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[02nd January, 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 practices 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;

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- (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;

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- (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 the rules made under this Act;

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- (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.

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ANIMAL REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION;
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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 computerized 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;

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- (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

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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

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- (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 period as prescribed in the rules.

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(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 its 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.**

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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.

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(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;
 - (c) fees charged by the Authority;

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- (d) loans obtained from the Government or international financial institutions under Section 14;
- (e) grants, donations and financial assistance received from international agencies and from other countries; and
- (f) any and all other sums received by the Authority including return on investments made by the Authority.

(3) The Authority shall make regulations for incurring expenditure as well as investments from the Authority Fund.

(4) The Authority may open and maintain bank accounts at such scheduled banks as it may from time to time determine and may with the approval of the Government, open and maintain foreign currency bank accounts.

(5) All moneys at the credit of the Authority shall be kept in the Authority Fund in such manner as may be determined by the Board.

16. The Authority for its purpose and good management practices shall prepare an annual budget and rolling strategic plan for future years as fixed by the Board, to be prepared by the Director General and presented to the Board. The annual budget, once approved by the Board, shall be binding on the Authority. The Board may from time to time revise the strategic plan. **Annual Budget.**

17. (1) The Authority shall cause proper accounts to be kept and shall as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year cause to be prepared for that financial year a statement of accounts of the Authority which shall include a balance sheet and an account of income and expenditure. **Accounts and Audit.**

(2) Within sixty (60) days after the end of each financial year, the annual financial statements of the Authority shall be audited by the Auditor-General of Pakistan or by a firm of chartered accountants nominated by the Auditor-General of Pakistan.

(3) The auditors shall make a report to the Authority on the financial statements and accounts in such manner and containing such particulars as required by the Authority.

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18. (1) Within ninety (90) days from the end of each financial year, the Authority shall cause a report to be prepared on the activities of the Authority during that financial year. **Annual Report.**
- (2) The Authority shall, within one-hundred and twenty (120) days of the end of each financial year send a copy of the annual report of the Authority under sub-section (1) together with a copy of the statement of accounts of the Authority certified by the auditors and a copy of the auditors' report to Government.
19. The Authority shall furnish to Government such reports, returns, statements as required by Government from time to time. **Reports to be furnished to the Government.**
20. (1) The Authority may, for efficient performance of its functions, appoint such officers and staff possessing such professional, technical or ministerial qualifications and experience in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by rules. Such rules may cover the following:- **Human Resource.**
- (a) assess, identify, create, increase, decrease, designate or re-designate posts, and prepare, execute job posting as prescribed under the human resource policy of the Authority;
 - (b) lay down qualification and criteria for the hiring and engagement of employees against available or specialized posts;
 - (c) implement a transparent evaluation process to assess if the application is qualified for hiring against a specialized or available post;
 - (d) take any action, issue orders, regulations, guidelines, code of conduct, in line with the human resource policy of the Authority;
 - (e) appoint advisors, consultants, experts, officers and staff, to assist the Authority or in discharge of any duties as may be prescribed;
 - (f) fix an honorarium or remuneration of experts, officers, staff, fellows, interns engaged by the

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Authority from time to time, for the services required; and

- (g) Appoint such number of inspectors as may be necessary to ensure and monitor the enforcement of this Act.

(2) Where the Authority has delegated any of its functions to an entity, such entity shall be authorized to appoint such number of inspectors and field staff as may be necessary, after the approval of the Authority, to carry out such delegated functions.

(3) The Authority shall, for the appointment of consultants and advisors, comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, including any Rules and Regulations made under this Act.

CHAPTER IV MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AUTHORITY

21. (1) The administration and management of the Authority and its affairs shall vest in the Board, to be appointed by Government in accordance with the provisions of this Act. The Board shall be constituted in accordance with sub-section (3); provided that Government may increase or decrease the number of Members, as it considers appropriate. **The Board of Directors.**

(2) The Board may exercise all powers, perform all functions, and do all acts and things, which may be exercised, performed, or done by the Authority.

