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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CONDITIONAL PROHIBITION OF SLAUGHTER AND EXPORTATION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED OF INCIDENTAL MATTERS.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Slaughter and Exportation of Livestock and Poultry (Prohibition) Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

“cattle” means bulls, cows, heifers, calves or steers;

“livestock” means cattle, sheep, goats and pigs;

“poultry” includes any cock, hen, capon, turkey, gander, goose, drake or duck or the young of the same.

Prohibition of slaughter of cattle.

3. Except under the authority and in accordance with the terms of a permit, in writing, granted by the Chief Agricultural Officer, the Veterinary Officer, the Agricultural Officer, an Agricultural Assistant, or the Manager of the Government Dairy Farm, no person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered or sell or cause to be sold for slaughter or purchase or receive for slaughter—

- (a) any cow or heifer except the same be barren or unsuitable for breeding; or
- (b) any bull for beef which is less than three years old except such bull be of a gross weight of not less than six hundred pounds; or
- (c) any cattle for veal which is more than twelve weeks old; or
- (d) any bull or bull calf having less than two broad or permanent teeth or which is suitable for stud purposes; or
- (e) any bullock or steer having less than two broad or permanent teeth.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Slaughter of sheep, goats and pigs outside the limits of the town of Basseterre.

4. No person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered for sale outside the limits of the town of Basseterre any sheep, goat or pig unless he or she has in his or her possession a police permit obtained in respect of such livestock from the police officer in charge of the Police Station of the district wherein such person resides.

Skins of livestock to be retained after slaughter of livestock.

5. The skins of all livestock, other than pigs, slaughtered for sale shall be retained by the person slaughtering the same for not less than twenty-four hours after the slaughter of the livestock.

Exportation of livestock, poultry and their carcasses prohibited except under licence.

6. (1) No livestock or poultry or the carcass of any livestock or poultry shall be exported to any place outside the State except under licence in that behalf granted by the Minister of Agriculture and endorsed by the Veterinary Officer, or in the absence of the Veterinary Officer by the Chief Agricultural Officer.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

(2) A licence granted under this section shall be in the form set forth in the Schedule, to this Act and shall be subject to such conditions as may be endorsed thereon by the person by whom it is issued.

Power of entry.

7. It shall be lawful for any person authorised by the Chief Agricultural Officer or the Veterinary Officer or for any police officer at all reasonable times to enter upon any premises for the purpose of ascertaining whether the provisions of this Act are being complied with.

(Amended by Act 6 of 1976)

Offences and penalty.

8. Any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 or obstructs any authorised person or police officer in the execution of their duty under section 7 commits an offence and shall be liable, upon summary conviction—

- (a) for a first offence, to a fine not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months; and
- (b) for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

(Amended by Acts 7 of 1976 and 9 of 1986)

SCHEDULE

(Section 6(2))

The Slaughter and Exportation of Livestock and Poultry (Prohibition) Act, Cap. 14.11.

Licence under the provisions of section 6 of the above Act and subject to the conditions hereunder written, is hereby granted to
(here insert name, address and description of licensee.)

to export.....
.....
..... (here insert number of livestock, poultry, or carcasses and type of livestock to be exported)
from the island of (here insert name of island of the State from which the livestock, poultry, or carcasses are being exported) in the State of St. Christopher and Nevis to
..... (here insert the name of place outside the State to which the livestock, poultry, or carcasses are being exported).

This day of 20

.....
(Signature and official designation of person granting the licence)

Conditions.
