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No. 2 of 2019

**REGULATIONS**  
**MADE UNDER**  
**THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT**

These regulations are made by me, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me, by section 83(1) of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act.

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the exception of circuses, pet shops and premises licensed or unlicensed under the laws governing the import, export, conservation and management of animals.

## PART II – OBJECTIVES AND APPLICATION

Objectives and application of Regulations

3. The objectives of these Regulations are to -

- (a) Provide a framework for the administration and management of zoos; and
- (b) Establish and define procedures for the operation of licensed zoos.

Objectives of Zoo Operations

4. Zoos shall have as part of its objectives the following :

- (a) participating in the following conservation measures:
  - (i) research from which conservation benefits accrue to the species or ecosystems;
  - (ii) training in relevant conservation skills;
  - (iii) the exchange of information relating to species conservation; and
  - (iv) where appropriate, captive breeding, repopulation or reintroduction of species into the wild;

- (b) promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biological diversity.

### **PART III - ADMINISTRATION**

The Guyana  
Wildlife  
Conservation and  
Management  
Commission

- 5. The Commission established under the Act, shall be responsible for the administration of these Regulations and shall, without prejudice to the provisions contained in the Act and other regulations, discharge the following functions:

- (a) Accept, consider, process and grant applications for licences;
- (b) Revoke, modify and amend licences;
- (c) Authorise inspections;
- (d) Accept and consider inspection reports;
- (e) Monitor zoo operations and activities;
- (f) Establish guidelines for the operation of zoos; and
- (g) Enforce these Regulations.

### **PART IV – LICENSING**

Application

- 6. (1) A person who wishes to establish a zoo shall before commencing operations submit an application in writing to the Commission.



- (2) An application referred to in subsection (1) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, which fee shall be payable to the Commission.
- (3) An application referred to in subsection (1) shall be made in compliance with the authorisation provisions of the Act.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection(3), an application to the Commission for a Licence shall not be entertained by the Commission unless, at least two months before making it, the applicant has given notice in writing to the Commission of his or her intention to make the application, has published notice of that intention in one newspaper with national circulation and has exhibited a copy of that notice at the site.

Contents of  
Application

7. An application for a licence shall contain:
  - (a) the name and address of the applicant;
  - (b) if different from the applicant, the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the premises on which the zoo is constructed along with a signed letter from the owner indicating consent for the use of the premises as a zoo.;
  - (c) an identification of the proposed location of the zoo;
  - (d) the land use in the areas surrounding zoo;
  - (e) the proposed design for the zoo;

- (f) a plan to achieve the objectives of zoo operations set out in Regulation 4;
- (g) the proposed monitoring plan for the zoo;
- (h) the technical expertise and experience of the applicant and staff in relation to the operation of the zoo;
- (i) the approximate numbers and categories of staff employed or to be employed by the zoo;
- (k) the information contained in Part VII of these regulations;
- (l) a list in taxonomic order using the scientific name and the common name of the species, or, where appropriate, the sub-species, of animals kept or to be kept for exhibition at the zoo;
- (m) the approximate numbers of each species of those animals;
- (n) appropriate evidence of the prior notification of the regulatory agencies identified in the First Schedule; and
- (o) any other information that is reasonably required by the Commission for the purposes of these Regulations.

Considerations of  
Application

8. The Commission, before approving an application for a licence:
- (a) shall consider all objections and information made available to it;

- (b) shall carry out an inspection in order to determine whether or not the licensing conditions or proposed licensing conditions can be met by the applicant;
- (c) consider the report of any inspections carried out under Regulation 14; and
- (d) may, request additional information from the applicant.