(3) The Board shall comprise of the following Members:

- (a) Minister of the Livestock and Fisheries Department, Ex-officio Member (Chairman);
- (b) Secretary of the Livestock and Fisheries Department, Ex-officio Member (Vice Chairman);
- (c) Representative from the Ministry of National Food Security and Research, Government of Pakistan as Member;

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- (d) Representative of the Finance Department, Member;
- (e) Representative of the Food Department, Member;
- (f) Representative of the Local Government Department, Member;
- (g) Director General of the Authority, Ex-officio Member.

(4) The representative of any department, mentioned above, shall not be below the rank of Additional Secretary.

(5) The above-mentioned Members shall jointly form the Board of the Authority.

(6) The Board shall have the power to take any all actions that may be required to fulfil its objectives, including, without limitation, approve budget, strategic plan, establish budget controls, check its implementation, draw up rules and regulations, adopt financial regulations, appoint the Director General with the approval of Government, and delegate the Board's functions and powers to another entity or entities.

(7) the Members appointed from private sector shall hold the office for three (3) years and shall be entitled to hold such office for a maximum of two terms on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine; Provided that the Members appointed from the private sector shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of sixty-five (65) or the expiry of the term, whichever is earlier, or upon becoming disqualified in accordance with sub-section (9).

(8) No person shall be recommended for appointment as private sector Member unless that person is known for his integrity, expertise, eminence and experience for not less than ten (10) years in the relevant area of his expertise as required by this Act.

(9) No person shall be appointed or continued as a Member or Director General if he –

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- (a) has been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;
- (b) has been or is adjudged insolvent;
- (c) is incapable of discharging his duties by reason of physical, psychological or mental unfitness and has been so declared by a registered medical practitioner;
- (d) absents himself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board, without obtaining prior leave of the Authority;
- (e) fails to disclose any conflict of interest at or within the time provided for such disclosure under this Act or contravenes any of the provisions of this Act; or
- (f) is deemed incapable of carrying out his responsibilities for any other reason.

(10) No Member or officer of the Authority shall assume his office until he has made such declaration affirming secrecy and fidelity.

22. (1) Meetings of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice Chairman.

Meeting of the Board; Formation and Meeting of Committees.

(2) Seven (7) Members shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board requiring a decision by the Board.

(3) The Board shall meet at least twice a year.

(4) The Chairman may convene a special meeting of the Board at any time, or on the request of at least (3) Members.

(5) The meetings of the Board shall be held at such times, places, and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Regulations.

(6) The Members shall be provided with reasonable notice of the time and place of a meeting and the matter or matters on which a decision by the Board shall be taken in such a meeting.

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(7) The Board may constitute one or more Committees, which shall perform such functions as may be entrusted to them.

(8) No act, proceeding, decision, or order of the Board or a Committee of the Board shall be deemed invalid by reason of the existence of a vacancy or any defect in the constitution of the Board or any Committee of the Board.

(9) The decisions of the Board shall be taken by majority of Members present and, in case of a tie, the Member presiding the meeting shall have a casting vote.

(10) The Members would be required to disclose any conflict of interest they may have before acceptance of the position and also during the tenure of office if any for decisions and transactions approved by them.

23. (1) The Board shall, within sixty (60) days of the coming into force of this Act, appoint the Director General of the Authority in a transparent manner on a competitive basis as per the selection criteria determined by the Board, and the Director General shall, in such capacity, receive such salary and allowances as the Board may determine. **Director General.**
- (2) The Director General shall also act as a Secretary of the Board. Amongst any other selection and/or qualification criterion determined by the Board, the Director General shall be duly qualified and a livestock management expert, i.e. have at least a master's degree in the field of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Sciences and have not less than ten (10) years post qualification and proven experience in the said field and in managing an authority or an organization.
- (3) The Director General shall be a full-time officer of the Authority.
- (4) The Director General shall hold the office for three (3) years and shall be entitled to hold such office for a maximum two (2) terms on such terms and conditions as the Board may determine; Provided that the Director General shall cease to hold office on attaining the age of sixty-five (65) of the expiry of the term or upon becoming disqualified in terms of Section 21 (9) of this Act, whichever is earlier.

