

LAW OF UKRAINE

On Amendment of Some Legislative Acts of Ukraine on Veterinary Medicine

To introduce the following amendments into some legislative acts:

1. The Law of Ukraine “On Veterinary Medicine” (Vidomosti Verkhovnoi Rady Ukrainy, 1997, No.7, page 56) should read as follows:

LAW OF UKRAINE “ON VETERINARY MEDICINE”

This Law determines general legal, organizational and financial grounds of veterinary medicine, requirements as to veterinary and sanitary quality and safety of animal produce and on the markets – vegetable produce, environmental protection. It determines the authority of state bodies, rights and obligations of legal entities and natural persons in the field of ensuring veterinary and epizootic wellbeing, animal quarantine, and establishes the procedure for providing state veterinary control and supervision.

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. Definition of Terms

The following terms shall be used in this Law in the meaning:

veterinary medicine - a sector which covers a system of sciences on animal diseases, their prevention, diagnostics, medical treatment, determination of quality of food products and raw of animal origin and activity aimed at protection of health and productivity of animals, prevention of diseases and human protection from diseases common for animals and people;

veterinary and epizootic welfare - optimum conditions for animal lives that prevent morbidity and harmful impact of environmental factors on their health, productivity, ensure prevention of diseases, including those common for animals and people;

veterinary and sanitary expertise - a set of diagnostic and special research on determination of quality of products and raw of animal and vegetable origin designed for nourishment of people, animal feeding and further processing;

finished food products of animal origin - canned meat, meat-and-plant and fish, butter, margarine, fat, powder milk, food products for children, sausage products, concentrated meat, etc.;

means of veterinary medicine - materials, equipment, devices, instruments, special motor vehicles, etc. designed for veterinary activity;

means of animal protection - immune-biological, biological, vegetable, chemical, chemical and pharmaceutical and other veterinary preparations;

epizootic - spreading of infectious animal diseases within a relatively short term in the vast territory that is characterized by the continuity of the epizootic process;

preventive quarantine - measures to prevent bringing of infectious diseases which presuppose separate keeping and conducting of diagnostic examination of animals brought into the territory;

animal quarantine - legal regime of activity of executive bodies and local self-governing bodies, enterprises, institutions and organizations, focused on localization and liquidation of hot-beds of dangerous infectious animal diseases. These regimes allow establishment, as provided in this Law, of temporary restrictions in execution of rights of natural and legal persons with additional obligations vested upon them;

quarantine veterinary and militia station - a temporary object to be put on the quarantine zone frontier according to the decision of the State Emergency Antiepidemic Commission serving to localize and prevent infection spreading;

quarantine animal diseases - especially dangerously infectious animal morbidity that may cause harm to animal health and aggravate the quality of food products or raw of animal or vegetable origin;

fodder of vegetable origin - forage grain, mixed fodder, fodder blends, poppy, shrots, root-crops, hay, silage, straw, etc.;

fodder of animal origin - meal of meat, fish, blood and bone, dry, combined and living feeding for fish, etc.;

fodder additions - albumin, amino acids, vitamins, micro- and macroelements, ferment preparations, fodder yeast, fat, etc.;

products of animal origin - meat and meat products, eggs, eggs powder, melange, fish products, honey and other bee-keeping products, etc.;

raw materials of animal origin - skin, wool, hair, bristle, fur, down, feather, endocrine glands, their secretion, guts, horns, hoofs, bones, silk cocoons, eggs mass for processing, animal fat, lungs, liver, other sub-products, jaundice, blood, wax, etc.;

specialists of veterinary medicine - doctors and assistants of veterinary medicine that carry out diagnostic, preventive, recreational, medical treatment activities in animal-breeding, veterinary and sanitary expertise of animal and vegetable produce or provide other veterinary services;

animals - agricultural, domesticated, zoo, laboratory, wild, circus animals and fur animals, poultry, birds of prey, bees, fish, toads, molluscs, crawfish, silkworm, other representatives of fauna and biological objects - embryo, incubate eggs, eyed eggs, zygote, sperm, etc.;

pharmacopoeia - a set of general requirements as to animal life protection and quality control methods;

strain of micro-organisms - genetically homogeneous populations of micro-organisms within the species having certain stable specific morphological features and biological properties.

Article 2. Legislation on Veterinary Medicine

Legislation on veterinary medicine is composed of the Constitution of Ukraine, this Law and other normative and legal acts.

Normative and legal acts issued by the State Department on Veterinary Medicine of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Production of Ukraine (hereinafter the State Department of Veterinary Medicine) within its terms of reference shall be binding upon all state bodies and enterprises, institutions, organizations irrespective of their administrative subordination and ownership form, officials and citizens.

Article 3. Major Tasks of Veterinary Medicine

The major tasks of veterinary medicine shall be as follows:

protection of Ukraine's territory from the import of pathogens of quarantine animal diseases from the territories of other countries or from the quarantine zone;

preventive measures, diagnostics and medical treatment of infectious, invasive and non-contagious animal diseases;

control (in terms of veterinary medicine) over the issue of good-quality products and raw of animal origin for sale;

protection of people from diseases common for animals and people;

control over the movement, export and import of animals, products and raw of animal origin, veterinary preparations, fodder and fodder additions;

veterinary and sanitary expertise of products and raw of animal origin, in the markets - also products of vegetable origin designed for nourishment of people, animal feeding and further processing;

control over the quality of means of animal protection, of veterinary medicine and fodder additions;

bacteriological, radiological and toxicological control over products of animal and vegetable origin in the markets, meat processing and packing factories, in refrigerators and in procurement stations, storage and sale of products etc.;

provision of veterinary and sanitary expertise of products and raw of animal and vegetable origin, animals, fodder, premises designed for nourishment of people, animal feeding and further processing, and means of animal protection of health and well being in case of their export or import;

promotion of training of veterinary medicine specialists;

control over observance by legal and natural persons of veterinary and sanitary requirements aimed at environmental protection;

facilitate practical introduction of veterinary science achievements and advanced experience.