Grant

9. (1) Where the Commission is satisfied that there are good reasons for granting the licence, based on the compliance with these Regulations, the Commission may grant the licence.
- (2) Upon the grant of the licence the applicant shall be issued an appropriate licence upon payment of the prescribed fee.
- (3) A licence may be granted subject to the following conditions -
- (a) that the licence holder carries out assessment, monitoring and evaluation of risks;
  - (b) that the licence holder take out a policy of insurance against liability for damage caused by animals;
  - (c) that the licence holder take precautions against the escape of animals;
  - (d) that the licence holder take appropriate steps in the event of any escape or unauthorised release;



- (e) that records are kept of the numbers of different animals, acquisitions, births, illnesses, deaths, disposals or escapes of animals, othe causes of any such deaths, and the health of animals;
  - (f) that a plan to deal with emergencies be established and maintained; and
  - (g) such other conditions as the Commission considers necessary.
- (4) Where the Commission grants a licence in accordance with the provisions of this section, the Commission shall enter the particulars of the licence in the Register of Licences which shall be open for inspection by the public on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (5) A licence issued pursuant to these Regulations shall not be transferrable.
- (6) The licence or a copy of the licence, issued pursuant to these Regulations, shall be displayed at each public entrance to the zoo.
- Refusal 10. (1) The Commission may refuse to approve an application for a permit or licence on any of the following grounds, that is to say:
- (a) if the application is not accompanied by all the information required to be submitted along with it;



- (b) if the application contains information that is misleading, false, deceptive, or likely to deceive or create an erroneous impression on the Commission;
  - (c) if the establishment of the zoo is likely to have an adverse effect on health, safety or the environment; and
  - (d) if the establishment of the zoo is not likely to achieve the objectives of zoo operations set out in regulation 4.
- (2) Where the Commission refuses to grant a licence, it shall, as soon as practicable, notify the applicant of its decision and the reasons for the decision.

**Duration**            11.    An original licence granted under these regulations shall be granted for a period of six years commencing with the date specified in the licence as that on which it is granted or any other later date specified in the licence as that on which the licence shall commence.

**Revocation, suspension, or amendment**            12.    (1)    The Commission may revoke, suspend or amend a licence during its currency for any of the following reasons:

- (a)    the holder of a licence made a misrepresentation or willful omission in obtaining the licence or in any report submitted to the Commission or in any other way obtained the licence improperly;
- (b)    the holder of a licence is contravening any material condition of the licence;

- (c) the holder of a licence is unable to achieve the objectives of zoo operations set out in Regulation 4;
- (d) the holder of a licence has been repeatedly suspended for the same or similar violation of these Regulations;
- (e) in the public interest for the benefit of wildlife conservation and maintenance of biodiversity;
- (f) there are changes in circumstances relating to the licence communicated to the Commission by the licence holder;
- (g) where the holder of the licence has been found guilty of an offence under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act;
- (h) where the holder of the licence has been found guilty of an offence under the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Act;
- (i) the holder of a licence –
  - (i) dies;
  - (ii) becomes bankrupt;
  - (iii) goes into liquidation or receivership; or
  - (iv) becomes a party to an amalgamation;
- (j) in consequence of an inspection report; and

(k) any other change, situation or activity relating to the use of a licence that, in the judgment of the Commission, is not consistent with the Act or these Regulations.

(2) The Commission shall, while suspending a licence, notify the holder thereof in writing:

(a) stating the breach or situation which gave rise to the suspension;

(b) requiring the holder of the licence to remedy the breach;

(c) stating the time within which the breach is to be remedied; and

(d) stating whether the licence is to be returned within a specified time to the Commission.

(3) The holder of the licence suspended under paragraph (4), upon remedying the breach, shall so inform the Commission and the Commission shall, if it is satisfied that the breach is remedied, forthwith return the licence to the holder thereof;

(4) A suspension under this section may be for a specified period or until the fulfillment of specific conditions or until further order of the Commission;

(5) Before the Commission acts under paragraph (2), the Commission shall –



- (a) notify the holder of a licence in writing of its proposed action specifying the reason for the proposed action; and
  - (b) allow the holder at least seven days within which to make written submissions to the Commission in relation to the Commission's proposed action.
- (6) Where the Commission amends a licence, the Commission shall cancel the existing licence and re-issue the holder of the licence with an amended licence.
- Renewal of Licence** 13. (1) A licence holder who wishes to renew a licence to operate a zoo shall apply, in writing, to the Commission for its renewal not later than six months before the end of the licence period.
- (2) The application must :
- (a) be in such form as the Commission may determine, and
  - (b) include any information that the Commission may reasonably require to ensure that the requirements of these Regulations and any other applicable legislation are being or will be complied with in relation to the zoo and to determine whether or not to renew the licence.
- (3) Before considering the application, the Commission shall cause the zoo to be inspected under Regulation 14(1).
- (4) If satisfied after considering the inspection report that the zoo is being operated in compliance with the required conservation measures, the Commission may renew the licence for a period



not exceeding six years beginning on the day after the end of the expiring licence period.

