

THE ANIMALS (ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION
CONTROL) ACT

Cap. 12.
Acts
6 of 1968,
12 of 1985
Sch.

[24th August, 1950.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Animals (Artificial Insemination Control) Act. Short title.

2. In this Act—
“animals” means cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, Interpreta-
tion.
domestic fowls, turkeys, geese and ducks;
“the Board” means the Artificial Insemination Advisory
Board established under section 7;
“the Director” means the Director of Veterinary Services;
“regulations” means regulations made under section 6. 6/1968
S. 3 (2) and
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3.—(1) No person shall import or bring into the Island the semen of any animal to which any regulations apply except under and in accordance with the terms of a valid licence granted by the Director: Prohibi-
tion of
importation
of animal
semen.

Provided that where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Customs and Excise that any such semen is being imported or brought in solely with a view to the re-exportation thereof by way of transshipment, the Commissioner of Customs and Excise may, subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose for ensuring the re-exportation of the semen, allow the semen to be imported or brought in. 12/1985
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(2) A licence under this section may be granted subject to such conditions as may be therein specified and may be revoked by the Director at any time.

(3) Any semen with respect to which there is reason to believe that an offence against subsection (1) has been committed may be seized and detained pending the determination of any proceedings instituted under this section in respect of any such offence or until the Director is satisfied that no such proceedings are likely to be instituted and any semen so detained shall be detained at the owner's risk in such place and manner as the Director may direct and, if such proceedings as aforesaid result in a conviction, shall be destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the Director may direct.

Powers of
entry, etc.,
on premises.

4. Any person authorized in writing in that behalf by the Director may, upon producing his authority, enter at all reasonable times—

- (a) any premises occupied by the holder of a licence issued under this Act or under any regulations and used for or in connection with any of the purposes authorized by the licence;
- (b) any premises where animals to which any regulations apply and which have been artificially inseminated are kept;
- (c) any premises on which, or in connection with which, he has reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence against this Act or any regulations is being or has been committed, and may inspect the premises and any animals or articles thereon and carry out such tests or other investigations as he thinks fit in order to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act and any regulations, or the conditions subject to which any licence is issued under this Act or under any regulations, are being complied with, and may, for the purposes of any

such test or investigation, require the occupier of the premises to give such information as it is in his power to give.

5. Every person who—

Offences.

- (a) contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Act or with any condition subject to which any licence is issued; or
- (b) obstructs any person in the exercise of the powers conferred on him by this Act; or
- (c) refuses to give any information which he is required to give,

shall be guilty of an offence, and shall, on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or to imprisonment with hard labour for any period not exceeding six months.

6.—(1) The Director may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations generally for controlling the practice of artificial insemination of animals. Regulations.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may, without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by that subsection, make provision in relation to—

- (a) the licensing, either generally or in respect of any specified area, of persons to practise artificial insemination of animals;
- (b) the licensing of animals from which semen may be collected for use in artificial insemination;
- (c) prohibiting, restricting or controlling the importation of the semen of any animal either generally or from any particular country;
- (d) the manner in which the semen of any animal imported into this Island shall be carried;

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- (e) the examination for potency of the semen of any animal imported into this Island;
- (f) the licensing of persons to collect semen from any licensed animal;
- (g) the approval of the methods of collection, storage and transportation of the semen of any animal;
- (h) the revocation of licences;
- (i) the punishment for any contravention or failure to comply with any regulations made under this section or with any condition subject to which any licence is issued.

Establish-
ment of
Board.

7.—(1) There shall be established a Board to be known as the Artificial Insemination Advisory Board, whose duty it shall be to advise the Director in relation to the exercise of the powers conferred by this Act.

(2) The Board shall consist of the Director or his nominee, who shall be Chairman, and two other members to be appointed by the Minister, one of whom shall be nominated by the Jamaica Livestock Association.

(3) The Board shall meet not less than once every three months.

(4) The Board shall be responsible for regulating its own procedure.