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General Regulations

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PART I
DEFINITIONS

1. In these regulations, words and phrases have the meaning assigned to them in this Act and the Animal Diseases and Parasites Standing Regulations published in Government Notice R. 1531, dated 4 October 1963 and -

- (a) “bont tick” - means the larval, nymphal or adult stage of the ticks of the order *Acarina* and the genus *Amblyomma* and especially the species *Amblyomma hebraeum* and all the other species of this genus;
- (b) “cooked animal product” - means any animal carcass or portion thereof which has been exposed to boiling water for at least 20 minutes, or which has been sterilised in a manner approved by the Director and includes a farm feed registered in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act 36 of 1947);
- (c) “infectious thing” means -
 - (i) for the purpose of Part III of these regulations, the hair, hoofs, bones, blood, semen, skins, manure and the uncooked meat, organs and viscera of pigs as determined in Government Notice 1534 of 4 October 1963; and
 - (ii) for the purpose of Part V of these regulations, the hair, bristles, wool, horns, bones, semen, blood, manure, hides, skins, raw milk and raw milk products of animals, the uncooked meat, organs and viscera of cloven-hoofed animals, as well as grass, grass-hay, straw, lucern, maize and sorghum stalks and used jute bags, riems, ropes and meat cloths as determined in Government Notice 1534 of 4 October 1963;
- (d) “landed property” means -
 - (i) any land which is registered in any Deeds Registry as a separate piece of land;
 - (ii) in a Bantu area, the area which in terms of the Bantu Trust and Land Act, 1936 (Act 18 of 1936) is a scheduled Bantu area or released area; and
 - (iii) a location as defined by section 35 of the Bantu Administration Act, 1927 (Act 38 of 1927), as amended;
- (e) “pig” - for the purposes of Part III of these regulations, including any bushpig, warthog and wild pig;
- (f) “tuberculosis-free bovine” means a bovine -
 - (i) originating from a herd for which a valid official certificate of freedom from infection with bovine tuberculosis exists; and

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- (ii) which has shown negative results or bovine tuberculosis in two successive tuberculin tests which were conducted not less than 6 weeks and not more than 3 months apart: Provided that a bovine thus tested, shall be kept in isolation for the period from such first test up to and until such second test;

[The phrase “which has shown negative results or bovine tuberculosis in two successive tuberculin tests” is grammatically incorrect in the *Government Gazette*, as reproduced above, it should read “which has shown negative results for bovine tuberculosis in two successive tuberculin tests”.]

- (g) “wild animals”- means all animals which are not dogs, cats, cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, amphibia, reptiles and birds, but does not include animals in respect of which the owner is the holder of a licence issued under the Performing Animals Protection Act, 1935 (Act 24 of 1935).

PART II

ABATTOIRS - RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS FROM CERTAIN ABATTOIRS

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of subregulation (2) no person shall move, or cause or permit to be moved, bovines, equines, goats, pigs or sheep from any abattoir defined in Schedule 1 except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit.

(2) The provisions of subregulation (1) shall not apply to equines harnessed to a vehicle used for the conveyance of goods into, in or from abattoirs.

PART III

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER - RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS

3. No person shall introduce, or cause or permit any pig or infectious thing to be introduced into the area defined in Schedule 2 or move or cause or permit any pig or infectious thing to be moved from any landed property in the defined area to any other landed property whether within or outside the defined area, except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit: Provided that no permit shall be necessary for the movement of an infectious thing within the urban area of jurisdiction of a local authority in the defined area.

4. Every owner of pigs in the area defined in Schedule 2 shall confine such pigs, excluding bushpigs, warthogs and wild pigs which have not been domesticated, in pig-proof camps, styles, pens or runs.

5. No person shall feed, or cause or permit pigs in the area defined in Schedule 2 to be fed with -

- (a) any animal product unless such product -
- (i) is a cooked animal product; or
 - (ii) was derived from an animal not susceptible to African Swine Fever: Provided that such animal shall be slaughtered on the landed property on which the pigs to be fed therewith, are kept; and

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- (b) any garbage, refuse or swill obtained from another landed property unless such garbage, refuse or swill is cooked.

