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Galle,  
02nd October, 2007.

#### DRAFT ENACTMENT ON LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY OF SOUTHERN PROVINCE NO. .... OF 2007

An Enactment to provide for the maintenance of Animal Production and Health Services of the Southern Province efficiently and Productively, while implementing the subjects of Livestock Development and Animal Husbandry as set out in List - I of the Ninth Schedule of the constitution of Sri Lanka and for all other matters incidental and ancillary thereto.

The Southern Province Provincial Council of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka enacts  
that –

Short Title and Date of Operation. 1. This Enactment shall be cited as Enactment on Livestock Development and Animal Husbandry No. .... of 2007 of the Southern Province Provincial Council. It shall come into operation on the date the Governor of the province gives his assent.

# PART - I

## DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH

Establishment of the Dept. of Animal Production and Health. 2. A Department to be known as the Department of Animal Production and Health of the Southern Province (herein-after referred to as the Department) is hereby established.

Staff of Animal Production and Health. 3. (i) The Southern Province Director of Animal Production and Health (herein-after referred to as the Director) shall be the Head of the Department established under Section 2 above.  
(ii) (a) There shall be a staff for the functioning of the Department. The appointments, transfers and the Disciplinary control of the said staff shall be governed by the provisions of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987.  
(b) The Department shall be represented at Provincial, District, Divisional and village level.

Main objective functions and responsibilities of the Dept. 4. (i) The main objective of the Department shall be the promotion of livestock products in the province including the production of milk, eggs, fish and meat.  
(ii) The main function of the Department shall be the promotion of animal production activities in the Southern Province through proper management, protection, utilization and the improvement of livestock ; the prevention of animal diseases and their treatment.  
(iii) It shall be the responsibility of the Department to ensure that activities relating to animal health, animal breeding, extension services on animal husbandry and related training and awareness programmes are all oriented and carried out enabling the Department achieve its objectives and perform its functions effectively.  
(iv) The Department shall have the necessary management resources for the above purposes and it shall be the responsibility of the Department to gain its objectives through efficient management of such resources.

Other objectives of the Dept. 5. Other objectives of the Department shall include -  
(i) Registration of all livestock farms and institutions providing related services in the Southern Province and taking necessary steps for raising their production capacities and quality standards of their services.  
(ii) To plan, organise and implement appropriate programmes to impart the necessary knowledge and enhance the skills and abilities of those engaged in animal husbandry and related occupations in the Southern Province ; establish and maintain the necessary institutions for the purpose.  
(iii) To enhance the skills of the personnel attached to the Department of Animal Production and Health of the Southern Province by imparting to them the necessary knowledge and abilities.  
(iv) To plan, organise and implement appropriate animal breeding programmes for sustainable development of livestock sector in the Southern Province.  
(v) To plan, organise and implement appropriate animal health protection programmes to prevent the spread of animal diseases in the province, for treatment and eradication of such diseases ; and to establish veterinary clinics and offices and their maintenance.  
(vi) Promote the production of high quality animal feed in the province and make them available to livestock farmers.

- (vii) Introduction of high quality grass varieties and popularising them among the livestock farmers of the province.
- (viii) Taking necessary steps to ensure that the people of Southern Province are supplied with clean, hygienic and high quality animal products and make them available.

6. Other functions of the Department shall include –

- (i) Preparation of short-term and long-term development plans for achieving the objectives set for the animal production and health sector of the Southern Province.
- (ii) Preparation of annual implementation programmes on animal production and health based on plans mentioned in sub-section (i) above and their implementation.
- (iii) Establishment of veterinary surgeons' offices and service centres as and when necessary and up-grading their service standards.
- (iv) Provision of necessary facilities to the Divisional Veterinary Surgeon's offices for carrying out their animal health services effectively.
- (v) Implementing suitable programmes to impart the necessary knowledge and abilities to the personnel attached to Veterinary Surgeon's offices, including scholarships for degree and post-degree studies in Sri Lanka.
- (vi) Introduce and implement appropriate systems and methods to evaluate the performance of institutions providing animal health services and that of the personnel attached to those institutions in order to assess the quality standard of services rendered by the Department to the public.
- (vii) Registration of all institutions engaged in livestock development and services in the Southern Province and specifying appropriate criteria and guidelines to be met and followed in delivering their services, their enforcement and supervision.
- (viii) Obtain legally permissible assistance in cash or kind, subject to the limitations of statutory law, from local or foreign sources for purposes of carrying out the functions and discharging the responsibilities of the Department.
- (ix) Take whatever other ancillary steps as may be necessary for carrying out the functions mentioned above.
- (x) Collection of information and data relating to services provided for the up-liftment of animal husbandry and animal production in the Southern Province and maintaining a data bank of such information.

