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NO.PAS/LEGIS-B-29/2017-The Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority Bill, 2017 having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Sindh on 23rd November, 2017 and assented to by the Governor of Sindh on 26th December, 2017 is hereby published as an Act of the Legislature of Sindh.

THE SINDH LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION AND TRADE AUTHORITY ACT, 2017.

SINDH ACT NO. II OF 2018

AN ACT

to provide for the establishment of an Authority known as the Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority for the livestock registration, tagging and identification and development of the activities related to livestock products, the trade and export thereof, in the Province of Sindh.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of an Authority known as the Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority for the livestock registration, tagging and identification and development of the activities related to livestock products, the trade and export thereof, in the Province of Sindh products and to improve existing livestock sector practises in line with prevailing International Standards for trade and international marketability from the Province of Sindh and for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto.

Preamble.

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

It is hereby enacted as follows: -

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority Act, 2017. **Short title, extent and commencement.**
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.
2. (1) In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context: **Definitions.**
 - (a) "Authority" means the Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority established under section 11;
 - (b) "animal" means livestock and includes ovine animals, caprine animals, bovine animals, equines animals, camels and avian species;
 - (c) "animal produce" in relation to animal, means the meat, meat products, bones, fat, skin, milk, and milk products;
 - (d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Authority constituted under section 21;
 - (e) "carcass" means the slaughtered and de-skinned body of an animal;
 - (f) "certification" or "certificate" means a certification or certificate issued by the Authority, certifying that an animal or animal produce complies with all of the provisions of this Act the Rules, and the Regulations;
 - (g) "Committee" means any committee constituted by the Board pursuant to section 22 (7);
 - (h) "Department" means the Livestock and Fisheries Department, Government of Sindh;
 - (i) "Director General" means the Director General appointed under section 23;
 - (j) "emergency" means natural calamities, disasters, accidents, war and/or breakdown of any equipment or infrastructure, which may give rise to an abnormal situation requiring prompt and immediate action to avoid or limit damage to any Animal, person(s), property or environment;
 - (k) "entity" means a company, body corporate, partnership, association, or organization assigned with the responsibility of carrying out any of the activities under this Act;
 - (l) "Fund" means the fund of the Authority;
 - (m) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

- (n) "**Holding**" signifies any establishment, structure, construction, or in the case of free-range farming or open-air farming, any environment or place, in which Animals are held, reared or handled on a permanent or temporary basis, except veterinary practices or clinics;
- (o) "**International Standards**" mean standards followed by The International Committee for Animals Recording and other international standards for Animal trade and Animal produce;
- (p) "**keeper**" means any natural or legal person responsible for animals, whether on a permanent or a temporary basis, including during transportation or at a market, except veterinary practices or clinics;
- (q) "**labelling**" means the attachment of a label to an individual piece or pieces of meat or to their packaging material; or, in the case of non-pre-wrapped products, the supply of appropriate information, in written and visible form, to the consumer at the point of sale;
- (r) "**Livestock Related Activities**" means all activities related to Animals for international marketability from the Province of Sindh, including Animal identification, health, welfare, nutrition, food and feed, safety, vaccination, contamination, research, breeding, transportation, slaughter, labelling, marketing, packaging, storage, selling, and all other matters related to Animals;
- (s) "**Member**" means a member of the Board;
- (t) "**movement document**" signifies an animal passport or any other document prescribed by the Authority as a Movement Document;
- (u) "**Province**" means the Province of Sindh;
- (v) "**prescribed**" means prescribed by rules or regulations;
- (w) "**regulations**" means Regulations made by the Authority under the Act;
- (x) "**rules**" means rules made under this Act;
- (y) "**transporter**" means any natural or legal person transporting animals on his own account or contracting or subcontracting any part of the journey to another transporter, and includes a person who has been given a contract or subcontract to transport animals.

CHAPTER II
ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION;
REGULATED ACTIVITIES

3. (1) The Authority shall establish, in the Province, a system of animal registration and identification with traceability framework based on international standards and international practices for animals to ensure a quality of animals and animal produce that is at par with international standards to enhance the trade, marketability and the market value of animal and animal produce.

