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An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to the artificial breeding of stock; and to amend the Stock Act 1915-1978 in a certain particular

[ASSENTED TO 18TH DECEMBER, 1979]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

PART I-PRELIMINARY

- 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Artificial Breeding of Stock Act 1979.
- 2. Commencement. This Act shall commence on a date to be appointed by Proclamation.
- 3. Arrangement of Act. This Act is divided into Parts, Divisions of Parts and a Schedule as follows:—

PART I—PRELIMINARY (ss. 1-7);

PART II—ADMINISTRATION (ss. 8-12);

PART III—CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS (ss. 13-29);

Division 1—Registration of premises;

Division 2—Certificates of competency;

Division 3—Certificate of approval of stock;

Division 4—Permit to introduce semen or ova:

Division 5—Certificates in relation to courses and instructors:

PART IV—INSPECTION (ss. 30-36);

PART V—OFFENCES (ss. 37-43):

PART VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS (ss. 44-56);

SCHEDULE.

- 4. Repeal and savings. (1) Section 26c of the Stock Act 1915-1978 is repealed.
- (2) All regulations relating to the artificial insemination of stock made under the Stock Act 1915–1978 and in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Act, so far as the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act shall, unless the contrary is expressly provided, to that extent remain in force and shall be deemed to have been made under and for the purposes of this Act and may be repealed, rescinded, revoked, altered, varied, amended, or otherwise modified under this Act.
- (3) (a) Every artificial inseminator's certificate granted under section 26c of the Stock Act 1915–1978 and in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Act shall continue in force as if it were a certificate of competency (of such a class as is determined by the Director, who is hereby empowered to make such a determination) to perform the operation of artificial insemination on the species of stock named therein granted under this Act until it expires by effluxion of time or is cancelled or suspended under this Act.
- (b) Every artificial insemination distribution centre licence granted under section 26c of the Stock Act 1915–1978 and in force immediately prior to the commencement of this Act shall continue in force as if it were a certificate of registration in relation to a distribution centre granted under this Act until it expires by effluxion of time or is cancelled or suspended under this Act.
- (4) The artificial insemination centre established under section 26c of the Stock Act 1915-1978 shall on and from the commencement of this Act be deemed to be an artificial breeding centre established under section 17 by the Director on the authority of the Minister.
- (5) On and from the commencement of this Act The Artificial Insemination Advisory Committee constituted under section 26c of the Stock Act 1915–1978 shall be deemed to be an advisory committee called The Artificial Insemination Advisory Committee constituted under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act and shall comprise the same persons who, immediately prior to the commencement of this Act, were members of The Artificial Insemination Advisory Committee constituted under section 26c of the Stock Act 1915–1978.

- 5. Semen or ova collected prior to the commencement of this Act. (1) The Director may by notification published in the Gazette declare any semen or ova of stock—
 - (a) collected within the State; or
 - (b) introduced into the State from another State or a Territory of the Commonwealth or another country.

prior to the commencement of this Act to be semen that is or, as the case may be, ova that are approved for unrestricted use where—

- (c) he is of the opinion that the health and general condition of the sire or, as the case may be, female stock was satisfactory at the time of collection: and
- (d) in the case of semen or ova collected within the State, it was or they were collected at the artificial insemination centre established under section 26c of the Stock Act 1915-1978; or
- (e) in the case of semen or ova introduced into the State it was or they were collected on premises licensed under legislation controlling the artificial breeding of stock in that other State or Territory of the Commonwealth or other country.
- (2) Where the Director has, pursuant to subsection (1) declared any semen or ova to be approved for unrestricted use then that semen or, as the case may be, those ova shall on and from the date of publication in the Gazette be deemed to be approved for unrestricted use.
- (3) A declaration made under this section shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restriction as are prescribed.
- (4) Any such declaration may by a like notification be cancelled by the Director if he is of the opinion that the sire or female stock from which the semen was or, as the case may be, the ova were collected—
 - (a) shows or has shown evidence of any undesirable trait, deformity, malformation or unsatisfactory result of performance test; or
 - (b) has produced any progeny which show signs of any undesirable trait, deformity, malformation or unsatisfactory record of production,

and on such cancellation that semen or, as the case may be, those ova shall cease to be deemed to be approved for unrestricted use.

- **6.** Application. (1) (a) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as rendering it unlawful for an owner of stock or a person acting under his authority—
 - (i) to collect semen or ova from the stock;
 - (ii) to process semen or ova collected from the stock; or
 - (iii) to perform on the stock any operation of artificial insemination or ovum transfer with semen or, as the case may be, an ovum which has been collected from the stock or which is approved for unrestricted use,

on premises owned by the owner of the stock.

- (b) Any semen or ova referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (a) may be collected or, as the case may be, processed and any operation of artificial insemination or ovum transfer referred to in subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) may be performed on premises owned by the owner of the stock notwithstanding that such premises are not registered under this Act.
- (2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as rendering unlawful the carrying out by a veterinary surgeon registered under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act* 1936–1973 of any process or operation in relation to the artificial breeding of stock and any such person—
 - (a) does not require a certificate of competency; but
 - (b) is required to comply with the provisions of this Act as to the use of premises.
- 7. Interpretation. (1) In this Act, save where a contrary intention appears—

"approved for unrestricted use" means-

- (a) in relation to the semen of cattle which has been collected within the State, semen which has been—
 - (i) collected from a sire in relation to which a certificate of approval issued under section 24 was current at the time;
 and
 - (ii) collected and processed at an artificial breeding centre established by the Director under section 17 in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
 - (iii) stored for distribution in accordance with the provisions of this Act at all times until it is distributed to the person on whose stock the operation of artificial insemination is to be performed with the semen other than at times when it is being transported;
- (b) in relation to the semen of stock other than cattle and any ovum of stock which has been collected within the State, semen or an ovum which has been—
 - (i) collected from stock in relation to which a certificate of approval issued under section 24 was current at the time; and
 - (ii) collected and processed in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
 - (iii) stored for distribution in accordance with the provisions of this Act at all times until it is distributed to the person on whose stock the operation of artificial insemination is to be performed with the semen or, as the case may be, the operation of ovum transfer is to be performed with the ovum other than at times when it is being transported;
 - (c) in relation to semen or an ovum of stock which has been introduced into the State, semen or an ovum—
 - (i) which has been introduced in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and
 - (ii) which was, at the time of its introduction, declared by the Director to be suitable for unrestricted use; and