PART IV

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS - RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF BOVINES TO THE TERRITORY

6. (1) No person shall introduce or cause or permit any bovine to be introduced into the Territory, except by virtue of a written permit by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit: Provided that such bovine is free from tuberculosis.

(2) A tuberculosis-free bovine -

- (a) as defined in regulation 1(e)(i) shall be kept in isolation from leaving the landed property on which such herd is kept up to and until the arrival thereof on the landed property in the Territory to which it is introduced; and
- (b) as defined in regulation 1(e)(ii) shall be kept in isolation for the period from the first negative tuberculin test up to and until the arrival thereof on the landed property in the Territory to which it is introduced: Provided that such bovine shall be thus introduced within 14 days of the second negative tuberculin test.

PART V

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE - RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN AREAS

7. No person shall introduce, or cause or permit any cloven-hoofed animal or infectious thing to be introduced into the area defined in Schedule 3, or move or cause or permit any cloven-hoofed animal or infectious thing to be moved from any landed property in the defined area to any other landed property, whether within or outside the defined area, except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such permit: Provided that no permit shall be necessary for the movement of an infectious thing within the urban area of jurisdiction of a local authority in the defined area.

PART VI

BONT TICK - RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CERTAIN ANIMALS TO THE TERRITORY

8. No person shall introduce, or cause or permit any bovine, equine, sheep, goat or wild animal, to be introduced from any landed property in the area defined in Schedule 4 into the Territory, except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit: Provided that such bovine, equine, sheep, goat or any wild animal is free from bont tick.

PART VII

BRUCELLOSIS - COMPULSORY VACCINATION OF HEIFERS

9. (1) Every owner of cattle in the Republic (including the Territory) shall -

- (a) vaccinate or cause all heifers to be vaccinated with a brucellosis vaccine approved by the Director before such heifers have attained the age of eleven months but not before they are 3 months old; and

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(b) present proof that all heifers between the ages referred in paragraph (a) have been vaccinated with a brucellosis vaccine approved by the Director.

(2) Whenever a state veterinarian considers it necessary, he may fix the place, date and time of vaccination referred to in subregulation (1)(a).

10. Whenever an officer supervised a vaccination referred to in regulation 9, he may mark such vaccinated heifers with an earmark approved by the Director.

11. No person shall vaccinate any cattle eleven months of age and older against brucellosis, except with the written approval of a state veterinarian.

PART VIII

HARBOURS - RESTRICTION ON THE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS INTO, OUT OF AND THROUGH HARBOURS

12. (1) Subject to the provisions of subregulation (2) no person shall move, or cause or permit any animal to be moved out of, into or through any harbour defined in Schedule 5 except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit.

(2) The provisions of subregulation (1) shall not apply to equines originating from an area in the Republic outside the defined harbours and which are harnessed to a vehicle used for the conveyance of goods into, in or from harbours.

PART IX

RABIES - RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CERTAIN ANIMALS IN CERTAIN AREAS AND THE COMPULSORY VACCINATION OF DOGS

13. No person shall introduce, or cause or permit any dog, cat, wild carnivore or ground squirrel to be introduced into the area defined in Schedule 6, or move, or cause or permit any such animal to be moved from any landed property in the defined area to any other landed property, whether within or outside the defined area, except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit: Provided that no permit shall be necessary for the movement of a dog, cat, wild carnivore or ground squirrel within the urban area of jurisdiction of a local authority in the defined area.

14. Every owner of a dog in the area defined in Schedule 6 shall cause such dog to be vaccinated with an anti-rabies vaccine approved by the Director -

(a) before such dog has attained the age of seven months but not before it is three months old; and

(b) within a period of three years after the vaccination referred to in paragraph (a) and thereafter at least once in every period of three years.

15. A dog vaccinated in terms of regulation 14 shall at each vaccination be marked by an officer with a tattoo-mark approved by the Director.