**System for
Animal
Registration
and
Identification.**

(2) The system for the identification and registration of animals, to be established by the Authority under sub-section (1), shall comprise, *inter alia*, of the following elements:

- (a) means of identification to individually identify animals;
- (b) a central computerised database for animals in the Province;
- (c) up-to-date registers kept on each holding;
- (d) movement Documents;

(3) The Authority shall further establish, in the Province, a system for trade relating but not limited to:

- (a) providing services of and/or carrying out functions as a butcher, keeper or transporter;
- (b) establishment and maintenance of a holding; and
- (c) carrying out any livestock related activity;
- (d) prescribing other conditions and/or requirements as deemed appropriate in this respect.

4. (1) All Animals in the Province shall be identified by a means of identification, approved by the Authority and conforming to international standards.

**Mean of
Identification.**

(2) The means of identification must be designed to -

- (a) remain attached to the animal without being harmful to it; and
- (b) be easily removable from the food chain.

(3) The means of identification shall be allocated to a holding and applied to the animals in a manner approved by the Authority.

(4) No means of identification shall be removed or replaced without the permission of the Authority.

5. (1) The Authority shall maintain or cause to be maintained a central computer database, in accordance with international standards, of all butchers, holdings and keepers in the Province except transporters.

**Central
Computer
Database.**

(2) The central computer database shall include the identification code of the holding or, if authorized by the Authority, that of the butcher and/or the keeper, the occupation of the keeper, the type of animal produce, and the species kept.

(3) If the keeper keeps animals permanently, the keeper shall make an inventory of the animals kept at regular intervals, at least, annually, and submit it to the Authority within the time limit prescribed by the rules of its preparation.

(4) A butcher, holding and/or keeper shall remain on the central computer database for such period as prescribed by the Rules.

(5) Each keeper of animals, except transporters, shall within a period as prescribed in the rules as regards information relating to the keeper or the holding and within a period as prescribed in the rules.

(6) The information relating to movements of animals, it shall contain -

- (a) the information for entry in the central register and the outcome of the inventory mentioned above;
- (b) the details of the movement, each time an animal is moved;
- (c) any other information prescribed by the Authority.

6. (1) Each keeper of animals except the transporter, shall keep an up-to-date register containing the information in the format, as prescribed by the Authority which may be in a computerized form.

**Register of
Animals.**

(2) The register shall be available at all times on the Holding and with the Authority.

7. (1) Each keeper shall supply to the Authority, upon request, with all information concerning the origin, breed, identification, and, where appropriate, the destination of animals that the keeper has owned, kept, transported, marketed or slaughtered in the period as prescribed in the rules.

**Keepers to
Provide
Information.**

(2) Once a centralized computer database becomes operational, each Keeper of animals shall report to the Authority, all movements to and from the holding and information regarding all births and deaths of animals at the holding, and any other information prescribed by the Authority along with the dates of those events, within seven (7) days of the event occurring.

8. (1) The Authority or its designated entity shall issue a movement document -

**Movement
Document.**

- (a) for each animal which is identified in accordance with the provisions of this Act, within the time prescribed in the rules, of the notification of its birth; or
- (b) in the case of Animals imported from other countries, within the time prescribed in the Rules for their re-identification by the Authority.

(2) The movement document shall contain the information prescribed by the Authority and shall include the following information -

- (a) the identification code of the animal and the holding where it is kept;
- (b) the name address and the identification code of the keeper;
- (c) the identification code or the name and address of the holding of destination or of the next keeper or, when an animal is moved to the slaughterhouse, the identification code or the name and location of the slaughterhouse;
- (d) the data concerning the means of transport and the Transporter, including the transporter's permit number;
- (e) the date of departure; and
- (f) the signature of the keeper.
- (g) **A health certificate of the animal must be provided.**

(3) Any movement of an animal from one holding to another within the Province shall be accompanied by a movement document.

(4) Each keeper shall complete the movement document immediately on arrival at and prior to departure of each animal from the holding and ensure that the movement document accompanies the animal.

(5) The keeper at the holding of destination shall keep a copy of the movement document for not less than the period as prescribed in the rules.