- (iii) which has been stored for distribution in accordance with the provisions of this Act at all times until it is distributed to the person on whose stock the operation of artificial insemination is to be performed with the semen or, as the case may be, the operation of ovum transfer is to be performed with the ovum other than at times when it is being transported;
- "artificial breeding" means any of the processes of collecting, preparing, examining, diluting, storing, packing or distributing semen or ova and includes the performance of the operations of artificial insemination and ovum transfer:
- "artificial insemination" means any operation or process whereby semen is introduced by instruments into the female reproductive tract to induce pregnancy;
- "certificate of competency" means a certificate of competency granted and issued under section 21;
- "Director" means the Director of Dairying appointed under the *Dairy Produce Act* 1978 and includes the person for the time being performing the duties of the Director;
- "distribute" includes-
 - (a) to supply to one person;
 - (b) to dispense for the benefit of one person;
- "handle" in relation to the processed semen or ova of any stock, means to touch, remove or otherwise interfere with such semen or ova or any receptacle containing any such semen or ova:
- "inspector" means an inspector appointed under this Act;
- "Minister" means the Minister for Primary Industries or the Minister of the Crown who at the material time is charged with the administration of this Act and includes a Minister of the Crown who is temporarily performing the duties of the Minister:
- "owner" includes in relation to premises the person in possession or occupation of any premises: the term includes an agent, manager, foreman or other person acting or apparently acting in the general management or control of any premises: when used in relation to stock it includes any number of joint owners;
- "ovum" means a female germ cell or egg cell or a cell which can develop into a new member of the same species after maturation and fertilization: the term includes a fertilized ovum up to the first third of pregnancy;
- "ovum transfer" means any operation or process whereby an ovum from female stock is implanted in other female stock whether by way of an intermediate host animal or otherwise;
- "performance" includes the production and other prescribed qualities of the stock, its relatives and progeny;
- " place " means-
 - (a) any land;

- (b) any building or structure of any kind whether wholly or partly constructed or in the course of construction;
- (c) a room in any building or structure;
- (d) a vehicle or vessel;
- "premises" includes any place;
- "process" in relation to semen or ova, means any procedure used in the preparation of collected semen or ova before final use in insemination or, as the case may be, transfer but does not include the thawing of that semen or those ova immediately prior to such final use;
- "processed semen or ova" means semen or ova, whether frozen or not, which has or have been prepared for final use in insemination or, as the case may be, transfer;
- "registered premises" means any premises registered under this Act and includes an artificial breeding centre established by the Director under section 17;
- "sale" means sale by wholesale or retail and includes auction, barter, exchange or supply for profit or cause, suffer, allow or attempt any of those acts, offer for sale or attempt to sell, supply or receive for sale, have in possession for sale, expose for sale, send, forward or deliver for or on sale, cause, suffer or allow to be sold or offered for sale, dispose of or offer for disposal under a lease or hire purchase agreement;
- "semen" means the fluid produced by the male reproductive organs carrying the male germ cells or spermatozoa and includes spermatozoa in any other fluid;
- "stock" means horses, cattle, sheep, swine, buffalo and goats and any other animals whatsoever which the Governor in Council, by Order in Council, from time to time declares to be stock for the purposes of this Act;
- "vehicle" means any vehicle used for the carriage of passengers or goods or both passengers and goods on land, and any aeroplane, airship, glider, balloon or other means used for the carriage of passengers or goods or both passengers and goods by air;
- "vessel" includes any ship, lighter, boat and every other kind of vessel used in navigation whatever may be the means of its propulsion and any air cushion vehicle.
- (2) (a) The Governor in Council may by Order in Council extend the provisions of paragraph (a) of the definition "approved for unrestricted use" contained in subsection (1) to any other species of stock and those provisions shall extend accordingly on and from the date specified therein.
- (b) When the Governor in Council exercises the power conferred upon him by paragraph (a) of this subsection then paragraph (b) of the definition "approved for unrestricted use" shall have no further application to any semen of the species of stock named in the Order in Council which is collected after the date referred to in paragraph (a) hereof.

PART II—ADMINISTRATION

- 8. Administration of Act. (1) Subject to the Minister, the Director shall administer this Act.
- (2) The Director of Animal Industry in the Department of Primary Industries when so requested by the Minister shall advise the Minister in relation to any matter affecting the health of stock and arising under this Act.
- 9. Appointment of officers. (1) The Governor in Council may by notification published in the Gazette appoint such inspectors and other officers as he considers necessary for the effectual administration of this Act.
- (2) Every appointment shall be made under and in accordance with the *Public Service Act* 1922–1978.
- (3) In addition to the powers, authorities, functions and duties conferred or imposed upon him by or under this Act, the Director shall have and may exercise and perform the powers, authorities, functions and duties of an inspector.
- 10. Prohibition in respect of acquiring or holding interest. The Director or any inspector, or other officer shall not acquire or hold either directly or indirectly an interest in—
 - (a) any premises registered under this Act; or
 - (b) any trade or business connected with the artificial breeding of stock,

and shall not be involved in the arrangement or conduct of any course in artificial breeding practice except in so far as the arrangement or conduct of such a course forms part of his duties.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the Director or any inspector or other officer from discharging his functions or duties or exercising his powers or authorities under this Act.

- 11. Power of delegation. (1) The Minister or Director may either generally or otherwise as provided for by the instrument of delegation, by writing signed by him delegate—
 - (a) to any person;
 - (b) to the holder of an office specifying its title but not the name of the holder for the time being,

all or any of his powers, authorities, functions and duties under this Act except this power of delegation.

- (2) A power, authority, function or duty so delegated, if exercised or performed by the delegate, shall be exercised or performed in accordance with the instrument of delegation.
- (3) A delegation may be made subject to such terms or limitations as the Minister or Director thinks fit including a requirement that the delegate shall report to him upon the exercise or performance of the delegated power, authority, function or duty.
- (4) The Minister or Director may make such and so many delegations of the same power, authority, function or duty and to such number of persons or holders of office as he considers necessary or desirable.