Management bodies of veterinary medicine shall provide their activity in interaction with the executive bodies and local self-government bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations and citizens.

CHAPTER II VETERINARY PRACTICE. TRAINING AND STATUS OF SPECIALISTS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Article 4. Veterinary Practice

Legal or natural persons may carry out entrepreneurial veterinary practice provided they have obtained a special permission (license) issued in order established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine or by its authorized body.

Foreign citizens and stateless persons who have necessary qualification may carry out veterinary practice in the territory of Ukraine in compliance with the legislation.

Self-supporting unions of specialists of veterinary medicine may be established based on the state veterinary medicine institutions to provide veterinary services on a contractual basis.

Article 5. Qualification Of Veterinary Medicine Specialists

The graduates of veterinary educational institutions in compliance with the Law of Ukraine “On Education” shall be awarded qualification which, dependent on the level and duration of education shall be as follows:

junior specialist of veterinary medicine (doctor’s assistant of veterinary medicine)
- technical secondary schools, colleges, other higher education institutions of the first accreditation level;

a doctor of veterinary medicine, master - higher education institutions of the third and fourth accreditation levels.

Training of veterinary medicine specialists shall be provided only on a full-time basis and, as a rule, financed from the State Budget of Ukraine.

Article 6. Academic Degrees And Ranks

Academic degrees of the candidate (Ph.D.) and a doctor of veterinary sciences, ranks of a senior officer of science, assistant professor, professor shall be awarded, respectively, in compliance with the legislation.

The veterinary medicine specialists who have an honorary title, master degree, degree of the candidate of science (Ph.D.) or doctor of science and who are doing the job they were trained for in a state enterprise, institution or organization shall enjoy monetary premium to the salary in the amount of 10, 15, 25 and 50 percent, respectively.

Article 7. Professional Upgrading, Post-Graduate Education And Attestation Of Veterinary Medicine Specialists

Professional upgrading and post-graduate education of veterinary medicine specialists shall be provided for:

doctors and masters of veterinary medicine - in the institutes of post-graduate education and at veterinary medicine departments of higher education institutes of the third and fourth accreditation levels;

doctor's assistants of veterinary medicine - in veterinary and agricultural technical schools, colleges, higher education institutions of the first and second accreditation levels;

candidates (Ph.D.), doctors of veterinary medicine - in the relevant departments of the institutions of higher education of the third and fourth accreditation levels and in the divisions of the science and research institutes.

Payment for secondary education of the state veterinary medicine specialists at the time of professional upgrading shall be financed by the employer. Specialists who are working on an entrepreneurial basis shall be financed at their own expense.

Periodicity of professional upgrading of veterinary medicine specialists - at least once per five years.

Veterinary medicine specialists shall be subject to attestation in order established by the legislation. The attestation results shall be to determine whether an employee meets the requirements of his office, the level of his/her education, and rank. The attestation results shall aid in the fixing of salary amount.

Article 8. Social and Legal Protection of Veterinary Medicine Specialists

Veterinary medicine specialists shall have the right to privatize property at one of the agricultural enterprises of their choice in the zone they provide services for, on condition envisioned for members of the management and employee staff of the enterprise under privatisation.

Local executive bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations of any ownership form shall ensure creation of appropriate industrial and housing conditions for veterinary medicine specialists, and provide medical and transportation services.

The legislation on labour, social protection and social insurance shall be applied to veterinary medicine specialists. The specialists, who have been authorized in the

established order as the state inspectors of veterinary medicine shall be covered by the Law of Ukraine “On State Service”.

Veterinary medicine specialists shall be subject to compulsory insurance at the cost of extra-budget revenues in case of injury or occupational disease obtained when performing official duties, liquidating the anthro-po-zoonosis diseases and during the direct manipulations with animals.

In case of such injury or occupational disease the veterinary medicine specialists shall be provided a one-time monetary aid in the amount of three- up to five-year salary depending on the degree of their disability.

Veterinary medicine specialists residing and working under their speciality in rural areas, semi-urban centers shall be granted, under legislation, the right to free use of their dwelling, free heat and electricity supply, preferential lending terms for household acquisition, construction of individual houses, and live-stock buying. These rights shall be retained for retired veterinary medicine specialists -who that have been working and residing in rural areas.

Veterinary medicine specialists for due performance of their official duties shall be provided with special transportation means. In case of the use by specialists of their personal motor vehicle for official purposes they shall be paid monetary compensation in the established amounts.

Official salaries of the state veterinary medicine employees who are not covered by the Law of Ukraine “On State Service” shall be fixed on the level of the average official salary of specialists of medical institutions, they shall be paid premiums for qualification category, unhealthy conditions of work, over-time work in the amounts established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

For hours of work in the hot-bed of infectious animal diseases, the list of which shall be established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, official salaries shall be doubled.

The issues of legal and social protection, material and social support for the veterinary medicine specialists that are servicemen or employees of veterinary medicine of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the State Committee on State Border Protection of Ukraine, the National Guard of Ukraine, the Security Service of Ukraine, shall be settled based on the normative and legal acts.

Article 9. Encouragement of the Veterinary Medicine Specialists

The veterinary medicine specialists shall be encouraged in moral and material terms in accordance with the legislation.

The veterinary medicine specialists may be awarded, in the established order, the honorary title “Honoured doctor of veterinary medicine of Ukraine” or “Honoured employee of veterinary medicine of Ukraine” for their high professional skills.