16. (1) A state veterinarian may, through a notice served in the manner described in section 32 of the Act or by notice in a newspaper circulating in the area concerned, order each owner or occupier of land in the area defined in Schedule 6 or such portion of the defined area

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as the State Veterinarian determine, that all dogs on the land owned or occupied by him shall be -

- (a) kept isolated, secured or confined for such a period as the State Veterinarian fix in such a notice; and
- (b) produced to an officer for inspection, vaccination and marking at a place, date and time fixed in such a notice.

(2) A state veterinarian may order that any dog whose owner did not comply with an order issued in terms of subregulation (1)(a), be destroyed.

PART X
ANTHRAX - COMPULSORY VACCINATIONS

17. (1) Every owner of cattle, equines, pigs, sheep and goats in the area defined in Schedule 7, shall vaccinate such animals or cause them to be vaccinated against anthrax once in every period of 12 months with a vaccine approved by the Director.

(2) Whenever a state veterinarian considers it necessary, he may fix the place, date and time of a vaccination referred to in subregulation (1).

PART XI
WILD ANIMALS - RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS

18. No person shall move, or cause or permit any wild animal to be moved from any landed property in the Republic (including the Territory) to any other landed property in the Republic (including the Territory), except by virtue of a written permit issued by a state veterinarian and subject to the conditions specified in such a permit: Provided that no permit shall be necessary for the movement of wild animals within the urban area of jurisdiction of a local authority in the Republic (including the Territory).

PART XII
REPEAL OF REGULATIONS

19. The following regulations are hereby repealed -

- (a) Abattoirs - the regulations published in Government Notice R. 3227, dated 5 September 1969;
- (b) African swine fever - the regulations published in Government Notice R. 1690, dated 29 October 1965;
- (c) foot and mouth disease - the regulations published in Government Notice R. 1531, dated 1 September 1972;
- (d) brucellosis - the regulations published in Government Notice R. 2252, dated 13 December 1968;
- (e) harbours - the regulations published in Government Notice 836, dated 1 June 1962;
- (f) rabies - the regulations published in Government Notice R. 956, dated 24 June 1966;

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- (g) anthrax - the regulations published in Government Notice 457, dated 24 March 1961, as amended by Government Notices 433, dated 18 August 1961, 1433 dated 20 September 1963 and R. 3473, dated 9 October 1969; and
- (h) wild animals - the regulations published in Government Notice R. 2118, dated 29 December 1967, as amended by Government Notice R. 1130, dated 1 September 1972.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

[Schedule 1 substituted by AG 29/1981]

**ABATTOIRS FROM WHICH THE MOVEMENT
OF CERTAIN ANIMALS ARE RESTRICTED**

1. The abattoir of Vleissentraal at Windhoek.
2. The abattoir of Vleissentraal at Otavi.
3. The abattoir of Karoo Meat Packers at Okahandja.
4. The abattoir of Elooole Meat Industry at Oshakati.

SCHEDULE 2

[Schedule 2 amended by AG 29/1981]

AFRICAN SWINE FEVER AREAS

- (1) The Kruger National Park.
- (2) In the Province of Transvaal, the Magisterial Districts of Baberton, Letaba, Marico, Messina, Nelspruit, Pietersburg, Pilgrim's Rest, Potgietersrus, Rustenburg, Soutpansberg, Swartruggens, Thabazimbi, Waterberg, Witrivier and that portion of the Magisterial Districts of Warmbad bounded on the north by the District of Waterberg, on the west by the District of Thabazimbi and on the south by and including the following farms: Blokspruit 157, Doornfontein 155, Rietdal 555, Hartebeesfontein 558, Kromdraai 560, Rietgat 563, Droogesloot 476, Zoete Inval 484, Droogelaagte 485, Klippan 490, Herman 468, Buffelspruit 443, Modderspruit 448 and Groot Nylsoog 447.
- (3) In the territory, the magisterial districts of Boesmanland, Damaraland, Eastern Caprivi Zipfel (including the Western Caprivi Zipfel), Gobabis, Grootfontein, Hereroland East (including the Rietfontein Block), Hereroland West, Kaokoland, Karibib, Kavango, Okahandja, Omaruru, Otjiwarongo, Outjo, Owambo, Rehoboth, Swakopmund, Tsumeb, Walvis Bay and Windhoek.