- (5) A delegation is revocable at the will of the Minister or Director and does not prevent the exercise of a power or authority or the performance of a function or duty by him.
- 12. Advisory committees. (1) For the purpose of assisting in the improvement of livestock industries in Queensland through artificial breeding and for the effectual administration of this Act the Minister may appoint such and so many advisory or other committees as he thinks fit and assign to each committee so appointed a name.
 - (2) A committee shall-
 - (a) comprise prescribed persons who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Minister;
 - (b) have such powers, authorities, functions and duties as are prescribed or in so far as the same are not prescribed as determined by the Minister.
- (3) The power to make regulations conferred by section 52 includes the power to make regulations relating to the business and procedure of committees and to the fees, allowances and expenses payable to the members thereof.

PART III—CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS

Division 1—Registration of premises

- 13. Certain premises to be registered. The owner of premises shall not in or on those premises—
 - (a) collect or cause to be collected the semen or ova of stock;
 - (b) process or cause to be processed the semen or ova of stock;
 - (c) perform or cause to be performed the operation of ovum transfer on stock;
 - (d) store for distribution the processed semen or ova of stock or distribute such semen or ova from those premises,

except in accordance with the terms and conditions of a current certificate of registration issued under section 16 which relates to those premises.

Penalty: \$500.

- 14. Types of and entitlements of the holders of certificates. (1) Certificates of registration may be issued under section 16 in relation to the following—
 - (a) an artificial breeding centre:
 - (b) a collection centre:
 - (c) a processing centre;
 - (d) a transfer centre;
 - (e) a distribution centre.
- (2) The owner of premises registered as an artificial breeding centre may in or on those premises—
 - (a) collect or cause to be collected the semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate:
 - (b) process or cause to be processed the semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate;

- (c) perform or cause to be performed the operation of ovum transfer on the species of stock named in the certificate;
- (d) perform or cause to be performed the operation of artificial insemination on the species of stock named in the certificate; and
- (e) store for distribution the processed semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate and distribute any such semen or ova from those premises,

in accordance with the requirements of this Act.

- (3) The owner of premises registered as a collection centre may in or on those premises collect or cause to be collected the semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate in accordance with the requirements of this Act.
- (4) The owner of premises registered as a processing centre may in or on those premises—
 - (a) process or cause to be processed the semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate; and
 - (b) store for distribution the processed semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate and distribute any such semen or ova from those premises,

in accordance with the requirements of this Act.

- (5) The owner of premises registered as a transfer centre may in or on those premises perform or cause to be performed the operation of ovum transfer on the species of stock named in the certificate in accordance with the requirements of this Act.
- (6) The owner of premises registered as a distribution centre may in or on those premises store for distribution the processed semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate and distribute any such semen or ova from those premises in accordance with the requirements of this Act.
- (7) A certificate of registration shall not be issued in relation to any premises and if issued may be cancelled or suspended under section 45 if any structure thereon or any plant, machinery, equipment, apparatus or utensil used in connexion therewith does not comply with any prescribed design, standard or specification which relates to that structure, plant, machinery, equipment, apparatus or utensil.
- 15. Duration, etc., of certificate. Subject to this Act a certificate of registration issued under section 16—
 - (a) shall be in force for such period as is prescribed;
 - (b) may be renewed from time to time;
- 16. Application for certificate. (1) (a) An application for the grant or renewal of a certificate of registration—
 - (i) shall be made to the Minister;
 - (ii) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (iii) shall specify by sufficient description the premises in relation to which the application is made, the species of stock to which it relates and the artificial breeding process which is to be carried out in or on those premises;

- (iv) shall contain such other particulars as are prescribed;
- (v) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (b) Upon receipt of an application for the grant of a certificate the Minister shall cause to be advertised at least once in a newspaper circulating in the district in which it is desired to establish the centre a notice requiring objections to the granting thereof to be made in the manner specified in the notice on or before the date specified in the notice.
- (c) The Minister shall consider every such application together with any objections received and may grant or refuse the application without assigning any reason for so doing.
- (d) When an application is granted, the Director shall issue in respect thereof the appropriate certificate or as the case requires a renewal thereof.
 - (2) A certificate under this section—
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form:
 - (b) may be restricted to one or more species of stock;
 - (c) may be issued to apply generally throughout the State or within any locality in the State;
 - (d) shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed or so far as not prescribed as the Minister from time to time in a particular case thinks fit;
 - (e) shall specify the premises in relation to which the certificate is granted and issued.

Without limiting the generality of paragraph (d) terms, conditions or restrictions may be prescribed which—

- (f) require stock entering in or upon the premises or any part thereof to conform to such health standards as are prescribed;
- (g) prohibit the mixing of stock in relation to which a certificate of approval under section 24 is current with other stock;
- (h) require any semen which is and any ova which are brought into or upon the premises or any part thereof to have been collected from stock which conform to such health standards as are prescribed.
- (i) prohibit the mixing of semen or ova collected from different stock of the same or a different species or on different occasions;
- (j) prohibit the placing of semen or ova collected from stock in relation to which a certificate of approval under section 24 is current with the semen or ova collected from other stock.
- (3) It shall be a condition of every certificate of registration which relates to—
 - (a) an artificial breeding centre; or
 - (b) a collection centre,

that a veterinary surgeon registered as such under the *Veterinary Surgeons* Act 1936–1973 shall be present in or on that centre at all times when any semen is or ova are being collected therein or thereon.

17. Director may establish artificial breeding centres. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 13 the Director, when authorized to do so by the Minister, may establish and operate one or more artificial breeding centres.

- (2) An artificial breeding centre established and operated by the Director shall be under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon registered as such under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act* 1936–1973 who is an officer of the Department of Primary Industries.
- (3) The Director may at any artificial breeding centre established and operated by him under this section carry out or cause to be carried out all such activities as are associated with the artificial breeding of stock without any other authority than this section.