CHAPTER III

STATE VETERINARY MEDICINE SYSTEM

Article 10. State Veterinary Medicine System

State veterinary medicine system shall include:

The State Department of Veterinary Medicine of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Production of Ukraine with subordinate administrations of the state veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea; the oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol municipal administrations of the state veterinary medicine; the Central State Laboratory of Veterinary Medicine; the zone specialised state laboratories of veterinary medicine on animal diseases; inter-oblast specialised state laboratories of veterinary medicine on animal diseases; “Ukrvetzooimport” Corp.; state enterprise on veterinary and zoo-technical supply for live-stock farming of “Ukrvetimport”; “Ukragrobiovet” association; enterprise on production of means of animal protection and means of veterinary medicine; the State Science and Research Control Institute of veterinary preparations and fodder additions, by other science and research institutions; regional state veterinary control services on the state border and transport; by divisions of veterinary medicine on ensuring quarantine veterinary measures etc.;

state veterinary medicine administration of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea; the oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol municipal administrations of the state veterinary medicine with subordinate, respectively, republican, oblast and municipal state veterinary medicine institutions, oblast self-supporting veterinary and sanitary contingents, district and municipal administrations of the state veterinary medicine, oblast state laboratories of veterinary medicine, oblast state enterprises “Vetzooprompostach”, subdivisions of the departmental veterinary militia on quarantine measures enforcement;

district administrations of the state veterinary medicine with subordinate district state enterprises (hospitals), hospital stations, stations, veterinary medicine stations and state laboratories of veterinary and sanitary expertise in the markets;

municipal administrations of the state veterinary medicine with subordinate municipal state enterprises (hospitals), hospital stations, stations, state veterinary medicine stations, state laboratories of veterinary medicine, state laboratories of veterinary-sanitary expertise in the markets; and

regional offices of state veterinary control on the state frontier and transport with subordinate adjacent border stations and transport stations of the state veterinary control.

Organizational structure and registered number of enterprises, institutions and organizations of the state veterinary medicine shall be determined in compliance with the State Department of Veterinary Medicine, administration state veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea , the oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol municipal administrations of state veterinary medicine. The organisational structure of the ministries and other central executive bodies shall be determined by the head of the veterinary medicine service of the relevant ministry or other central executive body upon consent with the State Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Reorganisation, creation of new establishments, enterprises, institutions, organizations, state veterinary medicine departments shall be within the funds allotted for the state veterinary medicine maintenance.

The administration of the state veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, in oblasts, cities and districts shall, by its organisation, be included in the structure of the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, relevant state administrations, subordinate to the above bodies of state veterinary medicine on issues falling under their competence as the local bodies of the State Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Article 11. The State Bodies on Veterinary Medicine Management

The State Department of Veterinary Medicine subordinate directly to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Production of Ukraine shall be charged with the veterinary medicine management. The Department shall be a legal person. It is headed by the Chief State Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine. The Head of the State Department of Veterinary Medicine and his deputies shall be appointed to the offices by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The specialists of veterinary medicine of the State Department of Veterinary Medicine, state veterinary administration of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, state veterinary medicine administrations in oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol, regions, cities shall be authorised as the state inspectors of veterinary medicine.

The leadership of veterinary medicine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea shall be provided by the state veterinary medicine administrations of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea. The chief state inspector of veterinary medicine - the head of department who shall be appointed to the office by the State Department of Veterinary Medicine subject to approval by the Government of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea - shall be in charge of the management.

The leadership of veterinary medicine in oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol shall be provided, respectively, by oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol municipal administrations of the state veterinary medicine. The oblast, Kyiv, Sevastopol municipal administrations shall be headed by the chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine - heads of departments to be appointed to the offices by the State Veterinary Medicine Department subject to approval by the oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol municipal state administrations.

The leadership of veterinary medicine in the regions, cities shall be provided, respectively, by regional, municipal administrations of the state veterinary medicine. The administrations shall be headed by the chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine - heads of departments to be appointed to the offices by the State Veterinary Medicine Department of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast administration of the state veterinary medicine department subject to approval by the relevant local state administrations.

Regional services of the state veterinary control on the state border and transport shall be headed by the heads of departments to be appointed to the office by the State Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Leaders of the state bodies of veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, regions, districts, cities, regional services of the state veterinary control on the state border and transport of the State Department of Veterinary Medicine, other

institutions of state veterinary medicine shall be at the same time the chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine of, respectively, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, regions, cities, regional services of the state veterinary control on the state border and transport offices.

Deputy leaders of the state bodies of veterinary medicine are the deputies of relevant chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine.

CHAPTER IV

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STATE VETERINARY MEDICINE BODIES

Article 12. Terms of Reference of the State Veterinary Medicine Bodies

The terms of reference of the state veterinary medicine bodies shall be as follows:

control, coordinate and arrange measures on prevention, diagnostics, medical treatment and liquidation of infectious, invasive and non-contagious animal diseases;

evaluate the epizootic situation and issue mandatory orders with regard to preventive action and liquidation of infectious diseases, deratization, disinfection and other measures;

control over production of good-quality (in terms of veterinary and sanitary safety) products and raw of animal origin;

provide a veterinary and sanitary medicine expertise of products and raw of animal and vegetable origin;

organise jointly with the health protection bodies protection from diseases common for people and animals and mutually exchange information on the above diseases;

control over protection of Ukraine's territory from bringing of infectious animal diseases from the territories of other countries; verification of veterinary status of animals, products, raw of animal origin and fodder during export and import operations;

evaluation of the veterinary and sanitary state of meat- and dairy enterprises' produce, slaughter-houses, workshops, animal farms, fairs, markets, warehouses for storage of raw and products of animal origin, fodder and vehicles for their transportation;

analyse the causes of infectious and non-contagious diseases and loss of live-stock and poultry, develop recommendations on preventive measures;

an exclusive right to conduct veterinary and sanitary expertise of meat and products obtained as a result of the slaughter in the meat production and packing factories, in the slaughter houses, workshops and other processing enterprises and markets;

veterinary and sanitary and ecological control over food produce of animal and vegetable origin;

provide sampling of raw or materials, and products (produce) produced or sold for relevant research work. The sampling procedure shall be determined by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine;

control and co-ordination of activities of departmental veterinary medicine service and of veterinary medicine specialists;

issue conclusions on animals slaughtered or lost to the insurance agencies;

expertise of design projects and construction of cattle farms, buildings, houses for slaughter and processing of animals and raw of animal origin; participate in the activities of working and government committees on putting into operation of

animal-breeding objects, houses for slaughter and processing of animals and raw of animal origin; projects on selection of land plots for all types of above construction and water supply for animals;

ban the exploitation or temporarily suspend of animal objects' operation, houses for slaughter and processing of animals and raw of animal origin in case of violation of veterinary norms and rules; and

conduct a laboratory-clinical (virusological, bacteriological, chemical and toxicological, pathology and anatomy, histological, parasitological, radiological and other) research work aimed at diagnostics of animal diseases, evaluation of products and raw of animal origin, fodder and water.

