

An Act to amend the Wild Animal Control Act 1977

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title---This Act may be cited as the Wild Animal Control Amendment Act 1999, and is part of the Wild Animal Control Act 1977 ("the principal Act").

2. Interpretation---Section 2 (1) of the principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) (iii) (B) of the definition of the term "wild animal" the words " , if no such system is for the time being in force, in accordance with any provisions having effect by virtue of section 11 of that Act", and substituting the words "in accordance with an identification system approved under section 50 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and approved by the Director-General for the purposes of this Act".

3. Ownership of wild animals---Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by repealing subsection (2), and substituting the following subsection:

"(2) The presence of any wild animal on any land confers no right of ownership of the wild animal or its carcass on the owner or occupier of the land unless and until the animal is---

"(a) Captured, held, or conveyed under a valid permit issued by the Director-General; or

"(b) Killed by a person who hunts or kills a wild animal on the land with the consent of the owner or occupier; or

"(c) Hunted or killed by the owner or occupier by lawful means; or

"(d) Identified in accordance with an identification system---

(i) Registered under section 3 of the Animal Identification Act 1993; or

(ii) Approved under section 50 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and approved by the Director-General for the purposes of this Act."

4. Deer farms---Section 12A (8) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words " , if no such system is for the time being in force, in accordance with any provisions having effect by virtue of section 11 of that Act", and substituting the words "in accordance with an identification system approved under section 50 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and approved by the Director-General for the purposes of this Act".

5. Safari parks---Section 12B (4) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words " , if no such system is for the time being in force, in accordance with any provisions having effect by virtue of section 11 of that Act", and substituting the words "in accordance with an

identification system approved under section 50 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and approved by the Director-General for the purposes of this Act".