Division 2—Certificates of Competency

- 18. Persons requiring certificates of competency. A person shall not—
 - (a) collect the semen or ova of stock:
 - (b) process the semen or ova of stock;
 - (c) perform the operation of artificial insemination on stock;
 - (d) perform the operation of ovum transfer on stock; or
 - (e) being employed on registered premises, handle the processed semen or ova of stock.

unless he is the holder of a current certificate of competency authorizing him to do so.

Penalty: \$500.

- 19. Types of and entitlements of the holders of certificates. (1) Certificates of competency of the following types may be issued—
 - (a) a collector's certificate;
 - (b) a processor's certificate;
 - (c) an artificial inseminator's certificate:
 - (d) an ovum transferor's certificate: and
 - (e) a handler's certificate.
- (2) A collector's certificate shall authorize the holder to collect, on registered premises and in the manner prescribed, semen and ova or semen or ova from the species of stock named in the certificate in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
 - (3) A processor's certificate shall authorize the holder—
 - (a) to process, on registered premises, the semen and ova or the semen or ova; and
 - (b) to handle, on registered premises, the processed semen and ova or the processed semen or ova,

of the species of stock named in the certificate in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

- (4) An artificial inseminator's certificate shall authorize the holder—
 - (a) to perform the operation of artificial insemination on stock; and
 - (b) to handle, on registered premises, the processed semen of stock,

of the species named in the certificate in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

- (5) An ovum transferor's certificate shall authorize the holder-
 - (a) to perform, on registered premises, the operation of ovum transfer on stock; and
- (b) to handle, on registered premises, the processed ova of stock, of the species named in the certificate in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (6) A handler's certificate shall authorize the holder to handle, on registered premises, the processed semen and ova or the processed semen or ova of the species of stock named in the certificate.
- 20. Duration, etc., of certificate. Subject to this Act a certificate of competency—
 - (a) shall be in force for such period as is prescribed;
 - (b) may be renewed from time to time.
- 21. Application for certificate. (1) (a) An application for the grant or renewal of a certificate of competency—
 - (i) shall be made to the Director:
 - (ii) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (iii) shall specify the species of stock to which it relates:
 - (iv) shall give details of the qualifications possessed by the applicant which are relevant to the certificate applied for;
 - (v) shall contain such other particulars as are prescribed;
 - (vi) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (b) The Director shall consider each application and may grant or refuse it.

The Director shall not grant an application unless the applicant has satisfactorily completed a prescribed examination or is otherwise qualified as prescribed.

- (c) When an application is granted, the Director shall issue in respect thereof the appropriate certificate or as the case may be a renewal thereof.
 - (2) A certificate of competency—
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) may be restricted to one or more species of stock;
 - (c) shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed or in so far as not prescribed as the Minister from time to time in a particular case thinks fit.
- (3) Certificates of competency of more than one class may be issued notwithstanding that the certificates relate to the same or a similar process or function of artificial breeding.

Division 3—Certificate of approval of stock

- 22. Collection of semen or ova. A person shall not collect the semen or ova of stock—
 - (a) for sale; or
 - (b) for distribution otherwise than to—
 - (i) the owner of the stock; or

(ii) at the request or on the instructions of the owner of the stock, to registered premises for the processing of the semen or ova for use by that owner,

unless there is current in relation to the stock a certificate of approval issued under section 24.

Penalty: \$500.

- 23. Duration of certificate. A certificate of approval issued under section 24 shall remain in force until such time as it is cancelled or suspended.
- 24. Application for certificate. (1) (a) An application for the grant of a certificate of approval in relation to any stock—
 - (i) shall be made to the Director;
 - (ii) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (iii) shall specify the species of stock to which it relates;
 - (iv) shall sufficiently describe the stock to which it relates so as to enable it to be easily identified:
 - (v) shall specify the location at which the stock may be inspected;
 - (vi) shall contain such health and performance details relating to the stock as are prescribed:
 - (vii) in the case of a sire shall indicate the maximum number of doses of semen intended to be collected and shall specify the means of identification by which those doses may be recognized:
 - (viii) shall contain such other particulars as are prescribed;
 - (ix) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (b) The Director shall consider each application and may grant or refuse it.
- (c) When an application is granted, the Director shall issue in relation to the stock a certificate of approval.
 - (2) A certificate of approval—
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) shall specify the species of and sufficiently identify the stock to which it relates;
 - (c) shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed or so far as are not prescribed as the Minister from time to time in a particular case thinks fit;
 - (d) which relates to a sire shall specify the number of doses of semen which may be collected, and shall specify the means of identification by which those doses may be recognized.

Division 4—Permit to introduce semen or ova

25. Semen or ova not to be introduced without permit. A person snall not introduce into the State from any other State or a territory of the Commonwealth or any country the semen or ova of stock unless he has first obtained a permit issued under section 26 authorizing him to do so and, where that semen is or those ova are being introduced for distribution, unless at the time of introduction that semen has or, as the case may be, those ova have been declared by the Director to be suitable for unrestricted use.

Penalty: \$500.

- 26. Application for permit. (1) (a) An application for the grant of a permit to introduce any semen or ova into the State—
 - (i) shall be made to the Director;
 - (ii) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (iii) shall specify the number of doses of semen or, as the case may be, the number of ova involved;
 - (iv) shall specify whether or not the semen is or ova are intended for distribution:
 - (v) shall contain such other particulars as are prescribed;
 - (vi) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (b) The Director shall consider each application and, if he is satisfied that the introduction of the semen or ova to which the application relates would not be detrimental or a danger to the health and welfare of stock in the State, shall grant the application but otherwise he shall refuse it.
- (c) When an application is granted the Director shall issue in relation thereto a permit to introduce the semen or, as the case may be, ova.
 - (2) A permit under this section-
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) shall sufficiently identify the semen or, as the case may be, ova to which it relates;
 - (c) shall specify the number of doses of semen or, as the case may be, the number of ova which may be introduced;
 - (d) shall specify whether or not the semen has or the ova have been declared by the Director to be suitable for unrestricted use;
 - (e) shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed or so far as are not prescribed as the Minister from time to time in a particular case thinks fit.