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(5) The Director General shall be the chief executive of the Authority and shall, together with the other Members, be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Authority, including the exercise of the powers and functions under this Act. The Director General may subject to such conditions as he may deem fit, from time to time, delegate all or any of his powers and functions to any of the Members or employee(s) of the Authority subject to approval of the Board.

(6) The powers and functions of the Director General shall be as follows:

- (a) exercise administrative control over the personnel of the Authority;
- (b) exercise management, administrative, and financial powers as deemed appropriate and so delegated by the Authority;
- (c) prepare and submit the annual budget proposal and strategic plan to the Board;
- (d) prepare and submit the annual report to the Board for review, approval and endorsement of the Board and onward dispatch to Government by the Chairman of the Board;
- (e) exercise such other powers as the Board may delegate to the Director General;
- (f) in case of any emergency, act on behalf of the Authority, subject to the obligation to report such action to the Board in its next meeting and to seek the Board's ratification of any action in such Emergency; and
- (g) report on important actions taken during the half year ended in the succeeding meeting of the Board.

(7) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Director General may, at any time before the expiry of his term and upon one month's notice, resign from the office or, upon similar notice or one month's salary in lieu thereof, be removed by the Board with the approval of Government.

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**CHAPTER V
FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY**

24. The Authority shall exercise powers and perform all such functions through its Board that are necessary to achieve the objectives and purposes of the Act which include the following: **Functions and Powers of the Authority.**
- (a) to review and recommend the adoption of information technology systems for promoting a reliable tagging and traceability system for animals;
 - (b) to act as the final decision making authority for the Province for or in relation to import and export of animal and animal produce to and from the Province;
 - (c) to formulate policies and frame relevant rules and regulations for all livestock related activities in the Province;
 - (d) to implement reforms regarding the development of animals;
 - (e) to prescribe certification criteria and regulations for certification of animals related facilities or activities for animals, including, but not limited to, setting up of research centres, use of existing laboratories or other facilities and services for commercial purposes;
 - (f) to review and recommend the adoption of modern technological methods for animal breed improvement and capacity enhancement;
 - (g) to improve and enhance the productivity of animals through a comprehensive and effective human resource strategy;
 - (h) to direct necessary investigation and inquiry where provisions of this Act, rules and regulations have been violated;

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- (i) to introduce and maintain an auditable system of performance by various stakeholders of livestock sector in the Province;
- (j) to arrange for third party validation wherever considered necessary;
- (k) to lay down necessary policies and procedures, and make regulations for control of various Livestock related activities, including, but not limited to, animal health, animal welfare, animal nutrition, food and feed safety, contamination, disease control, vaccine production, breeding and husbandry, research, transportation, marketing, packaging, and storage.

**CHAPTER VI
GENERAL**

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| 25. | For the purpose of this Act, any notice, requisition, letter or order required to be served on a butcher, entity, keeper or transporter, or any person who establishes, maintains, or operates a holding shall be treated as properly served on that person, if such service is made in the manner prescribed for the service of a summons under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (V of 1908) or as may be prescribed by the Authority. | Service of Notices and Other Documents. |
| 26. | The Chairperson, members, officers including Director General and all other employees of the Authority shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Pakistan Penal Code. | Chairperson, members etc. to be public servants. |
| 27. | No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Authority or any Member, officer or servant of the Authority for anything done in good faith or intended to be done under this Act or any rules, regulations or order made thereunder. | Indemnity. |
| 28. | The Authority may, with approval of the Government enter into agreement with supporting agencies in any part of the world and with other relevant and similar agencies for exchange of information, sharing of knowledge and expertise in any part or in a way in performance of its function under this Act. | Agreement exchange for of information. |