SCHEDULE 3

[Schedule 3 amended by AG 29/1981]

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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AREAS

- (1) The Kruger National Park.
- (2) The Magisterial Districts of Baberton, Gordonia, Ingwavuma, Kuruman, Letaba, Mafeking 1, Mafeking 2, Marico, Messina, Pilgrim's Rest, Potgietersrus, Soutpansberg, Thabazimbi, Vryburg 1, Waterberg and Witrivier.
- (3) The Western Caprivi Zipfel.
- (4) In the territory, the magisterial districts of Boesmanland, Damaraland, Eastern Caprivi Zipfel, Gobabis, Grootfontein, Hereroland East (including the Rietfontein Block), Hereroland West, Kaokoland, Karibib, Kavango, Mariental, Okahandja, Omaruru, Otjiwarongo, Outjo, Owambo, Rehoboth, Swa- kopmund, Tsumeb, Walvis Bay and Windhoek.

SCHEDULE 4

[Schedule 4 amended by AG 29/1981]

RESTRICTED AREAS WITH REGARD TO BONT TICK

- (1) In the Province of Transvaal, the Magisterial Districts of Barberton, Brits, Bronkhorstspuit, Carolina, Cullinan, Groblersdal, Koster, Krugersdorp, Letaba, Lydenburg, Marico, Messina, Middelburg, Nelspruit, Pietersburg, Piet Retief, Pilgrim's Rest, Potgietersrus, Pretoria, Rustenburg, Soutpansberg, Swartruggens, Thabazimbi, Warmbad, Waterberg, Witbank and Witrivier.
- (2) The Province of Natal.
- (3) In the Cape Province, the Magisterial Districts of Adelaide, Albany, Alexandria, Bathurst, Bedford, Cathcart, East London, Fort Beaufort, George, Hankey, Humansdorp, King William's Town, Kirkwood, Knysna, Komga, Mafeking 1, Mafeking 2, Mosselbaai, Mount Currie, Peddie, Port Elizabeth, Stockenstrom, Stutterheim, Uitenhage and Victoria East.
- (4) In the territory, the Eastern and Western Caprivi Zipfel.

SCHEDULE 5

**HARBOURS INTO, OUT OF AND THROUGH WHICH THE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS
IS RESTRICTED**

The harbours at Cape Town, Durban, East London, Mosselbaai, Port Elizabeth and Walvisbaai.

SCHEDULE 6
RABIES AREAS

- (1) The Kruger National Park.
- (2) The Province of Natal.
- (3) In the Province of Transvaal, the Magisterial Districts of Barberton, Letaba, Marico, Messina, Nelspruit, Pietersburg, Piet Retief, Pilgrim's Rest, Potgietersrus, that portion

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of the District of Rustenburg north of Nankwe, Thabazimbi, Soutpansberg, Warmbad, Waterberg and Witrivier.

- (4) In the Cape Province, the Magisterial Districts of Mafeking 1 and Mafeking 2.
- (5) The Territory.

SCHEDULE 7

**AREAS IN WHICH THE VACCINATION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS AGAINST ANTHRAX
IS COMPULSORY**

- (1) The Province of Transvaal.
- (2) The Province of Natal.
- (3) The Province of the Orange Free State.
- (4) In the Cape Province, the Magisterial Districts of Alexandria, Barkly West, Cathcart, East London, Fort Beaufort, George, Gordonia, Hartswater, Hay, Herbert, Kimberley, King William's Town, Kirkwood Komga, Kuruman, Mafeking 1, Mafeking 2, Mount Currie, Peddie, Port Elizabeth, Postmasburg, Stockenström, Stutterheim, Victoria East, Vryburg 1, Vryburg 2 and Warrenton.
- (5) The Territory.