Division 5—Certificates in relation to courses and instructors

- 27. Person not to conduct course without certificate. A person shall not conduct or offer to conduct a course of instruction in connexion with a process of artificial breeding for the purpose of enabling another person to obtain a certificate of competency unless—
 - (a) he is the holder of a current course approval certificate issued under section 29 which relates to the subject matter of the course; and
 - (b) he is the holder of a current instructor's certificate issued under section 29 authorizing him to offer instruction in the subject matter of the course; or
 - (c) he employs a person, whether under a contract of service or otherwise, who is the holder of a current instructor's certificate issued under section 29 authorizing that person to offer instruction in the subject matter of the course and that person does in fact offer such instruction.

Penalty: \$500.

- 28. Duration of certificate. Subject to this Act a course approval certificate and an instructor's certificate granted and issued under section 29—
 - (a) shall be in force for such period as is prescribed; and
 - (b) may be renewed from time to time.
- 29. Application for certificate. (1) An application for a course approval certificate or for a renewal thereof—
 - (a) shall be made to the Director:
 - (b) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (c) shall specify the species of stock involved;
 - (d) shall contain such details relating to the subject matter of the course as the Director may require;
 - (e) shall contain such particulars as are prescribed; and
 - (f) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (2) An application for an instructor's certificate or for a renewal thereof—
 - (a) shall be made to the Director;
 - (b) shall be in the prescribed form:
 - (c) shall contain details of any qualifications possessed by the applicant which are relevant to the subject matter of the course;
 - (d) shall contain such particulars as are prescribed;
 - (e) shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.
- (3) (a) The Director shall consider each application made under this section and may grant or refuse it.
- (b) When an application is granted, the Director shall issue in respect thereof the appropriate certificate.
 - (4) A certificate granted and issued under this section—
 - (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
 - (b) shall contain such particulars as are prescribed;
 - (c) shall be subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as are prescribed or so far as are not prescribed as the Minister from time to time in a particular case thinks fit;
 - (d) shall, in the case of a course approval certificate, specify the subject matter of the course and the species of stock to which it relates: and
 - (e) shall, in the case of an instructor's certificate, specify the subject matter in relation to which the holder may offer instruction.
 - (5) For the purpose of this Division—
 - "subject matter" includes—
 - (a) the materials to be used including any specified texts or articles;
 - (b) the period or periods of instruction to be given; and
 - (c) the techniques in relation to which instruction is to be given.

PART IV-INSPECTION

- 30. Powers of inspectors generally. (1) For the purposes of this Act, an inspector at any time—
 - (a) may, subject to subsection (2), enter any place;
 - (b) may make with respect to any place such search, investigation and enquiry as is necessary to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act are being complied with;
 - (c) may inspect any premises registered under this Act or any other place that he believes on reasonable grounds is being or is likely to be used for any purpose connected with the artificial breeding of stock:
 - (d) may examine any equipment, apparatus, utensils, diluents, additives, extenders, materials or stock found in or on any premises registered under this Act or place inspected pursuant to paragraph (c);
 - (e) may stop, detain and search any vehicle or vessel used or that he believes on reasonable grounds is being or is likely to be used for the carriage of semen or ova of stock or materials used in the processing thereof;
 - (f) may seize and detain the semen or ova of stock or any equipment, apparatus, utensils, diluents, additives, extenders or materials found in or on any premises registered under this Act or other place inspected by him;
 - (g) may remove the semen or ovum of stock or other thing seized by him under this Act from the place where it was seized to such place as he determines or may allow that semen or ovum or other thing to remain at the place of seizure and in the latter case may make such arrangements as he considers necessary to protect it;
 - (h) may open or order to be opened any place or any container used for the carriage of goods or any package found in or on any premises registered under this Act or any other place that he believes on reasonable grounds contains the semen or ova of stock or materials used in the processing thereof;
 - (i) may seize and take in the prescribed manner and without payment any sample of or any package containing the semen or ova of stock or materials used in the processing thereof for a purpose of examination, testing or analysis;
 - (j) may question a person found by him in any place to ascertain whether this Act is being complied with and require a person so found to answer the questions put;
 - (k) may require a person found by him committing an offence against this Act or who he believes on reasonable grounds has committed an offence against this Act or whose name and address are in his opinion reasonably required to state his full name and the address of his usual place of residence and, if he suspects on reasonable grounds that a name or address so stated is false, may require evidence of the correctness thereof;
 - (1) may require a person to produce to him any certificate, permit or authority under this Act granted and issued to that person or alleged by that person to have been granted and

issued to him or any books, accounts, records or documents and may inspect, examine and make copies of or extracts from any certificate, permit or authority or any book, account, record or document so produced:

- (m) may, in a case where he is obstructed or has reasonable grounds to believe that he will be obstructed in the exercise of his powers or authorities or the discharge of his functions or duties, call to his aid—
 - (i) another officer;
 - (ii) a member of the Queensland Police Force, whereupon it shall be the duty of a member so called to assist him as required and in accordance with this Act and a member so assisting shall have the same powers and authorities as are conferred upon an inspector under this Act;
- (n) may call to his aid a person who he thinks is competent to assist him in the exercise of his powers and authorities or the discharge of his functions and duties;
- (o) may use such force as is reasonably necessary in the exercise of the powers and authorities or the discharge of the functions and duties conferred or imposed upon him by this Act;
- (p) may, by order in writing, require a person who has failed to comply with this Act to take within such time as is specified such steps as are specified and to remedy those matters in respect of which non-compliance has occurred;
- (q) may exercise such other powers and authorities and discharge such other functions and duties as are prescribed.

An order pursuant to subparagraph (p)-

- (a) shall be in the prescribed form;
- (b) shall not prejudice or affect in any way any proceeding or action that has been or may be taken for the failure to comply that resulted in the order, save that the person to whom the order is given is not liable for a continuance of the failure to comply during the time specified therein.
- (2) (a) Before an inspector enters a part of any premises which part is used exclusively as a dwelling-house he shall, save where he has the permission of the occupier of that part to his entry, obtain from a justice a warrant to enter.
- (b) A justice who is satisfied upon the complaint of an inspector that there is reasonable cause to suspect—
 - (i) that in any place an offence against this Act has been, is being or is likely to be committed;
 - (ii) that there is in any place any thing in respect of which an offence against this Act has been, is being or is likely to be committed,

may issue his warrant directed to the inspector to enter the place named in the warrant for the purpose of exercising therein the powers conferred upon an inspector under this Act.