The exclusive competence of the State Department of Veterinary Medicine shall be as follows:

register means of protection of animal and fodder additions, issue conclusions on application of the veterinary medicine means and adopt the normative and technical documents on their production and application;

introduce the State registration book on animal protection;

oversee production and use of the animal protection means, fodder additions, evaluate their impact on animal health, quality of products and raw of animal origin;

stipulate of norms on production load of specialists of veterinary medicine;

adopt the veterinary and sanitary rules and other normative acts on veterinary medicine;

provide an operative redistribution of funds allocated from the state budget for conducting anti-epizootic measures between the bodies and institutions of the state veterinary medicine;

notify the International Epizootic Bureau on institution of animal quarantine, on its term and lifting;

impose restrictions or a ban on export or import of animals, food products and raw of animal origin, agricultural products from certain countries or regions in connection

with the occurrence of especially dangerous animal diseases, including those common for animals and people;

represent the interests of veterinary medicine of Ukraine within the terms of reference granted to it by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in compliance with the legislation.

Article 13. Veterinary Medicine Services of Ministries, Other Executive Bodies

Veterinary medicine services of ministries, other executive bodies of veterinary medicine shall organise and perform their work in accordance with this Law and shall functionally be subordinate to the State Department of Veterinary Medicine.

The leaders of the veterinary medicine services, other executive bodies shall be appointed to and removed from the offices upon consent of the Chief State Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine.

The leaders of veterinary medicine services of ministries, other executive bodies of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol shall be appointed to and removed from the offices upon consent of the heads of the veterinary medicine departments in compliance with the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol.

Veterinary medicine services of ministries, other executive bodies shall operate in compliance with the rules approved by the State Department of Veterinary Medicine.

Article 14. Subdivisions of Veterinary Militia on Quarantine Veterinary Measures Enforcement

Subdivisions of veterinary militia on quarantine veterinary measures enforcement under the State Department of Veterinary Medicine and relevant divisions under administrations of state veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and oblasts shall be established to provide practical assistance to the management bodies of the state veterinary medicine in organizing and enforcing of protective and quarantine measures regarding prevention, localisation and liquidation of quarantine animal diseases and shall be staffed with the doctors of veterinary medicine.

The subdivision of veterinary militia on ensuring quarantine veterinary measures shall be subordinated directly to the Chief State Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine - deputy head of the State Emergency Anti-Epizootic Commission under the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. The division of veterinary militia of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and oblasts shall be subordinated to the chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine and to the deputies of relevant state emergency commissions.

Subdivisions of veterinary medicine on ensuring quarantine veterinary measures shall be financed from relevant budgetary appropriations allocated for the State Department of Veterinary Medicine, department of veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, and administrations of veterinary medicine of oblasts for anti-epizootic measures implementation.

The clause on subdivisions of veterinary militia on ensuring quarantine veterinary measures shall be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Article 15. Authority of the Oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol City, District State Administration, Executive Bodies of Local Self-Government Bodies in the Field of Veterinary Medicine

The authority of the oblast, Kyiv and Sevastopol city, district state administration, executive bodies of local self-government bodies in the field of veterinary medicine shall be as follows:

organise control over the sanitary state of environment in the zone of operation of livestock-farms, complexes, enterprises on processing products and raw of animal origin;

ensure measures on prevention of infectious animal diseases, epizootic and their liquidation, application of measures to reduce loss of cattle from diseases and decrease of quality of animal produce;

adopt programs on application of compulsory anti-epizootic, medical and preventive, veterinary and sanitary measures in live-stock raising and ensure financing of the implementation of these programs.

Local state administrations shall promote creation and development of enterprises on production of means designed for veterinary medicine, repair and acquisition of spare parts, lubricating materials and motor vehicles for management bodies, institutions and specialists of the state veterinary medicine and veterinary medicine service of ministries, and other executive bodies.

Article 16. Public Organizations Operating in the Field of Veterinary Medicine

With a view to protect legitimate rights and interests of the specialists of veterinary medicine they shall have the right to unite on a voluntary basis in the public organizations.

CHAPTER V STATE VETERINARY CONTROL

Article 17. Definition of the State Veterinary Control

The state veterinary control is a set of organisational and legal measures aimed at observance of legislation on veterinary medicine by legal and natural persons.

The state veterinary control shall be provided by executive bodies within the terms of reference as determined by the legislation of Ukraine.

Article 18. Officials Providing State Veterinary Control

Organisation and execution of the state veterinary control shall be vested on the chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine, their deputies and state inspectors of veterinary medicine.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine may grant an authority of the state inspectors of veterinary medicine to other specialists of veterinary medicine.

The chief state inspector of veterinary medicine of Ukraine and chief state inspectors of veterinary medicine of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblasts, Kyiv and Sevastopol, regions, cities, regional services of the state veterinary control at state frontier and transport shall co-ordinate activities of all veterinary medicine services, enterprises, institutions and organizations, irrespective their ownership form, and legal and natural persons that provide veterinary practice.

Article 19. Rights and Obligations of Officials Providing State Veterinary Control

Officials providing state veterinary control shall be bound within one day in case of reveal of serious infectious diseases and mass-scale poisoning of animals to submit a relevant paper to the relevant executive body on establishment of the special regime and rules. This action, if implemented, shall ensure non-spreading of pathogens of infectious diseases, including those common for animals and people, ensure ecological welfare of products and raw of animal origin and environmental protection.