- (5) If not satisfied after considering the inspection report that the zoo is being operated in compliance with the required conservation measures, the Commission may :
- (a) refuse to renew the licence, or
  - (b) if the report indicates that a default in compliance can be remedied within a limited period, renew the licence for a period not exceeding one year subject to such conditions as the Commission considers appropriate.
- (6) On reaching a decision under paragraph (5) in relation to a licensee, the Commission shall give the licensee written reasons for the decision.

#### **PART V – INSPECTION**

- Statutory 14. (1) Inspections of each licensed zoo shall be carried out by inspectors at least once every twelve months for the purpose of determining whether the conditions of the licence are being met.
- (2) In carrying out an inspection of a licensed zoo or a zoo that is the subject of an application for a licence or renewal of a licence, an inspector shall:
- (a) have regard to the current standards of modern zoo practice;

- (b) have regard to the condition of the zoo premises and to all features of the zoo relevant for the purposes of the required conservation measures;
  - (c) in the case of a licensed zoo, ascertain whether the conditions of the licence are being met; and
  - (d) in the case of a zoo that is the subject of an application for a licence or renewal of a licence, ascertain whether, if the licence is granted or renewed, the required conservation measures are likely to be implemented in a satisfactory manner.
- (3) In carrying out an inspection referred to in paragraph (2), an inspector may require that a person who is employed in or retained by or for the purposes of the zoo and who is specified to the inspector be present during the inspection.
- (4) On completing an inspection of a zoo, the inspector shall make a written report to the Commission on the inspection and the report may include any advice or recommendations for improving the achievement of the objectives of zoo operations set out in Regulation 4.
- (5) If it becomes apparent to an inspector carrying out an inspection of a licensed zoo that an amendment to the licence is likely to be needed to ensure that the objectives of zoo operations set out in Regulation 4 are achieved, the inspector shall:
- (a) consult with the licence holder about the amendment;

- (b) consider whether any new licensing conditions the inspector believes will be needed to secure achievement of the objectives of zoo operations set out in Regulation 4 are likely to be met should the licence be amended; and
- (c) include his or her findings and recommendations in the inspection report.

Periodic

15. (1) The Commission shall carry out periodical inspections in accordance with this section of any zoo for which a licence granted by the Commission is in force.
- (2) Before any such inspection the Commission shall, after consultation with the operator of the zoo, give him or her at least twenty-eight days notice of the date upon which it is proposed to carry out the inspection.
- (3) Inspections under this section shall be made at the following times:
- (a) in the case of an original licence, during the first year and not later than six months before the end of the fourth year of the period of the licence; and
  - (b) in the case of a renewed licence or original licence granted to the holder of an existing licence, during the third year and not later than six months before the end of the sixth year of the period of that licence.



- (4) The following provisions apply to any inspection to be carried out under this section:
- (a) the inspection shall extend to all features of the zoo directly or indirectly relevant to the health, welfare and safety of the public and the animals, including measures for the prevention of the escape of animals; and
  - (b) the inspectors shall require the production of all records kept by the operator in pursuance of conditions of the licence under Regulation 9 (3) and the operator shall produce the records.
- (5) Within one month after receiving the report of the inspection the Commission shall send a copy to the operator of the zoo and give the operator an opportunity to comment on it.
- Special 16. (1) The Commission may at any time, after giving the licence holder at least twenty-four hours notice, carry out a special inspection of a zoo for which a licence granted by the Commission is in force if they consider it appropriate to do so having regard to -
- (a) any periodical report on the zoo made to them pursuant to Regulation 15; or
  - (b) any representations made to them on behalf of a properly constituted body concerned with any aspect of the management of zoos or the welfare of animals; or



- (c) any other circumstances which in the opinion of the Commission calls for investigation.

Authorisation to inspect 17. The Commission may authorise in writing any duly qualified person to carry out inspections under this Part.