- (c) A warrant shall be, for the period of one month from the date of its issue, sufficient authority for the inspector and all persons acting in aid of him—
 - (i) to enter the place specified in the warrant; and
 - (ii) to exercise therein the powers conferred upon an inspector by or under this Act.

- (d) In this subsection premises that are used as a dwelling-house do not include the curtilage of those premises.
- (3) For the purpose of gaining entry to a place an inspector may call to his aid such persons as he thinks necessary and those persons, while acting in aid of an inspector in the lawful exercise by him of his power of entry, shall have a like power of entry.
- (4) An inspector who takes a sample in the exercise of a power conferred by subsection (1) shall, before submitting it for examination, testing or analysis, deal with the sample in the prescribed manner.
- 31. Power of inspector as to premises. (1) Where after inspection made pursuant to this Act, an inspector is satisfied that—
 - (a) any premises registered under this Act are unfit for the purpose for which they were registered;
 - (b) any plant, machinery, equipment, apparatus, utensil, material or thing situated on any premises registered under this Act or any vehicle or vessel used for the carriage of semen or ova of stock is in an unclean or unwholesome condition or is otherwise unfit for the purpose for which it is used;
 - (c) any fence or other barrier used for the purpose of separating a part of or any premises registered under this Act from any other part or premises or for the purpose of the segregation of stock in or on or the exclusion of persons from any premises registered under this Act is unfit for that purpose;
 - (d) any stock in or on any premises registered under this Act that are used or are intended to be used for a purpose of artificial breeding are affected by a disease prescribed as being required to be absent in stock used for that purpose;
 - (e) any additives, diluents, extenders or materials found on any premises registered under this Act do not conform to the prescribed standard or are otherwise unfit to be used in the processing of semen or ova of stock,

he may by notice in writing given in the prescribed form, require the owner of the premises registered under this Act or the vehicle or vessel to comply within the time specified with every direction or order contained in the notice.

- (2) An inspector by a notice pursuant to subsection (1) may direct that—
 - (a) in the case of premises to which paragraph (a) of subsection (1) refers, they be closed;
 - (b) the premises, plant, machinery, equipment, apparatus, utensils, additives, extenders, diluents, materials or things or the vehicle or vessel be not used for a purpose connected with artificial breeding during the period specified in the notice, or until the inspector is satisfied that it or, as the case may be, they are fit for such use;

- (c) the premises associated with a fence or barrier referred to in paragraph (c) of subsection (1) be not used until the inspector is satisfied that the fence or, as the case may be, barrier is fit for the purpose for which it was used:
- (d) any stock referred to in paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and any other stock with which the stock have been in contact be dealt with in the manner prescribed and any premises in or on which such stock are situated be not used for any purpose connected with artificial breeding during the period specified in the notice or until the inspector is satisfied that the stock situated therein or thereon comply with the health standards prescribed.
- **32.** Power of inspector to detain semen or ovum. (1) Where after investigation or inspection made pursuant to this Act an inspector is satisfied that—
 - (a) semen or an ovum of stock is being or has been collected, processed, stored, distributed, or introduced into the State contrary to this Act;
 - (b) an additive, extender, diluent or other material used or intended to be used in connexion with the processing of semen or an ovum of stock does not comply with the prescribed standard or by reason of its composition is unsuitable for such use,

he may by his order detain the semen or ovum, additive, extender, diluent, or other material in question.

(2) Where any additive, extender, diluent or other material is detained pursuant to this section, the Minister may permit the owner thereof within such time as is determined by the Minister to treat that additive, extender, diluent or other material in such manner as will make it comply with the prescribed standard or to take such other action with respect thereto as will ensure compliance with this Act.

Upon such compliance to the satisfaction of the Director, the Minister may direct that the additive, extender, diluent or other material in question be no longer detained and a direction so given has effect accordingly.

- (3) Any semen, ovum, additive, extender, diluent or other material detained pursuant to this section may by a subsequent order of an inspector be condemned.
- 33. Inspector may condemn semen etc. in certain circumstances. (1) Where an inspector is satisfied that—
 - (a) any semen was or ova were collected from stock which at the time of such collection were affected by a disease prescribed as being required to be absent in stock used in connexion with artificial breeding;
 - (b) any equipment, apparatus or utensil used in connexion with artificial breeding is faulty or does not comply with the prescribed standard.

he may by his order condemn that semen or ova or, as the case may be, equipment, apparatus or utensil.

(2) Any semen, ova or other thing condemned under this Act shall thereupon become the property of the Crown and shall be disposed of as prescribed or so far as not prescribed as the Minister directs.

- 34. Duty of inspector upon making an order. An inspector shall as soon as practicable after making an order under this Act furnish to the Director full particulars thereof.
 - 35. Offences with respect to inspectors and other officers. A person—
 - (a) shall not assault, obstruct, threaten, abuse, insult or intimidate an inspector or other officer in the exercise of his powers or authorities or the discharge of his functions or duties under this Act or attempt so to do;
 - (b) shall not fail to answer any question put to him for the purposes of this Act by an inspector or other officer or give a false or misleading answer to any question so put;
 - (c) shall not fail to comply with a lawful direction or order of an inspector;
 - (d) shall not, when required by or under this Act to render assistance or furnish information, fail to do so, or furnish information that is false or misleading;
 - (e) shall not fail, without reasonable excuse proof whereof shall lie upon him, to produce a certificate, permit or other authority under this Act that he is required under this Act to produce or fail to allow an inspector to make a copy of or an extract from a certificate, permit or other authority;
 - (f) shall not fail, upon demand made, to produce to an inspector for inspection or examination any book, account, record or document required or authorized under this Act to be produced or fail to allow an inspector to make a copy of or an extract from any book, account, record or document so produced;
 - (g) shall not prevent a person from appearing before or being interrogated by an inspector or attempt so to do.
- 36. Person not obliged to criminate himself. A person is not obliged under this Act to answer any question or give any information or evidence tending to criminate him.

