SECTION 16.-ROTUMA (CONTROL OF STOCK) REGULATIONS

Regulations 4th Sept., 1939 [in force 8th March, 1940], 8th Dec., 1960 [in force 21st April, 1961] and 28th May, 1964 [in force 13th Nov., 1964]

Made by the Rotuma Council and approved by the Legislative Council

Short title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rotuma (Control of Stock) Regulations.

Definition

2. For the purposes of these Regulations the term "pigs" shall not include young pigs of less than six months of age.

Pig at large may be killed

3. Any person who finds a pig at large may kill it and any person who kills a pig as above sanctioned shall, if he knows the owner, tell him to remove the carcass; if, however, he cannot ascertain who is the owner, he may eat the carcass.

Failure to inquire for owner

4. Any person who, having killed a pig as above sanctioned, eats the same without making reasonable inquiry as to the ownership of such pig shall, on complaint of the owner, pay to such owner the value of the pig or such compensation as the court may award.

Restriction on keeping of pigs

5. All pigs shall be kept within fences not less than four feet high. No enclosure for keeping pigs shall, with effect from the first day of January, 1965 be built within two hundred yards of any dwelling. Any person erecting a pig fence within two hundred yards of any dwelling may be ordered to remove the same by the District Officer and in addition shall be liable to any fine or penalty provided in these Regulations. It shall be the duty of any person owning pigs to ensure the cleanliness of the pens and good condition of the fences. Each pen shall have a suitable shed for shelter.

(Amended by Regulations 8th December, 1960, and 28th May, 1964.)

Compensation for damage and impounding of animals

6. Horses, goats and cattle found at large may be impounded and any person whose property has been injured by horses, goats, cattle or pigs may recover damage from the owner of the animal.

(Amended by Regulations 28th May, 1964.)

Penalty

7. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two dollars and in default to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one month.
