

Chapter 1. PLANT AND ANIMAL QUARANTINE

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§ 1. Title of Act.

This Chapter shall be cited as "The Plant and Animal Quarantine Act."¹

§ 2. Purpose of Act.

It shall be the purpose of this Chapter to prevent entry into Liberia of injurious plant and animal pests and diseases existing in foreign countries; to prevent the spread of such pests and diseases should they become established in Liberia; and to regulate the export of plants and animals to conserve dwindling species and protect the food supplies of the Republic.²

§ 3. Definitions.

For the purpose of this Chapter, "plants" shall be construed to mean living plant material of every description, and "animals" shall be

¹ Prior legislation: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, § 2; L. 1948-49, ch. IX; L. 1937, ch. II.

² Prior legislation: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, § 3.

construed to mean all non-human animal life.³

§ 4. Authority of Minister of Agriculture.⁴

The Minister of Agriculture is authorized to:

1. Prohibit the importation into Liberia of plants or animals which are poisonous, noxious, or which produce deleterious drugs or which may be infested or infected with harmful pests or diseases; except that nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the importation of any of the above for scientific, medical, or educational purposes subject to such rules and regulations as the Minister may prescribe.
2. Promulgate regulations for control of the exportation of living plants and animals from Liberia in the interest of preserving dwindling species and conserving the natural resources of the country.
3. Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the control of the importation and exportation of living plants and animals of every description and in any form as are necessary in his opinion to protect the agriculture and food supplies of the Republic.

³ Prior legislation: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, § 3.

⁴ "Minister of Agriculture" substituted for "Secretary of Agriculture" by amendment proposed L. 1971-72, An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia with Respect to the Appellation of the Departments of Government and the Heads Thereof, § 1, approved December 31, 1971, and adopted at election held April 4, 1972. The words "and Commerce" were removed upon separation of Agriculture from Commerce and the Creation of a Separate Ministry of Commerce, see ch. 28 & 29 of An Act Adopting a New Executive Law and Repealing the Present Executive Law and Public Welfare Law, and Amending and Repealing Other Acts in Relation Thereto, Tit. 12, Liberian Code of Laws Rev., approved May 11, 1972.

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Establish domestic quarantines in defined areas when such action is deemed necessary in order to prevent the spread of any potentially dangerous pest or disease which may become established within the Republic by regulating or prohibiting the movement into, through, or out of the quarantined areas of any plant or animal or other material capable of spreading such pest or disease.

5. Provide methods for the destruction of any plants or animals growing or living in Liberia which are found to be infested or infected with pests or disease, the spread of which would seriously threaten the agriculture and food supplies of the Republic; provided, that if the presence of such pests or diseases can be clearly established as not due to the carelessness or negligence of the owner, reasonable compensation shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, be made available and paid out of the annual appropriation for the Ministry of Agriculture.⁵

6. Promulgate regulations requiring full registration with the Ministry of Agriculture of all scientists, scientific associations, corporations, companies or agents, as well as agents of foreign governments entering Liberia for the purpose of collecting scientific data or plant and animal material and requiring them to file with the Ministry copies of all data and samples of all plant material collected within the country.

* 7. Appoint official plant and animal quarantine inspectors and

⁵ "Ministry of Agriculture" substituted for "Department of Agriculture" by amendment proposed L. 1971-72, An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia with Respect to the Appellation of the Departments of Government and the Heads Thereof, § 1, approved December 31, 1971, and adopted at election held April 4, 1972. See also New Executive Law, approved May 11, 1972, Tit. 12, ch. 28 & 29, LCLR, regarding separation of Commerce from Ministry of Agriculture and creation of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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any other inspector considered necessary; designate which of the ports of entry enumerated in section 855 of the Revenue and Finance Law may be used for the importation and exportation of plants and animals; provide for the immediate destruction of plants and animals refused entry for non-compliance with rules and regulations prescribed under the authority of this Chapter; and take such other measures as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.⁶

§ 5. Penalty for violation of Chapter.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or who shall forge, counterfeit, alter, deface, or destroy any application, permit, or certificate provided for in the rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. In construing and enforcing the provisions of this Chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the act or omission of any officer, agent, or other person acting for or employed by any corporation, firm, company, society, association, or other organized group shall in every case be deemed also to be the act or omission of the corporation, firm, company, society, association, or other organized group, as well as that of the person.⁷

§ 6. Penalty for violation of Chapter by officials.

Officials charged with the duty of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter who act in contravention thereof or fail to perform the duties

⁶ Prior legislation: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, § 4; L. 1948-49, ch. IX, t. II, § 3.

Cross reference:
Other duties of Department of Agriculture and Commerce, [Now Ministry of Agriculture] see Executive L., § 28.2. Requirement of permit from Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Commerce for exportation of live animal, see Natural Resources L., § 81.

⁷ Prior legislation: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, § 5; L. 1948-49, ch. IX, t. III, § 1.

required of them shall be dismissed from office and prosecuted under the provisions of section 12.3 of the [New] Penal Law.⁸

Chapter 2. THE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION ACT

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§ 20. Name of Act.

This Chapter shall be cited as "The National Livestock Artificial Insemination Act."⁹

§ 21. Definition of "artificial insemination".

"Artificial insemination" as used in this Chapter means the impregnation of any female animal by the introduction of the spermatozoa by mechanical means.¹⁰

§ 22. Establishment of National Livestock Bureau.

The President is hereby authorized to create and establish a bureau within the Ministry of Agriculture to be named "The National

⁸ Prior legislation: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, § 6; L. 1948-49, ch. IX, t. III, § 2.

⁹ Prior registration: L. 1953-54, ch. XI, § 1.

¹⁰ Prior legislation: L. 1953-54, ch. XI, § 2.

Livestock Bureau".¹¹

§ 23. Policies and objectives.

The initial policies and primary objectives of the program to be carried out by the National Livestock Bureau shall be to execute to the fullest extent within the means at its disposal the intent of this Act by:

- (a) Establishing contacts with institutions already familiar with artificial insemination practices in tropical countries;
- (b) Development of a regional program which will lend itself to taking full advantage of the services of the scientist and utilization of semen when flown in under special refrigerated conditions;
- (c) Enforcing such sanitary measures through the veterinarian service of the Ministry of Agriculture as may be found necessary to sustain maximum health of animals and safe execution of the program;
- (d) Giving training in artificial insemination techniques and practices, offering technical assistance to those engaged in livestock production, and disseminating knowledge and acceptance of the artificial insemination program throughout the country.¹²

§ 24. Regional centers to be established.

The Minister of Agriculture shall establish regional centers where

¹¹ Prior legislation: L. 1953-54, ch. XI, § 3.

¹² Prior legislation: L. 1953-54, ch. XI, § 4.