#### PART VI – ANIMALS

Acquisition 18. (1) Animals should not be acquired in contravention of any law;

(2) Animals may be acquired from licence holders under the regulations passed under the Act; and

(3) A zoo shall not willfully acquire an animal for which it cannot reasonably provide the appropriate species' requirements.

Quarantine 19. (1) The quarantining of animals brought to and in zoos shall conform to all other laws governing the quarantine of animals.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions in subsection (1), provisions should be made for:

(a) the quarantining and care of unduly distressed, sick or injured animals; and

(b) newly arrived animals to be kept isolated for as long as is necessary to ensure proper examination, acclimatisation and quarantine before introduction to other animals in the collection.

- Movement and transfer (Animal Health/Welfare)
20. (1) The movement and transfer shall conform to all other laws governing the transfer and movement of animals.
- (2) Without prejudice to the provisions in subsection (1) animals transported for the purposes of these Regulations shall be:
- (a) Transported under conditions and facilities specifically designed and properly secured for the animal being transported;
  - (b) Free of projections, fittings or structures that might pose a risk of injury to the animals being transported;
  - (c) Suitably ventilated to allow the animals being transported appropriate airflow and optimal wellbeing;
  - (d) Equipped with secure and appropriate flooring;
  - (e) Equipped with an appropriate and adequate supply of food and drinking water;and
  - (f) Accompanied by appropriate records.
21. (1) Food shall, as far as reasonably possible, be presented in a manner and frequency commensurate with the natural behaviour of the species, as well as its nutritional requirements, taking into account the objectives specified in Regulation 4.
- (2) Food shall be kept and prepared under hygienic conditions in particular:
- Holding

- (a) food and drink must be protected against dampness, deterioration, mould or from contamination by insects, birds, vermin or other pests;
- (b) supplies of perishable food and drink, other than those brought into the premises fresh on a daily basis, should be kept, where appropriate, under refrigeration;
- (c) preparation of food and, where appropriate, drink should be undertaken in a separate area suitably designed and constructed;
- (d) staff should be instructed to observe strict standards of personal hygiene and should conform to good hygiene practice in the preparation of food, having due regard to the risk of cross contamination between equipment, utensils and surfaces; and
- (e) receptacles for food and drink must not be used for any other purposes.

Diseases            22.    Without prejudice to the requirements contained in any other law relating to diseases, every zoo shall establish and maintain a safe and effective programme for the control or deterrence of pests and vermin and where necessary predators, throughout the zoo.

Death              23.    (1)    Euthanasia of animals may be performed under the following conditions:  
  
                              (a)    when recommended by a veterinarian;



- (b) when irresolvable stress or conflict prevails and where changes in social structure result in distress, and where there is no option of release;
  - (c) when an institution operator is unable to ensure acceptable facilities and conditions for animals and where there is no option of release;
  - (d) when an animal poses a danger and unavoidable threat to human safety;
  - (e) where no other suitable accommodation can be found for the animal; or
  - (f) where no other suitable option exists.
- (2) All deaths whether through euthanasia or otherwise shall be recorded.
- (3) The cause of death for each animal dying in the collection shall be established where reasonable and practicable to do so.
- (4) The specimen shall, in the majority of cases be examined by a veterinary surgeon, pathologist or practitioner with relevant experience and training.
- (5) Facilities and equipment in any room provided on the premises for post-mortem examinations shall include:
- (a) an efficient drainage system;

- (b) washable floors and walls;
  - (c) an examination table;
  - (d) an adequate selection of appropriate instruments;
  - (e) facilities for taking and preserving specimens; and
  - (f) if larger animals are kept in the collection, a hoist.
- (6) The remains of a dead animal may be:
- (a) Preserved for research and exhibition;
  - (b) Buried; or
  - (c) Incinerated.