Othr functions of the Dept.

- 7. (i) The Head of the Department shall have all powers, subject to the limitations of written law, as are necessary for achieving the objectives of the Department and carrying out the functions assigned to it under this Enactment.
- (ii) Any information required by the Director in connection with any function of the Department from any institution of the Provincial Council, Local Government Body, public organization or persons, shall be furnished by such institution, local body, organization or persons.

Power of the Dept.

PART – II

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

8. Any person who commits to breach of any order made under this Enactment or its provisions, or neglects to carry out such order or wilfully obstructs any person in the performance of duty imposed on him by this Enactment or regulations made there-under, shall be guilty of an offence under this Enactment.

9. Every person who commits an offence under this Enactment shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding rupees one thousand or imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding two years or for both such fine and imprisonment.

## PART - III

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

10. Any asset or property or man-power which were in use for purposes connected with the implementation of the subjects of animal production and health on the day immediately preceding the date on which this Enactment comes into operation, shall be deemed to be assets, or properties duly transferred to the Department by the government under this Enactment or any other procedure.

11. (i) The Financial Regulations of the government shall apply in the allocation of funds and their expenditure for purposes of maintaining the institutions established under this Enactment. The necessary financial provisions should be provided through the annual Appropriation Statute No. .... of the Provincial Council.
- (ii) There shall be no bar for obtaining financial or material aid by the Department from local or foreign sources subject to the limitations of written law, for purposes of its activities.

submission of annual  
Administration Report.

12. (i) The Director shall before the lapse of six months from the end of each financial year, forward to the Minister in charge of the subject an annual Administration Report dealing with the manner Animal Production and Health Services were maintained in the province during the year under review, the problems encountered, steps taken at resolving them and the trends observed in the sphere of animal health in the province.
- (ii) The Minister shall within a month's time, table the Administration Report received by him under sub-section (i) above, at the Provincial Council.

Power to issue Orders.

13. The Minister may give the Department in writing general or special orders, regarding the exercise of its powers, and the Department shall comply with such orders.

14. (i) The Minister shall make regulations on any matter where he has been directed or empowered to do so, under this Enactment.

In particular on -

- (a) Formulation of policies on animal husbandry ;
- (b) Obtaining aid from local or foreign sources ;
- (c) Provision of facilities to people engaged in animal husbandry ;
- (d) Conducting surprise checks and investigations ;
- (e) Remunerations and allowances.

Regulations to be  
Gazetted.

- (ii) Every regulation made under sub-section (i) above shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall come into operation on the date of the publication or on such later date as may be specified in the regulation.
- (iii) Every regulation made under sub-section (i) above shall as soon as convenient after its publication in the *Gazette*, be brought before the council for approval. Any regulation which is not so approved, shall be deemed to be rescinded as from the date of such disapproval but without prejudice to anything previously done there-under.
- (iv) Notification of the date on which the regulation is so deemed to be rescinded, shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Interpretations.

15. In this Enactment unless the context otherwise requires -

“Minister” means the Minister in charge of the subject of Animal Production and Health in the Southern Province Provincial Council.

“Governor” means the governor of the Southern Province.

“Province” means the Southern Province of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

“Provincial Council” means the Southern Province Provincial Council.

“Chief Minister” means the Chief Minister of the Southern Province.

“Director of Animal Production and Health Services” means the Director of Animal Production and Health appointed for the southern province under the provisions of the Provincial Councils Act, No. 42 of 1987.

16. In case of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil versions of this Enactment, the Sinhala version shall prevail.

Sinhala version to prevail in case of inconsistency.