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

**Emergency Euthanasia of Animals (Amendment)
Regulations, 2023**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 7(2) 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 Emergency Euthanasia of Animals (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Emergency Euthanasia of Animals Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Citation and commencement.

S.L. 439.17.

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

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

(a) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, immediately after the definition "animal" there shall be added the following new definition:

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" "Director" means the Director for Veterinary Services as defined in the Animal Welfare Act;";

(b) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, the definition "emergency euthanasia" shall be deleted and immediately after the definition "Director", as added, there shall be added the following new definition:

" "emergency euthanasia" means the killing of animals which are injured, in severe pain or suffering and where there is no other practical possibility to alleviate this pain or suffering;"; and

(c) immediately after sub-regulation (2) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-

regulation (2), terms and expressions used in these regulations which are not defined herein, shall unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning assigned to them in the Act."

Substitutes regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Punishments and administrative penalties.

6. Any person who obstructs an official veterinarian or a private veterinarian in the performance of his functions in accordance with these regulations shall be found guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the punishments and administrative penalties referred to in articles 45 and 47 of the Act."