#### PART VII – ZOO OPERATIONS

- Technical design      24.      The design of all zoos shall include the following requirements:
- (a) All animal enclosures in a zoo shall be so designed as to fully ensure the safety of animals, caretakers and visitors;
  - (b) Stand of barriers and adequate warning signs shall be provided for keeping visitors at a safe distance from the animals;
  - (c) All animal enclosures in a zoo shall be so designed as far as reasonably possible to meet the full biological requirements of the animals housed therein;

- (d) Animal enclosures shall be of such size as to ensure that the animals get space for their free movement and exercise and the animals within herds and groups are not unduly dominated by individuals;
- (e) The zoo operators shall take adequate safeguards to avoid the animals being unnaturally provoked for the benefit of viewing by public and excessive stress being caused by visibility or presence of the animals in the adjoining enclosures;
- (f) The zoo operators shall endeavour to simulate the conditions of the natural habitat of the animal in the enclosures as closely as possible, including the planting of appropriate species of trees for providing shade and constructing shelters which would merge in the overall environment of the enclosures;
- (g) The enclosures housing the species, mentioned in the **First Schedule** of the Wildlife Conservation, Management and Sustainable Use Regulations, shall:
  - (i) have feeding and retiring cubicles/cell of minimum dimensions as prescribed by the Commission;
  - (ii) provide the best conditions that enable the species to live as natural as possible; and
  - (iii) as far as reasonably possible enable the species to participate in natural behaviours.



- (h) Proper ventilation, temperature and lighting for the comfort and well-being of animals in each cell /cubicle /enclosure;
  - (i) Sufficient water treatment equipment to ensure the maintenance of water quality within set parameters to meet species specific requirements;
  - (j) Proper arrangements for the drainage and treatment of excess and residual water; and
  - (k) Proper arrangements for removal of excreta from each cell /cubicle /enclosure.
- Construction**      25.    A Zoo shall be constructed in accordance with the design requirements set out in Regulation 24.
- Functions**        26.    The functions of a zoo shall include:
- (a)    accommodating the animals under conditions that aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the individual species, including, among other things, by providing species specific enrichment of the enclosures;
  - (b)    maintaining a high standard of animal husbandry in the zoo, including a developed programme of preventive and curative veterinary care and nutrition;
  - (c)    preventing the escape of animals from the zoo in order to avoid possible ecological threats to species;

- (d) maintaining procedures for the capture and recapture of animals;
  - (e) preventing the intrusion of outside pests and vermin into the zoo; and
  - (f) keeping up to date records of the zoo's collection appropriate to the species recorded.
- Staffing 27. (1) Every zoo shall have one full-time officer in-charge of the zoo.
- (2) The officer referred to in subsection (1) shall be delegated adequate administrative and financial powers as may be necessary for proper upkeep and care of zoo animals
  - (3) Every zoo shall have at least one full-time curator having the sole responsibility of looking after the upkeep of animals and maintenance of animal enclosures.
  - (4) Every person employed by a zoo shall wear identifying badges and where appropriate, uniforms.
  - (5) Every zoo shall have an arrangement with a veterinary practitioner for visiting the zoo to care for the animals.
  - (6) Every person employed by a zoo shall be screened every six months by a duly qualified medical practitioner for diseases that may be transmitted from humans to animals and from animals to humans.

- (7) Such other suitably qualified, healthy experienced employees or consultants.
- General Safety of Visitors** 28. Zoos operators shall make provisions for the safety of visitors including providing:
- (a) First aid facilities;
  - (b) Barriers designed, constructed and maintained to contain animals within enclosures;
  - (c) Vegetation, climbing structures or other items should be maintained in such a way as to not aid escape;
  - (d) Ensuring that enclosure barriers, gates and doors to enclosures are strong and effective in containing the animals;
  - (e) Gates and doors to animal enclosures where the public are admitted, and any enclosure or stand-off barrier, are designed, constructed and maintained so as not to trap or otherwise injure visitors, particularly children or those with disabilities;
  - (f) An adequate number of personnel trained in first aid; and
  - (g) Suitable warning signs and information where animals and visitors may come into contact.
- Private Rules** 29. In consultation with the Commission, a licence holder may make additional rules governing the conduct of visitors into the licenced zoo.