Officials providing state veterinary control provided for in the legislation shall have the right to:

- attend without difficulty the under-control objects on the relevant territory, obtain information necessary for establishment of epizootic state, reveal causes of animal diseases and evaluate veterinary and sanitary quality of products, raw of animal origin;

- issue binding instructions on application of anti-epizootic and veterinary and sanitary measures;

- issue a resolution on animals slaughtering, products and stuff of animal origin disinfection and their processing or utilization in a case if there are contagious diseases or suspicion that there is especially dangerous animals disease;

- prohibit sale of animal origin products as well as processing of raw of vegetable and animal origin that do not meet veterinary and sanitary requirements; and prohibit sale of animal protection means and fodder additions that do not meet requirements on their quality;

- limit, temporarily stop or prohibit construction and reconstruction of animal buildings, meat- and milk-processing enterprises, departments, warehouses and other objects that do not meet veterinary and sanitary requirements;

- create, if necessary, committees of veterinary medicine experts attracting specialists of scientific and research organizations and educational institutions in order to determine animals disease and death reasons;

temporarily stop or annul permits (licenses) validity to conduct entrepreneurial veterinary practice, production and sale of veterinary preparations;

limit, temporarily prohibit or stop activity of enterprises, institutions and organizations if they violate veterinary and sanitary norms and rules which can cause threat for life and people health or other serious consequences; and

levy administrative fines.

Officials who conduct state veterinary control are provided with service dress and appropriate signs free of charge.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves Regulations on special ranks and service dress of officials who conduct state veterinary control.

Officials who conduct state veterinary control having official certification on appropriate territory can use all types of public transportation of municipal, suburban and local communication free of charge except taxi.

Article 20. State Control over Quality of Animals Protection Means and Fodder Additions

Bodies of state veterinary medicine conduct state control over usage of animals protection means and fodder additions as well as checking of rules' observance on their transportation, keeping and neutralizing of preparations determined as improper for usage.

State Department of Veterinary Medicine or body authorized by it conduct state control over quality of domestic of foreign animals protection means and fodder additions.

Enterprises, institutions, organizations and entrepreneurs have the right to import animals protection means and fodder additions registered in Ukraine.

Regional departments of state veterinary medicine conduct control over importation of animals protection means and fodder additions into the customs territory of Ukraine on the state border and transport.

Unregistered animals protection means and fodder additions can be imported into Ukraine for the following purposes:

registration in Ukraine;

exhibiting at fairs, shows and conferences; for scientific purposes, etc. without the right to sell.

State Department of Veterinary Medicine establishes the procedure to import animals protection means and fodder additions in these cases.

In cases of elemental disaster, catastrophe and epizootic, etc. under a decision of State Department of Veterinary Medicine it is permitted to import into Ukraine unregistered animals protection means and fodder additions if there are documents that confirm their registration and use in countries of production.

It is prohibited to use animals protection means and special fodder additions unregistered in Ukraine and which do not meet quality requirements.

For the purpose of growth hastening and productivity increase it is prohibited to use biological stimulators, antibiotics, hormonal and other preparations that damp function of internal secretion strangles, and in particular have thyreostatic, estrogenic, androgenic or hestagenic influence. These preparations can be used only for medical purposes.

Enterprises that are involved in production of animals protection means and veterinary medicine means pay reward to scientific and research institutions for scientific development and their implementation into production. These reward can be in any form which is not prohibited by the legislation.

Article 21. State Veterinary Control in Points of Sale

State veterinary control should be conducted in a compulsory way in points of sale and other places where animals, products and raw of animal and vegetable origin trade is organized.

State laboratories of veterinary and sanitary expertise in points of sale should have a stamp for branding of meat and other products of animals and poultry slaughtering; label to mark produce quality, registration journals and other documents according to the legislation on veterinary medicine. At the same time products are accepted for expertise after obligatory showing of products-owner identity documents.

A doctor of state laboratories of veterinary and sanitary expertise has the right to withhold products (produce) determined improper for sale. Such products should be sent to owners of trade organizations for utilization or processing.

Owners of products can receive trade places on markets only after receiving of state laboratories of veterinary and sanitary expertise conclusions. It is prohibited to trade with the following finished food products: meat products, fish goods and tinned home-prepared vegetables.

It is prohibited to trade with products and raw of animal and vegetable origin in places that are not established for these purposes or have not passed veterinary and sanitary expertise. In a case of this requirement non-observance products and raw of animal and vegetable origin are confiscated under procedures established by the legislation.

Documents forms on testifying of animals health status, quality of products and raw of animal and vegetable origin are documents of strict reporting.

Trade organizations owners are responsible for giving of permit to sale products that have not passed veterinary and sanitary expertise.

Only veterinary medicine specialists who have experience of practical activity in this field not less than three years or have passed appropriate preparation or attestation can

conduct veterinary and sanitary expertise of animal and vegetable origin products and raw in points of sale.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves Regulations on State Laboratory of Veterinary and Sanitary Expertise.

Article 22. State Veterinary Control on the State Border and Transport

Regional services of state veterinary control on the state border and transport are created and function with the aim of preventing from bringing into Ukraine especially dangerous (including quarantine) animals diseases as well as diseases that are common for people and animals.

Pass through the Ukrainian customs border of animals, animal origin products, finished food products, animal origin stuff, animal and vegetable origin fodder, fodder additions, microorganisms cultures, animals protections means and veterinary medicine means as well as articles and materials that can be as pathogens of animals contagious diseases; and other goods under control of state veterinary medicine service is permitted only after passing a compulsory veterinary control.

Customs processing of goods can be completed only after passing the above-mentioned control which is conducted by specialists of regional state veterinary control services and customs offices and customs points. In this case working places of veterinary control state inspector should be in the same customs zone.

Import, export or transit through the Ukrainian territory of animals, animal and vegetable origin products and stuff and other goods, entry of vehicles that are subject to compulsory state veterinary control are allowed only if there are documents provided for by interstate agreements and in observance of veterinary requirements .

Sale of imported animal and vegetable origin products and stuff and animals fodder are allowed only after conducting of veterinary expertise.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves Regulations on Regional Service of State Veterinary Control on the State Border and Transport.