(6) In the case of death of an animal, the keeper shall return the movement document to the Authority within the time period as prescribed in the rules of the death of the animal.

(7) If an Animal is sent to the slaughterhouse, the operator of the slaughterhouse shall -

- (a) be responsible for returning the movement document to the Authority or it's designated entity; and
- (b) keep a copy of the Movement Document for such duration as prescribed by the Authority.

9. (1) There shall be a compulsory labelling system which shall ensure a link between the identification of the carcass on the one hand and the meat on the other hand, of the individual animal or, where it is sufficient to enable the accuracy of the information on the label to be checked, the group of animals concerned.

**Labelling of
Products.**

(2) Individuals and entities marketing animal produce in the Province shall label the same in accordance with the regulations in this regard covering, inter alia, the following aspects:

- (a) A reference number or reference code ensuring the link between the meat and the animal;
- (b) the location and the approval number of the slaughterhouse at which the animal was slaughtered;
- (c) the country of birth of the animal;
- (d) the date on which the animal was slaughtered; and
- (e) the date on which the meat or the meat product from the Animal was prepared.

10. The Authority shall determine the conditions and the procedure for allowing animals from other Provinces to enter into the Province.

**Animals
Entering Sindh
from Other
Provinces.**

CHAPTER III SINDH LIVESTOCK REGISTRATION AND TRADE AUTHORITY

11.(1) There shall be an Authority to be called the Sindh Livestock Registration and Trade Authority to be established within sixty (60) days of the commencement of this Act.

**Establishment
of the
Authority.**

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its own name and, subject to any for the purposes of this Act, may enter into contracts and may acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy moveable and immovable property of every description and may convey, assign, surrender, yield up, charge, mortgage, demise, reassign, transfer or otherwise dispose of or deal with any moveable or immovable property or any interest vested in it, upon such terms as it deems fit.

(3) The Authority shall regulate the activities identified in this Act including the registration in the Province and the activities required for creating facilities and environments necessary for animal produce and related products of international standards for trade in local and international markets and for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

(4) The Authority shall perform its powers and functions in accordance with the Act, the rules, and the regulations.

(5) The Authority shall have its own common seal, which may be affixed on such documents as may be authorized by the Board. The Secretary of the Board should be the custodian of the common seal and shall keep a complete record of all documents on which the common seal of the Authority is affixed as authorized by the Board.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Authority may take measures and exercise such powers as may be necessary for achieving the objectives of this Act, including improving governance, management, transparency, accountability, and quality of Livestock Related Activities in the Province by itself as well as in collaboration with any other entity and/or the private sector.

(7) The Authority shall be administrative and functionally independent, and Government shall use its best efforts to enhance and maintain the independence of the Authority. The Authority shall communicate autonomously in the fields falling within its competence in order to provide objective, reliable, and easily understandable information to stakeholders and general public.

(8) The Authority shall be free to initiate and set up contacts with stakeholders and other interested groups and enter into agreements with the entity, other parties and interested groups, and may formulate, enforce and implement such projects as it deems appropriate to achieve the objectives of this Act.

12. The head office of the Authority shall be in Karachi and the Authority may establish and close down offices at such other places as it considers necessary. **Head Office.**

13. The Authority may, in furtherance of its objectives and exercise of its powers under this Act, impose such fee, as it deems appropriate on various activities falling under this Act, rules or regulations. **Fees.**

14. The Authority may, for achieving its purposes under this Act, negotiate and obtain loans in local and foreign currency from local or international financial institutions and in case of loans from international financial institutions, the Authority shall act subject to the prior approval of the Government. **Loans.**

15. (1) There shall be established a fund to be known as the "Authority Fund" which shall vest in the Authority and which shall be utilized by the Authority to meet charges and expenses in connection with the functioning of the Authority under this Act including payment of salaries and other remunerations of the Chairman, Members, Director General, Advisers, Experts, and employees of the Authority. **Authority Fund.**

(2) The Fund shall consist of:

- (a) seed money provided by the Government;
- (b) grants made by the Federal, Provincial or Local Governments;