

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT RULES – SECTION 5

(Legal Notices 24 of 1994 and 26 of 2009)

Short title

1. These rules may be cited as the Livestock Improvement Rules.

Interpretation

2. In these rules the “**Board**” means the Board appointed under rule 3.

Appointment of Board

3.¹⁴ The Committee must appoint a Board consisting of the Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer¹⁵ or his nominee as Chairman and not less than 2 and not more than 4 other members.

Restriction on ownership, etc. of whole male animals

4. (1) A person must not own or have in his possession or under his control—
 - (a) a stallion donkey that has attained the age of 24 months; or
 - (b) a bull that has attained the age of 6 months; or
 - (c) a ram that has attained the age of 3 months; or
 - (d) an uncastrated male goat that has attained the age of 3 months; or
 - (e) a boar that has attained the age of 6 months,

unless a permit has been issued in respect of the animal by the Board, and that permit is still in effect.

(2) An application for a permit under subrule (1) must be made to the Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer¹⁶.

- (3) The Board must not issue a permit in respect of an animal unless it—
 - (a) has examined the animal; and
 - (b) as a result of that examination—is satisfied that the retention of the animal for breeding purposes would improve the stock of that type of animal on St. Helena.

Revocation of permit

5. The Board may at any time revoke a permit issued under rule 4 if it is satisfied that the retention of the animal for breeding purposes would no longer improve the stock of that type of animal on St. Helena.

Animal to be castrated or killed

6. Where—
 - (a) an application for a permit under rule 4 is refused; or
 - (b) a permit is revoked under rule 5,

the owner of the animal or the person having control or possession of the animal—

¹⁴ Rule 3 amended by L.N. 26 of 2009

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- (i) must—
 - (A) cause the animal to be castrated in a manner approved by the Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer¹⁷; or
 - (B) cause the animal to be killed, within 4 weeks of the refusal or revocation; and
- (ii) must until the animal is so castrated or killed keep the animal isolated from any female animal of its kind capable of producing progeny.

Offences

7. A person who—
- (a) owns or has possession or control of an animal contrary to rule 4(1); or
 - (b) fails to have an animal castrated or killed, or to keep it isolated in accordance with rule 6,
- is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £200.

Transitional

8. Any permit issued under rules in force immediately before these rules have effect shall on these rules having effect be taken to be a permit issued under rule 4.

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