Article 23. State Veterinary Control while Conducting Hunting on Wild Fowl

Each hunting organization is obliged to equip places to process hunted wild fowl in accordance with veterinary and sanitary requirements; and provide conducting of veterinary and sanitary expertise of wild fowl which is expected to be used for food purposes.

Article 24. Guarantees of Persons who Conduct State Veterinary Control

Specialists who conduct state veterinary control are independent in their activity and apply this Law and other normative and legal acts on veterinary medicine issues. State bodies, heads of enterprises, institutions and companies; and individuals should assist veterinary medicine specialists when they conduct their duties.

Offence of person who conducts state veterinary control as well as resistance, threats, violence and other actions that hinder to fulfill this person's duties shall lead to responsibility established by the law.

Damages caused to the property of person who conducts state veterinary control while fulfilling his (or her) official duties are fully compensated from the state budget with further recovery of this amount by guilty persons.

It is prohibited to use veterinary medicine specialists for fulfillment of activities not related to veterinary service.

No officials' instructions can be a ground for any illegal actions or inaction of specialists or individual employees of veterinary medicine.

Article 25. Obligations of Legal Entities and Individuals Whose Activity Is Related to Keeping, Transportation and Trade with Animals As Well As Production, Processing, Storage and Sale of Animal Origin Products and Raw

Legal entities and individuals whose activity is related to production, processing, storage and trade with animals as well as animal origin products and stuff are obliged:

to protect animals health and provide production of high-quality animal origin products and raw from veterinary and sanitary point of view;

to inform promptly state veterinary medicine bodies on beginning of animals disease, their death or unusual behaviour;

to fulfil requirements of state veterinary medicine specialists on conducting of quarantine, limiting and other veterinary measures;

to deliver or show animals for conducting of veterinary inspection, preventive and medicine-prophylactic treatments, examinations and vaccinations; to ensure safe fixation of animals while conducting manipulations as well as provide animal and vegetable origin products (produce) for veterinary and sanitary expertise;

to assist veterinary medicine specialists in fulfilment of their official duties;

to provide free of charge appropriate samples and materials as well as products (produce) that are produced or sold for conducting of appropriate examinations on request of veterinary medicine specialists. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine establishes the procedure of samples selection.

Legal entities and individuals whose activity is related to production, processing, storage, transportation and trade with animals , and products and raw of vegetable and animal origin are obliged to provide buildings, necessary equipment and communication means for usage by administrative bodies and state veterinary medicine institutions (including on railway, water and air transport, border state control points, customs offices, militia and state laboratories of veterinary and sanitary expertise in points of sale, etc.).

Article 26. Responsibility for Violation of the Legislation on Veterinary Medicine Issues

Individuals and officials guilty in violation of this Law and other normative and legal acts as well as persons involved in illegal veterinary and pharmaceutical activity are made responsible according to the legislation; and legal entities are responsible under the Ukrainian legislation.

Article 27. Rights of Legal Entities and Individuals on Providing Veterinary - Sanitary and Epizootic Well-Being

Legal entities and individuals whose activity is related to breeding, transportation and trade with animals as well as production, processing, storage, transportation and sale of animals and animal origin products and stuff; and production and sale of animals protection means have the right:

to receive information on epizootic situation of territories under service from local bodies of executive power and local self-government bodies (including appropriate administration bodies and state veterinary medicine institutions);

to submit proposals on programs of providing veterinary-sanitary and epizootic well-being in animal-breeding;

to receive recovery for damages caused to them by other legal entities and individuals violation of veterinary and sanitary requirements and rules;

to appeal decisions and actions of administrative bodies and state veterinary medicine institutions officials to veterinary medicine chief state inspector of district, town, oblast, the Crimean Autonomous Republic and Ukraine or to the court.

Article 28. Veterinary Medicine State Inspector's Right to Levy Fines

Under the procedure provided for in the legislation veterinary medicine state inspectors can levy the following fines:

the veterinary medicine Chief state inspector of Ukraine and his deputies: for individuals - up to thirty untaxed minimum of person's incomes; for officials - up to a hundred untaxed minimum of person's incomes;

veterinary medicine chief state inspectors of the Crimean Autonomous Republic, oblasts, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol as well as veterinary medicine state inspectors on the state border and transport and their deputies: for individuals - up to twenty untaxable minimum of person's incomes; for officials - up to eighty untaxed minimum of person's incomes;

veterinary medicine chief state inspectors of towns, districts, border and transport points: for individuals - up to ten untaxed minimum of person's incomes; for officials - up to sixty untaxed minimum of person's incomes;

heads of veterinary control in disinfection - washing points and chiefs of veterinary and sanitary expertise state laboratories: for individuals - up to five untaxed minimum of person's incomes; for officials - up to forty untaxed minimum of person's incomes.

Veterinary medicine state inspectors have the right to levy fines on the spot as follows: for individuals - up to four untaxed minimum of person's incomes; for officials - up to seven untaxed minimum of person's incomes.

CHAPTER VI
SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE STATE DEPARTMENT.
STATE PHARMACOLOGY COMMITTEE.
STATE EMERGENCY ANTIEPIZOOTIC COMMITTEES.

Article 29. Scientific Support of Veterinary Medicine

Scientific support of veterinary medicine is conducted by appropriate scientific organizations, veterinary medicine departments of high educational institutions and scientific institutions of ministries and other central bodies of executive power.

Veterinary medicine department of the Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences is a scientific and methodological centre of veterinary medicine.

State Department of Veterinary Medicine is a customer of state scientific and research works in the field of veterinary medicine.

Budgetary and non-budgetary funds and other incomes allowed by the legislation are sources of scientific researches financing in veterinary medicine and implementation of scientific researches into production.

Article 30. Board of Veterinary Medicine State Department

The board within Veterinary Medicine State Department is created in order to consider the most important issues of veterinary medicine. Heads of Veterinary Medicine State Department and state veterinary medicine administrative bodies of the Crimean Autonomous Republic, oblasts, scientific and research organizations and educational institutions departments of veterinary medicine are included to the board's members.

Veterinary medicine Chief state inspector of Ukraine - Head of Veterinary Medicine State Department is a Chairman of the board.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves a Resolution on the board and its personal composition.