## Registers and records

30. (1) Every zoo shall keep a record of the birth, acquisitions, sales, disposals and deaths of all animals.
- (2) The records kept pursuant to subsection (1) shall provide the following information:
- (a) identification and scientific name;
  - (b) origin (i.e. whether wild or captive-born, including identification of parents, where known, and previous location/s, if any);
  - (c) dates of entry into, and disposal from, the collection and from and to whom;
  - (d) date, or estimated date, of birth or hatching;
  - (e) sex (where known);
  - (f) any distinctive markings, including tattoos, freeze-brands, rings or microchips;
  - (g) clinical data, including details of and dates of any treatment given;
  - (h) behavioural and life history data;
  - (i) date of death and the result of any post-mortem examination and laboratory investigations;

- (j) where an escape has taken place, or damage or injury has been caused to, or by, an animal to persons or property:
    - (i) the reason for such escape, damage or injury; and
    - (ii) a summary of remedial measures taken to prevent recurrence.
  - (k) food and diets.
- (3) Every zoo shall keep an inventory of the animals housed in the zoo as at 31<sup>st</sup> December of every year, which shall be submitted to the Commission by 31<sup>st</sup> of January of the succeeding calendar year.
- (4) Every zoo shall also submit a brief summary of the death of animals in the zoo between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and the 31<sup>st</sup> December of every year, along with the reasons of death identified on the basis of post-mortem reports and other diagnostic tests, by 31<sup>st</sup> January of the succeeding calendar year.
- (5) Every zoo shall submit to the Commission an annual report of the activities of the zoo by the 30<sup>th</sup> April of the following calendar year.
- Closure plan      31. (1) A licence holder shall prepare and submit to the Commission for its approval a written plan for the future care of all the animals kept at the zoo or a section of the zoo, as the case may be, or for their disposal and their care until their disposal.

- (2) The licence holder shall also supply the Commission with any information he or she may request about the care or disposal of the animals to which the plan relates.
- (3) A licence holder, who is required under paragraph (1) to prepare a plan in relation to animals kept at a zoo, or in a section of zoo, shall not dispose of those animals until a plan is approved under this Regulation for their disposal.
- (4) If the plan is approved by the Commission, the licence holder responsible for preparing it :
  - (a) shall implement it, and
  - (b) shall not, except with the prior agreement of the Commission:
    - (i) dispose of any animals to which the plan relates otherwise than in accordance with the approved plan, or
    - (ii) make any arrangements for the future care of such animals that do not comply with the approved plan.
- (5) The plan required by this Regulation shall be prepared in the event of the following:
  - (a) the revocation or suspension of a licence under the provisions of Regulation 12;



- (b) where a licence has expired and has not been renewed pursuant to Regulation 13; or
  - (c) where a licence holder intends to surrender a licence granted pursuant to Regulation 9.
- Commission action on closure      32.      (1)      After considering any representations of the licence holder, the Commission may make a decision under this Regulation in relation to closure of a zoo or a section of a zoo for which a plan is required if:
- (a) the Commission is not satisfied with the plan prepared by the licence holder of the zoo, as the case may be;
  - (b) the Commission is not satisfied with the way in which the plan is being implemented; or
  - (c) the Commission considers that urgent steps need to be taken to safeguard the animals kept at the zoo or in the section of the zoo.
- (2)      A decision under this Regulation may require the licence holder of the zoo concerned to comply with such terms as the Commission thinks fit for:
- (a) the future care of animals kept at the zoo or in the section of the zoo, or
  - (b) the disposal of such animals and their care until disposed of.

- (3) After considering any representations made by the licence holder, the Commission may vary or revoke a decision given under this Regulation.
- (4) In making, implementing, varying or revoking a decision under this Regulation for the care or disposal of animals, due regard shall be paid to the objective of protecting wild animals and conserving biodiversity.

#### PART VIII – MISCELLANEOUS

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| Penalties                 | 33. | A person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on Summary conviction to penalties prescribed under paragraph D of the Sixth Schedule of the Act.  |
| Pre-Regulation operations | 34. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) These Regulations shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to zoos operating prior to the coming into force of these Regulations.</li><li>(2) Subsection (1) shall come into force on the expiry of the period of <b>three years</b> beginning on the day on which these Regulations comes into force.</li></ol> |
| Amendment of Schedule 1   | 35. | The Minister may by order amend the First Schedule  |

**FIRST SCHEDULE****Regulatory Agencies**

Cap 36:20	Central Housing and Planning Authority
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Cap 30:01	The Guyana Water Incorporated
Cap 79:04	The Revenue Authority of Guyana
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	The Guyana Livestock Development Authority