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CONTROL OF DOGS RULES

under s. 8

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- 1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Control of Dogs Rules.
- (2) These Rules shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notice, appoint:
- Provided that rules 11, 12, 13 and 17 shall not come into operation until one month after that date.
- (3) These Rules shall apply in such Districts or parts thereof as the Minister may specify by notice published in the *Gazette*.

Citation,
commence-
ment and
application

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “area” means a District or part thereof to which these Rules have been applied under subrule 1 (3);
- “certificate of registration” means a certificate of registration issued under rule 5;
- “registered” means registered under these Rules and cognate expressions bear corresponding meanings;
- “registering authority” means a registering authority referred to in rule 3;

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“vaccination certificate” means a certificate issued by an inspector under rule 10 of the Prevention of Rabies Rules.

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3. The local authority for any District, or part of a District, shall be the registering authority for such District, or part thereof:

Registering
authorities

Provided that the Minister may by notice published in the *Gazette* declare that with respect to the area referred to in the notice such person or authority as he may therein specify shall be the registering authority for such area in lieu of the local authority therefor.

4. Application for the registration under these Rules of any dog shall be made either orally or in writing to the registering authority for the area in which the applicant is resident.

Application
for
registration
of dog

5. Every owner of an unregistered dog of the apparent age of six months or over shall register such dog and obtain in respect thereof a certificate of registration. Such certificate shall be in Form A in the First Schedule and each registering authority shall maintain a register consisting of duplicate copies of all certificates of registration issued by it.

Certificates
of registra-
tion and
register

6.—(1) Unless renewed under subrule (2), a certificate of registration shall expire after twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate.

Expiry of
certificates
of
registration

(2) Upon application made either orally or in writing, and upon payment of the prescribed fee, a currently valid certificate or registration may, on its being produced by the applicant, be renewed for a further period of one year by the registering authority of the area in which the owner of the dog to which such certificate relates has his place of residence at the time of such application.

7. A separate certificate of registration shall be issued in respect of each dog registered.

Separate
certificates of
registration
to be issued

8. A registering authority shall, when issuing, or renewing a certificate of registration also issue to the owner of the dog to which the certificate relates a tag stamped with a distinctive number and with the name of such registering authority. The number stamped on each tag shall be clearly entered on the certificate to which it relates by the registering authority.

tags

9.—(1) On production of a currently valid certificate or registration to the registering authority which originally issued it, such authority shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a duplicate tag in replacement of one which is established to the satisfaction of the authority to have been stolen, lost or destroyed.

Duplicate
certificates
of
registration

(2) On production of such evidence as the registering authority may consider satisfactory of the theft, loss or destruction of any currently valid certificate of registration, and upon payment of

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the prescribed fee, such authority shall issue a duplicate certificate of registration in replacement of the one stolen, lost or destroyed.

Applicants for certificates or registration or renewal thereof to tender evidence of vaccination, etc.

10. Any person applying for a certificate or duplicate certificate of registration for a dog, or for the renewal of such a certificate, shall at the time of such application tender the prescribed fee and shall produce for the inspection of the registering authority concerned a vaccination certificate relating to such dog issued not more than thirty six months prior to such application, and, if so required by the authority, the dog itself. No such authority may issue, or renew, a certificate of registration if the person applying therefor fails fully to comply with the provisions of this rule.

Attachments of tags to dogs

11. Every tag issued in respect of a dog under rule 8 shall be attached to that dog by such means as the Secretary may prescribe:

Provided that the registering authority may, on being satisfied that the owner of any dog causes and will cause such dog to wear a collar at all times, permit such tag to be attached to such dog by means of its collar.

Transfer of ownership of dog

12. On the transfer of any registered dog from one person to another, the relevant certificate of registration shall be forwarded to the registering authority which issued it (or in the case of a renewed certificate, which last renewed it) the transferee's name and address shall be endorsed on such certificate, if it is currently valid. Such endorsement shall be deemed to constitute an issue of such certificate to the transferee.

Production of dog and certificate

13. Every owner of a dog which is required to be registered under these Rules shall, if requested by any inspector or police officer, and within a reasonable time after such request, produce or cause to be produced for inspection by such inspector or police officer, the certificate of registration relating to such dog and at the same time, if so required, the dog itself.

Dogs from outside area

14. The provisions of these Rules shall not apply to any unregistered dog introduced into an area with the permission in writing of the registering authority for such area or an inspector until such dog has been in such area for a period of fourteen days if such dog is led on a leash or chain when in any street or public place.

Exemptions

15. The Minister may by notice published in the *Gazette* exempt any owner, or any class of owner, from all or any of the provisions of these Rules.

Fees

16. The fees specified in the second column of the Second Schedule shall be payable to the registering authority for the matters and things specified in the first column of that Schedule.

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17. Any person who—

Offences

(a) being the owner of a dog fails or neglects to register such dog when required to do so under these Rules or, having so registered it, fails or neglects to keep the relevant certificate of registration currently valid;

(b) being the owner of a dog fails to comply with any of the provisions of rules 11, 12 or 13; or

(c) causes or permits any tag issued under these Rules to be borne on a collar worn by any dog other than the dog in respect of which such tag was issued.

shall commit an offence and be liable, for a first offence, to a fine of fifty Kwacha and imprisonment for three months, and for a second or subsequent offence be liable to a fine of one hundred Kwacha and to imprisonment for six months.

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM A

CONTROL AND DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT

(CAP. 66:02)

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION/RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION OF A DOG

(RULE 5)

It is hereby certified that one dog, hereunder described, the property of (Name and address of owner)

..... has been registered under the Control of Dogs Rules

Breed Sex

Colour, markings, etc., for purpose of identification:

..... (Here put description of dog)

and that tag number has (this day)* been issued in respect thereof.

And that the fee of 75t has been paid.

..... for Registering Authority

Date

This Certificate must be produced for renewal on

*Delete where inapplicable.

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SECOND SCHEDULE

FEEs PAYABLE

(RULE 16)

<i>First Column</i>	<i>Second Column</i>
Registering any dog under these Rules and issuing the relevant Certificate of registration	75t
Renewing any Certificate of registration	75t
For each duplicate tag or Certificate of registration supplied	50t
