

2. No person shall import into The Bahamas from any member state of the European Union, any live bird or any products derived from poultry.

Prohibition on importation of live birds and poultry products.

## RABIES AND HYDROPHOBIA PREVENTION REGULATIONS

(SECTION 33)

*[Commencement 19th June, 1965]*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rabies and Hydrophobia Prevention Regulations.

No application to cooked or canned meat.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

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“dog” means any member of the canine or feline families.

3. (1) No dog arriving in The Bahamas from any place outside The Bahamas shall be landed at any port or place within The Bahamas otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) No dog shall be so landed unless there shall be produced and shown to and left with the Government Veterinary Surgeon at the time of the arrival of such dog in The Bahamas a certificate in writing signed by a duly qualified veterinary surgeon practising at the place of embarkation of such dog certifying that —

- (a) such veterinary surgeon has personally examined the said dog within twenty-four hours of its embarkation and is satisfied that the said dog is free from symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases; and
- (b) the said dog has, not less than ten days nor more than nine months prior to such examination, been vaccinated against rabies:

Provided that if any dog arriving in The Bahamas is accompanied by certificates by the Animal Diseases Control Bureau or such other competent authority recognised by the Minister to be competent to issue the same, certifying that such dog has at no time within twelve months prior to the date of such certificate been in or at a place in which there has been during the said twelve months a case of rabies, no certificate other than that

referred to in subparagraph (a) of this regulation shall be required.

Dogs may be detained if suspicion of rabies.

**4.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of these Regulations, if the Minister or any public officer acting under his directions or authority suspects and believes that any dog within The Bahamas is harbouring the virus of rabies, he may cause such dog to be detained at such place as he may by writing appoint and for such period, not exceeding six months, as he may by writing direct for the purpose of satisfying himself that such dog is or is not harbouring the virus of rabies or he may by order in writing direct that such dog be forthwith destroyed; and all costs, charges and expenses in connection with the detention of any such dog shall be payable by the owner of such dog on demand by the Minister.

(2) All dogs under the age of six months which shall enter The Bahamas shall, at the owner's expense, be confined at the premises of the Bahamas Humane Society or a qualified and registered veterinary surgeon, until satisfactory evidence is given to the Government Veterinary Surgeon that they are free from rabies.

No compensation.

**5.** No person shall be entitled to any compensation for any dog destroyed or otherwise dealt with under the provisions of these Regulations.

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## ANIMAL CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (IMPORT CONTROL) REGULATIONS

(SECTION 33)

*[Commencement 4th August, 1966]*

Title.

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Contagious Diseases (Import Control) Regulations.

Interpretation.

**2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

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“Act” means the Animal Contagious Diseases Act;

“animal” includes birds and bees;

“Director” means the person for the time being appointed to be the Director of Agriculture;

“diseased” means suffering from any contagious or infectious diseases;