PART V-OFFENCES

- 37. Use of processed semen or ova. (1) A person shall not use—
 - (a) processed semen to perform the operation of artificial insemination;
- (b) processed ova to perform the operation of ovum transfer, on any stock unless that semen is or, as the case may be, those ova are approved for unrestricted use.

Penalty: \$500.

- (2) The exception referred to in subsection (1) shall be sufficiently proved if it is shown that the defendant obtained the processed semen or ova from premises from which the processed semen or ova of the species of stock involved may be distributed under the provisions of this Act.
 - 38. Fraudulent practices. A person shall not-
 - (a) falsely advertise himself or hold himself out as being the holder of a certificate, permit or other authority under this Act or permit any such advertisement or holding out;

- (b) falsely advertise any premises or represent any premises as being registered under this Act or permit any such advertisement or representation:
- (c) falsely advertise any semen or ova or represent any semen or ova as being approved for unrestricted use or permit any such advertisement or representation.

Penalty: \$500.

- 39. Owners of premises. (1) The owner of premises registered under this Act shall not employ in or on those premises, whether under a contract of service or otherwise, a person—
 - (a) to collect the semen or ova of stock or to supervise the collection thereof unless that person is the holder of a certificate of competency authorizing him to collect semen or, as the case may be, ova from the species of stock involved;
 - (b) to process the semen or ova of stock or to supervise the processing thereof unless that person is the holder of a certificate of competency authorizing him to process the semen or, as the case may be, ova of the species of stock involved;
 - (c) to perform an operation of artificial insemination or ovum transfer on stock unless that person is the holder of a certificate of competency authorizing him to perform that operation on the species of stock involved;
 - (d) to handle the processed semen or ova of stock or to supervise the handling thereof unless that person is the holder of a certificate of competency authorizing him to handle the processed semen or, as the case may be, ova of the species of stock involved.

Penalty: \$500.

- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall render it unlawful for the owner of any premises registered under this Act to employ in or on those premises, whether under a contract of service or otherwise, a veterinary surgeon registered under the *Veterinary Surgeons Act* 1936–1973 to do any act or to perform any operation or activity referred to in that subsection.
 - 40. Forgery of certificate etc. A person shall not—
 - (a) forge or counterfeit a certificate or permit under this Act;
 - (b) utter or make use of any such certificate or permit so forged or counterfeited;
 - (c) give or sign a certificate under this Act knowing it to be false in any material particular;
 - (d) personate a person named in a certificate or permit granted under this Act.

Penalty: \$1 000 or 12 months' imprisonment.

- 41. Processing semen or ova. A person shall not process or cause to be processed the semen or ova of stock—
 - (a) for sale; or
- (b) for distribution otherwise than to the owner of the stock, unless he has first obtained a certificate in the prescribed form completed by the person who collected the semen or ova stating that is was or, as the

case may be, they were collected from stock in relation to which a certificate of approval issued under section 24 was current at the time.

Penalty: \$500.

- 42. Selling etc. of processed semen or ova. (1) A person shall not—
 - (a) sell the processed semen or ova of stock; or
 - (b) distribute the processed semen or ova of stock otherwise than to the owner of the stock,

unless the semen is or the ova are approved for unrestricted use.

Penalty: \$500.

- (2) The exception referred to in subsection (1) shall be sufficiently proved if it is shown—
 - (a) in the case of semen that was or ova that were collected within the State or introduced into the State prior to the commencement of this Act, that the semen is or the ova are approved for unrestricted use pursuant to the provisions of section 5;
 - (b) in the case of semen that has or ova that have been introduced into the State, that at the time of introduction it was or they were declared by the Director to be suitable for unrestricted use;
 - (c) that the defendant processed or caused to be processed the semen or ova in accordance with the provisions of this Act; or
 - (d) that the defendant obtained the processed semen or ova from premises from which the processed semen or ova of the species of stock involved may be distributed under the provisions of this Act.

and that the defendant has at all material times stored the semen or ova in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Penalty: \$500.

43. Processed semen and ova- to be identified as prescribed. (1) The owner of premises registered under this Act in or on which the semen or ova of stock is or are processed shall cause the processed semen or, as the case may be, ova to be identified in the manner prescribed.

Penalty: \$500.

(2) Where pursuant to section 6 an owner of stock or a person acting under his authority processes any semen or ova collected from the stock on premises owned by the owner of the stock then the owner shall cause the processed semen or ova to be identified in the manner prescribed.

Penalty: \$500.

PART VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- **44.** Evidentiary provisions. (1) In a proceeding for the purposes of this Act—
 - (a) it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment of the Director or any inspector or other officer or his authority to do any act, take any proceeding or give any direction or order;

- (b) a signature purporting to be that of the Director, any inspector or other officer shall be taken to be the signature it purports to be until the contrary is proved;
- (c) a document purporting to be a copy of a certificate, permit, authority, order or notice under this Act shall, upon its production in that proceeding be evidence and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, conclusive evidence of that certificate, permit, authority, order or notice;
- (d) a document purporting to be signed by the Director stating that at a specified time or during a specified period there was or was not in force a certificate, permit or authority under this Act as described in the document granted or given to a specified person or in respect of a specified thing and that such certificate, permit or authority was or was not subject to the terms, conditions or restrictions set out in the document shall upon its production in that proceeding be evidence and, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, conclusive evidence of the matters contained in that document.
- (2) This section does not prejudice or in any way affect other means of proving the elements of an alleged offence or lessen or affect the onus of proof falling on an offender.
- 45. Cancellation and suspension of certificates and permits. (1) The Director at any time during the currency of any certificate or permit granted and issued under this Act—
 - (a) may cancel; or
 - (b) may suspend for such period as he thinks fit not exceeding the balance of the term thereof,

that certificate or permit if-

- (c) it was issued in error, or granted in consequence of a false or fraudulent document, statement or representation;
- (d) the holder thereof-
 - (i) is convicted of an offence against this Act;
 - (ii) fails to comply with any term or condition thereof:
- (e) there has been a substantial change of circumstances since the grant thereof; or
- (f) for any other reason the Director is of the opinion that the holder thereof is not a fit and proper person to hold it or that it is in the interest of livestock improvement to do so.
- (2) A cancellation or suspension under this section does not confer upon the holder thereof any right to compensation.
- (3) Where a certificate or permit is cancelled or suspended under this section the holder thereof shall forthwith surrender the certificate or permit to the Director.
- (4) Where any certificate or permit under this Act is suspended it shall be of no force or effect during the period of suspension and shall remain in force only for the period during which it would have remained in force but for the suspension.