Article 31. Veterinary Medicine State Pharmacology Committee

Veterinary medicine State Pharmacology Committee functions in Veterinary Medicine State Department.

Veterinary medicine State Pharmacology Committee conducts expert valuation of effectiveness of means which have veterinary medicine purposes.

Veterinary medicine State Department makes a decision on means registration and their inclusion into the State register on the basis of State Pharmacology Committee conclusions about means effectiveness.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves a Resolution on Veterinary medicine State Pharmacology Committee.

Article 32. State Emergency Antiepidemiological Committee

State emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is created for operative control, guidance and co-ordination of enterprises, institutions, organizations and individuals activity related to prevention and liquidation of animals mass diseases and their poisoning.

Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine responsible for agroindustrial complex issues heads state emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

State emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine consists of heads of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Ukraine, Ministry of Health Protection of Ukraine, Ministry of Home Affairs of Ukraine, Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, Ministry of Communication of Ukraine, Ministry of Forestry of Ukraine, Ministry of Transport of Ukraine, Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, State Customs Committee of Ukraine, State Committee on Protection of the State Border of Ukraine, State Committee of Ukraine on Food Industry, Veterinary Medicine State Department, Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences and National Agrarian University.

Veterinary medicine Chief state inspector of Ukraine and his deputies are included to the state emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine as deputy head of the Committee and its members respectively.

Veterinary medicine specialists included to the state emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine have the authorities of veterinary medicine state inspectors. While on business trips they have the priority right to buy tickets for all types of transport and accommodations in hotel.

Members of the state emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine are provided with necessary means of communication. While conducting their official duties members of the state emergency antiepidemiological Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine have the priority right to use long-distance telephone communication and specialised veterinary medicine vehicles. In this case business trip and telephone cost are compensated from the funds allocated for conducting of antiepidemiological measures.

State emergency antiepidemiological Committees are also established in the Crimean Autonomous Republic, oblasts, towns and districts.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves a Resolution on state emergency antiepidemiological Committees.

CHAPTER VII

FINANCING AND LOGISTICS OF STATE VETERINARY MEDICINE BODIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Article 33. Financing and Logistics of State Veterinary Medicine Bodies and Institutions

Financing and logistics of state veterinary medicine bodies and institutions, payments to International Epizootic Bureau and other international organizations are made from the Ukrainian state budget funds and local budgets as well as non-budgetary funds.

The following are financing resources of state veterinary medicine bodies and institutions as well as salary for their employees:

incomes from enterprises, organizations, institutions and individuals for fulfillment of works under agreements and conducting of paid services;

forty percent of administrative fines amount levied by veterinary medicine state inspectors are directed for development of material basis of state veterinary medicine system;

voluntary payments of enterprises, organizations, institutions and individuals; and

other resources not prohibited by the legislation.

Article 34. Financing of Antiepidemiological Measures

Measures on prevention and liquidation of animals contagious diseases, laboratory-diagnostic and radiological researches of animal and vegetable origin food products and raw, examination on trichinosis and other veterinary-sanitary and antiepidemiological measures (under the list approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine) as well as urgent medical assistance in a case of threat to animals health are financed from appropriate budgetary funds and deductions from insurance payments.

Article 35. Payments for Services Provided by Veterinary Medicine Institutions and Organizations

Measures on prevention and liquidation of animals diseases (except mentioned in Article 34 of this Law), treatment of ill animals, laboratory researches, veterinary and sanitary expertise of animal and vegetable origin products and raw and all produce in points of sale (except radiological researches and researches on trichinosis) are conducted under tariffs from the funds of animals owners and owners of animal and vegetable origin products.

Payment for services of specialists involved in veterinary practice on fulfillment of obligatory or required antiepidemiological measures in accordance with the list approved by the

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is conducted from funds of the state budget of Ukraine or local budget.

Tariffs on veterinary services are approved under established procedure.

Non-budgetary funds received at the accounts of veterinary medicine state institutions are not considered as profit. They are tax exempt and used to maintain veterinary medicine institutions.

CHAPTER VIII ANIMALS QUARANTINE

Article 36. Procedure to establish animals quarantine

Animals quarantine in places of quarantine diseases beginning is established and canceled by a decision of the Crimean Autonomous Republic Government, state administration of oblast, cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, district and town on appropriate territories; in farms and homesteads - upon petition of appropriate veterinary medicine state body; and within one or some oblasts - by the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with presentation of Veterinary Medicine State Department.

Veterinary medicine Chief inspector informs International Epizootic Bureau on establishment of animals quarantine. He informs veterinary medicine Chief doctor of Ukraine in a case of diseases common for animals and people.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves the list of quarantine diseases.

Previous quarantine restrictions can be introduced by instructions of district, town and oblast veterinary medicine chief inspectors or their deputies before making a decision on quarantine establishment.

Body that made a decision on quarantine establishment promptly informs population, organizations and institutions located in quarantine zone and appropriate executive power bodies of neighbouring districts and oblasts.

Circumstances that caused quarantine diseases should be mentioned in the decision on quarantine establishment. Boundaries of quarantine and threatening zone, special veterinary and sanitary measures directed at localisation and liquidation of dangerous animals contagious diseases seats as well as temporary restrictions of legal entities' and individuals' rights, their additional obligations and plan of disease localization, liquidation and prevention are also established.

Animals received for herd's increase are also to pass compulsory prophylactic quarantine. During quarantine such animals are kept in specially designated and isolated places (quarantine points) and pass veterinary and sanitary examination. After this examination and with veterinary medicine state inspector permit they are included to the herd.

Imported animals have to pass prophylactic quarantine in quarantine point under veterinary medicine specialists supervision within certain period established in the legislation.

