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**USE OF OESTROGENS, ARSENICAL OR ANTIMONIAL
SUBSTANCES PROHIBITION ACT**

16 of 1966. **AN ACT to prohibit the use of oestrogens, arsenical or antimonial substances in poultry intended for local consumption or for export.**

Commencement. [17th November 1966]

Short title. **1. This Act may be cited as the –**
**USE OF OESTROGENS, ARSENICAL OR ANTIMONIAL
SUBSTANCES PROHIBITION ACT.**

Interpretation. **2. In this Act –**
“arsenical” means any substance or compound containing arsenic or its derivatives;
“antimonial” means any substance or compound containing antimony or its derivatives;
“carcase” means the carcase or any part thereof of any domestic fowl, turkey, goose, duck, pheasant, guinea-fowl or partridge;
“export” includes disposal for export;
“oestrogens” means the hormones hexoestrol or stilboestrol or any other similar hormone in its natural or synthetic form;
“poultry” means birds of the following species, that is to say, domestic fowls, turkeys, geese, ducks, guinea-fowls, pigeons, pheasants and partridges.

Prohibition of use of oestrogens, etc., in poultry intended for local use or export. **3. From and after the coming into operation of this Act, no person shall use oestrogens or any arsenical or antimonial substance in the treatment of poultry intended for local consumption or for export.**

Offence to import for re-export poultry or carcasses treated with oestrogens, etc. **4. (1) No person shall export from the State any live poultry or any carcase which has been treated with oestrogens, or with any arsenical or antimonial substance.**

(2) No person shall import into the State for re-export or accept delivery for re-export of any poultry or carcase unless it is accompanied by a certificate signed by a duly authorised officer of the Government of the country of origin stating that the poultry or carcasses were not treated with oestrogens or with any arsenical or antimonial substances.

5. If any person sells or offers for sale or has in his possession for sale or uses any oestrogens or any arsenical or antimonial substances knowing it to be intended for use in poultry he is guilty of an offence.

Offence to offer for sale or to keep any oestrogens, etc., knowing it to be intended for use in poultry.

6. A duly authorised officer of the Ministry of Agriculture may at any time enter any pen, shed, land or other place where he has reasonable grounds for supposing that poultry are kept for the purpose of seeing if any of the provisions of this Act are infringed and may institute proceedings before a Magistrate against any offender against this Act, and may further seize any oestrogens or any arsenical or antimonial substances, live poultry or carcasses which he has reasonable cause to believe have been treated with oestrogens, or with any arsenical or antimonial substances.

Officer of Ministry of Agriculture may enter premises.

7. Any Magistrate who is satisfied from the evidence of any officer of the Ministry of Agriculture acting under section 6 that any oestrogens or any arsenical or antimonial substance brought before him were kept for use in poultry or that any live poultry or carcasses produced before him were treated with oestrogens or with any arsenical or antimonial substance may order the destruction of such oestrogens, poultry or carcasses and may impose on the offender any penalty provided by this Act.

Carcasses or oestrogens, etc., found may be destroyed.

8. The Chief Agricultural Officer may by written order prohibit the owner of poultry from exporting from the State any live poultry or carcase which he has reasonable cause to believe has been treated with oestrogens, arsenical or antimonial substances.

Chief Agricultural Officer may prohibit export of poultry or carcase.

9. The Minister may make Regulations for the proper carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act.

Regulations.

10. Any person offending against this Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars or to imprisonment for three months.

Penalty.