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29. The Authority may, for the purposes of information relevant to the performance of its functions and for carrying out the purposes of this Act, call for information from any office and agency of Government. **Sharing and supply of information.**
30. The Authority may seek assistance or advice of any person, authority or agency for the performance of its functions under this Act. **Assistance and advice to the Authority.**
31. Government may, by notification, exempt from the application of this Act or any provision thereof and for such period as it may specify in such notification – **Power to exempt.**
- (a) any class of undertaking if such exemption is necessary in the public interest or for the furtherance of the objectives of this Act;
 - (b) any practice or agreement arising out of and in accordance with any obligation assumed by Pakistan under any treaty, agreement or convention with any other State or States; or
 - (c) any undertaking which performs a sovereign function on behalf of Government.
32. Government may, as and when it considers necessary, issue policy directives to the Authority, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, and the Authority shall comply with such directives. **Power of the Government to issue directives.**
33. (1) Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make rules, for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Power to make Rules.**
- (2) In Particular and without prejudice to generality of the foregoing powers, such rules may provide for –
- (a) the manner and form of keeping the accounts of the Authority;
 - (b) recruitment of experts and other employees of the Authority;
 - (c) terms and conditions of service of the experts and other employees of the Authority;

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- (d) functions of the Advisers;
- (e) borrowing by the Authority;
- (f) the date on which and the form in which the annual budget of the Authority shall be submitted each year;
- (g) procedure for appropriation and re-appropriation of money at the credit of the Authority;
- (h) manner and form in which and the authorities to whom reports and statements shall be submitted;
- (i) investment of the Authority Funds and surplus moneys;
- (j) sale or transfer of moveable and immoveable property of the Authority; and
- (k) such matters relating to administration and other affairs of the Authority as the Government may think fit to prescribe by Rules.

34. (1) The Authority may, by notification in the Official Gazette, make such regulations as may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act. Moreover, the Authority may, in order to enhance the quality of trade and international marketability of animal and animal produce; and to keep unsafe Animal Produce out of the market, make regulations for activities not specifically provided for in this Act or the Rules for which provision is necessary or expedient for carrying out the purposes of this Act and the rules, covering the aspects of the activities related to livestock trade and marketability covered in sub-section (2). **Power to make Regulation.**

(2) In particular and without prejudice to generality of the foregoing powers, such Regulations may provide for:

- (a) Animal health;
- (b) Animal Holdings;

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- (c) Animal nutrition;
- (d) Animal Produce shops and businesses;
- (e) Animal welfare;
- (f) Conditions and procedures for allowing Animals from other Provinces to enter the Province;
- (g) Contamination;
- (h) Disease research and vaccine production;
- (i) Elimination of diseases;
- (j) Fines and penalties for violations of this Act, the Rules, or the Regulations;
- (k) Food and feed safety;
- (l) Holding management;
- (m) Hygiene conditions for Animal Produce handlers;
- (n) Hygiene conditions for persons slaughtering Animals;
- (o) Identification and registration of Animals;
- (p) Licencing, Certification, and enforcement;
- (q) Livestock breeding and husbandry;
- (r) Livestock research;
- (s) Maintenance of database;
- (t) Packaging and storage;
- (u) Prescribing standards;
- (v) Certification of Animal Produce with meat and dairy mark;

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- (w) Slaughtering of Animals;
- (x) Training of Butchers;
- (y) Transportation and marketing; and
- (z) any matter that the Authority deems relevant to the attainment or fulfilment of the objectives of this Act and related to Animal trade and international marketability.

35. (1) The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force. **Act to override other laws.**

(2) The provisions of this Act shall not apply to animals held or slaughtered for domestic consumption and on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

36. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Authority may make such order, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty. **Removal of difficulties.**