Article 37. Measures Conducted Under Terms of Animals Quarantine

In a case of animals quarantine establishment the following complete or partial prohibition can be introduced:

to transport or drive animals to other places through quarantine zone; import or export (take out) animals to and from this zone;

to export animal and vegetable origin products and raw and fodder from quarantine zone (including sending of parcels and carrying of hand luggage);

to regroup and drive (transport) animals to other places within farm of quarantine zone as well as use common pastures and watering-places for ill and healthy animals;

to limit access of outsiders, animals (including poultry) and transport to the territory of a farm and farm buildings where quarantine is established except serving personnel who have to observe a special regime;

to conduct fairs, auctions, seminars, animals shows, mass sport spectacles, sales and other actions;

to limit traffic of vehicles within quarantine zone; and

to purvey and trade with animals and animal and vegetable origin products and raw within quarantine zone.

Guard, watch or quarantine veterinary and militia posts and signs that show detours are established on the entry to settlements and farms.

Export of animals and animal and vegetable origin products and stuff originated from quarantine zone is allowed only if there is a decision of the State emergency antiepidemic Committee affiliated to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine or appropriate committees of the Crimean Autonomous Republic and oblast state administrations.

Animals perished from contagious diseases, manure, litter and residues of fodder as well as products received from ill animals and those kept together with them have to be destroyed or utilized according to the legislation.

Economic usage of manure from ill or inclined to diseases animals is allowed only in cases provided for by the instruction on control and containment of diseases and after preliminary reliable disinfection.

Loading and unloading of animals, animal and vegetable origin products and raw, fodder and other produce which can be as a carrier or factor of infection's transfer stops at railway stations, sea and river ports, piers and airports as well as at farms and enterprises located in quarantine or threat zone.

Mobilisation of resources and means of enterprises, institutions and organizations from non-quarantine zone is organized with the aim of preventing quarantine diseases spreading and their liquidation in initial seats of infection.

In exceptional cases military units of the Ukrainian troops together with home affairs bodies, the Ukrainian National guard units and Security Service of Ukraine can be attracted for conducting quarantine measures and liquidation of epizootic seats according to the legislation.

In a case of animals quarantine introduction the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine can submit proposal to the President of Ukraine on special purpose mobilisation (up to two months) of reservists required for liquidation of epizootic.

State bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations, officials and individuals whose activity is related to production, processing, storage, transportation and trade with animal origin products and raw, fodder, other products and materials that can be as factors of infection's provokers transfer are obliged to provide buildings, necessary equipment and communication means for specially authorised bodies during quarantine.

Article 38. Guarantees of Individuals' and Legal Entities' Rights

Persons who have suffered from quarantine regime introduction or due to conducting of works on liquidation, prophylaxis and prevention of animals quarantine diseases are compensated material damages under the procedure provided for by the legislation.

Legal entities whose property and resources have been used while conducting liquidation, prophylaxis and prevention of quarantine diseases spreading have the right to receive compensation for caused damages. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine establishes the procedure and amount for this compensation.

CHAPTER IX

PECULIARITIES OF STATE VETERINARY MEDICINE INSTITUTIONS PRIVATISATION. LABORATORY DIAGNOSTICS OF ANIMALS DISEASES

Article 39. Peculiarities of State Veterinary Medicine Institutions Privatisation

State veterinary medicine institutions (hospitals, stations, points, pharmacies, warehouses and laboratories [except the State Scientific and Research Controlling Institute of Veterinary Preparations and Fodder Additions] of Central, zonal, inter-oblast, the Crimean Autonomous Republic, oblast veterinary medicine state laboratories, veterinary medicine state laboratories of cities Kyiv and Sevastopol, biological plants and state laboratories of veterinary and sanitary expertise in points of sale) can be privatised under the procedure established by the legislation. At the same time privatised objects can not change their activity during ten years.

Article 40. Laboratory Diagnostics of Animals Diseases, Toxicological and Radiological Determination of Animal and Vegetable Products, Raw and Fodder

Laboratory diagnostics of animals diseases as well as toxicological and radiological determination of animal and vegetable products, raw and fodder are conducted by Central, the Crimean Autonomous Republic, oblast, zonal, inter-oblast, municipal, inter-district and district veterinary medicine state laboratories under the procedure established by the Veterinary Medicine State Department.

Veterinary Medicine Central State Laboratory provides for methodical support for activity of diagnostic network's agents. Scientific and research institutions can also conduct such diagnostics.

Specialists of Veterinary Medicine State Laboratory are independent of any influence while conducting laboratory diagnostics of animals diseases.

Article 41. Production of Animals Protection Means and Veterinary Medicine Means

Animals protection means and veterinary medicine means can be produced by agents of entrepreneurial activity if there is a special permit (privatisation). These means should meet current technical terms or standards.

Depositing of vaccine, actual and control micro-organisms cultures is conducted in the National Centre of Micro-organisms Cultures which is a part of the State Scientific and Research Controlling Institute of Veterinary Preparations and Fodder Additions; or in another institution under the procedure provided for by the legislation. The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approves Regulations on the National Centre of Micro-organisms Cultures and the procedure for depositing of micro-organisms cultures.

The Veterinary Medicine State Department or another authorized body conducts control over quality of produced animals protection means and veterinary medicine means.

CHAPTER X INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Article 42. International Cooperation in the Field of Legislation on Veterinary Medicine

Ukraine is a member of International Epizootic Bureau (IEB).

International cooperation of Ukraine in the field of legislation on veterinary medicine is conducted in the following ways:

participation in the activity of international organizations, accession to international agreements, unification of principles and disciplines on prevention of importation of dangerous animals diseases from the territory of other countries, export and import of animals, animal products and raw;

bringing into accord legislation on veterinary medicine; unification of prophylactic and anti-epizootic measures, methods of animals diseases diagnostics; and application of immune-biological, biological, vegetable, chemical, chemical-pharmaceutical and other veterinary preparations;

conducting of professional and scientific contacts;

exchange of information on epizootic status of animal-breeding.

Article 43. Power of Veterinary Medicine State Department

Veterinary Medicine State Department presents interests of veterinary medicine of Ukraine within its power as well as within authority provided to it by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine according to the legislation.

Article 44. International Agreements

If international agreements concluded by Ukraine establish rules other than this Law then rules of international agreement shall apply.