

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003, No. 13

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**The Animals (Prevention and Control of *Amblyomma Variegetum*) Regulations 2003, made by the Minister under Section 12 of the Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act, Cap. 18.**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Animals (Prevention and Control of *Amblyomma Variegetum*) Regulations 2003. Short Title.
2. In these Regulations — Interpretation.
- “livestock” means cattle, sheep and goats;
- “Chief Veterinary Officer” means the person holding the office of Chief Veterinary Officer and includes a Veterinary Officer authorized by the Chief Veterinary Officer to perform functions under these Regulations.
3. (1) Every owner of livestock shall apply to the Veterinary and Livestock Division of the Ministry of Agriculture for the registration of his livestock — Registration.
- (a) within a period of seven months from the date of coming into force of these Regulations; or
- (b) in respect of livestock acquired or born after the coming into force of these Regulations, within a period of one month from the acquisition or birth.
- (2) The Chief Veterinary Officer shall maintain a register of livestock in which there shall be recorded such information as he may consider appropriate for the purposes of these Regulations.
4. (1) On receipt of an application for registration the Chief Veterinary Officer shall register the livestock and issue to the Branding and tagging of livestock.

applicant the brand mark or tag number, whichever is appropriate, for the applicant's livestock.

(2) A person whose livestock is registered under Regulation 3 shall brand or tag, as directed by the Chief Veterinary Officer, the livestock in accordance with the brand marks or tag numbers issued to him under Regulation 4 —

(a) in the case of cattle, within six months of registration; and

(b) in the case of sheep and goats, within three months of registration.

Unauthorised removal, destruction or defacement of marks.

5. The owner of livestock which have been branded or tagged with an authorized brand mark or tag shall not remove or destroy or deface such brand mark or tag without the permission in writing of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Application of flumethrin.

6. Any person having in his possession or under his charge or control any livestock which is infected or is suspected to have been infected with *Amblyomma Variegetum* shall forthwith apply 'flumethrin' onto all such livestock and shall continue to do so at intervals of fourteen days until directed by the Chief Veterinary Officer to discontinue such application.

Power to enter and inspect.

7. For the purpose of giving effect to these Regulations the Chief Veterinary Officer or any person acting under his authority, may enter upon any land or premises at any time, with or without notice or without police assistance.

Offences and penalties.

8. A person who —

(a) fails to register livestock as required by Regulation 3;

(b) fails to brand or tag as required by Regulation 4;

(c) removes, destroys or defaces a brand mark or tag without the permission in writing of the Chief Veterinary Officer;

(d) fails to apply flumethrin as required by Regulation 6;

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

Made this 17th day of March, 2003.

**Vere Bird Jr.,**  
*Minister responsible for Agriculture.*