

L.N. 213 of 2023

**ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
(CAP. 439)**

**Animal Slaughter or Killing (Protection)
(Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 7(2) and 11 of the Animal Welfare Act, the Minister responsible for veterinary services has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Animal Slaughter or Killing (Protection) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Animal Slaughter or Killing (Protection) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Citation and
commencement.
S.L. 439.03.

(2) These regulations shall come into force within two (2) months from their publication in the Gazette.

2. The principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

General
amendments to
the principal
regulations.

(a) regulations 4 to 15, both inclusive, of the principal regulations shall be deleted; and

(b) all Schedules to the principal regulations shall be deleted.

3. Sub-regulation (4) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

Amends
regulation 1 of
the principal
regulations.

"(4) The scope of these regulations is to implement the requirements of the provisions of Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing and to impose fines and penalties when there is a breach of these regulations."

4. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be

Substitutes
regulation 2 of
the principal
regulations.

substituted by the following new regulation:

"Interpretation. 2. For the purposes of these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, terms and expressions used in these regulations shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Act and Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing.

Cap. 439. "Act" means the Animal Welfare Act;
"competent authority" means the Veterinary Services."

Amends
regulation 16 of
the principal
regulations.

5. Immediately after sub-regulation (2) of regulation 16 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(3) Where the Director for Veterinary Services has reasonable cause to believe that a breach of these regulations has been committed, he shall proceed in accordance with article 47 of the Act."