46. Records. Every-

- (a) holder of a certificate or permit under this Act;
- (b) veterinary surgeon registered under the *Veterinary Surgeons*Act 1936–1973 who performs any process of artificial breeding, shall keep such records and shall furnish such returns, statements, lists or other documents as are prescribed.
- 47. Protection of Crown, Minister and officers. Liability at law shall not attach to the Crown, the Minister, Director, any inspector or other officer or any person acting in aid of an inspector on account of any thing done for the purposes of this Act or done in good faith and purporting to be done for the purposes of this Act.
- 48. Offences generally and penalty. (1) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act commits an offence against this Act.
- (2) A person who fails to comply with any term, condition or restriction imposed under this Act commits an offence against this Act.
 - (3) A person who—
 - (a) fails to do that which he is directed or required to do;
- (b) does that which he is forbidden to do, by a person acting under the authority of this Act commits an offence against this Act.
- (4) Where no penalty is expressly provided, a person who commits an offence against this Act is liable to a penalty of \$300.
- **49.** Proceedings for offences. (1) A prosecution for an offence against this Act—
 - (a) shall be taken by way of summary proceedings under the *Justices Act* 1886-1979 within two years after the offence is committed or within 12 months after the offence comes to the knowledge of the complainant whichever period is the later to expire;
 - (b) may be instituted by-
 - (i) an inspector; or
 - (ii) other person thereunto authorized in writing by the Minister.
- 50. Mode of service of documents. A notice, order or other writing required by this Act to be given to any person shall be duly given if—
 - (a) it is served personally upon the person to whom it is directed;
 - (b) it is left at the place of residence or business of the person to whom it is directed last known to the person who gives it;
 - (c) it is sent by post to the place of residence or business of the person to whom it is directed last known to the person who gives it.
- 51. Liability for offence by agent or employee. (1) Notwithstanding sections 7 and 23 of *The Criminal Code* or any other Act, law or practice, where a person commits an offence against this Act as an agent or

employee, the principal or, as the case may be, employer of that person shall be deemed to have taken part in committing the offence and to be guilty of the offence and may be charged with committing the offence.

It is immaterial that the offence was committed without the authority or contrary to the instructions of the principal or employer.

- (2) A person is not liable to be convicted for an offence against this Act committed by him as an employee if he satisfies the court that the offence was committed while the business of his employer was being conducted under the personal superintendence of that employer or of a manager or other representative of that employer and that the offence was committed with the knowledge of that employer, manager or representative.
- (3) Save as provided by subsection (2), this section applies so as not to prejudice liability imposed under this Act on any person by whom an offence against this Act is actually committed.
- 52. Regulations. (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act, for or with respect to all or any of the purposes, matters or things set forth in the Schedule.
 - (2) The power to regulate includes the power to prohibit.
- (3) Regulations may be made to apply generally throughout the State or within any locality in the State or with respect to any class of person, stock, matter or thing to apply generally or to be of such limited application as is indicated therein.
 - (4) The regulations—
 - (a) may provide that in cases specified therein, whether on conditions so specified or unconditionally, persons, stock, acts, matters or things may be exempted from the provisions of the regulations either wholly or to such extent as is so specified;
 - (b) may adopt wholly or partly and specifically or by reference any of the standard rules, codes or methods relating to the artificial breeding of stock industry of any specified body or institution:
 - (c) provide for the approval of the Director to be the standard to be applicable in respect of a particular matter;
 - (d) may require any matter or thing to be verified by statutory declaration.
- 53. Minister may exempt. (1) For the purpose of carrying out research in relation to the artificial breeding of stock the Minister may exempt any person from compliance with all or any of the provisions of this Act.
- (2) Such exemption may be granted subject to such terms, conditions or restrictions as the Minister determines.
- 54. Powers of Director in relation to semen or ova. (1) Where the Director—
 - (a) becomes aware that any stock from which semen was or ova were collected are or were affected by a disease prescribed as being required to be absent in stock used in connexion with artificial breeding;

- (b) is of the opinion that the use of any semen or ova may cause any genetic defect in stock; or
- (c) is, for any reason, of the opinion that the use of any semen or ova would be detrimental to any livestock industry,

he may, by order in writing, require that the whole or any portion of that semen or ova be not processed, distributed, or used either for a specified period or at all and that such semen or ova be destroyed within the time specified in the order.

(2) A person shall not contravene or fail to comply with the provisions of an order in writing given under this section.

Penalty: \$500.

- 55. Prohibition of importation. (1) The Minister may, by notification published in the Gazette, from time to time prohibit, either absolutely or conditionally, the introduction into or use within the State of semen or ova obtained from any specified stock or stock of a specified species where he has reason to believe that the introduction or use of that semen or ova would adversely affect the breeding of stock in the State, whether by reason of inherited defects, disease, production standards or otherwise.
- (2) A notification published under this subsection may be varied or revoked by a subsequent notification so made and published.
- (3) A person shall not contravene or fail to comply with the provisions of a notification published under this section.

Penalty: \$500.

56. Orders in Council. Section 28A of the Acts Interpretation Act 1954–1977 shall apply with respect to Orders in Council made for the purposes of this Act and, for the purposes of such application, that section shall be read and construed as if references to regulations were references to Orders in Council made for the purposes of this Act.

SCHEDULE

(s. 52)

SUBJECT MATTER FOR REGULATIONS

- 1. Person administering Act. The powers, authorities, functions and duties of persons engaged in the administration of this Act.
 - 2. Qualifications. The qualifications of—
 - (a) inspectors and other officers;
 - (b) applicants for certificates of competency.
- 3. Assessment of qualifications. The means by which qualifications of any person are assessed for the purposes of this Act whether by examination or otherwise.
- **4.** Examinations. The holding of and all other matters and things in connexion with examinations and the persons required or eligible to sit for them; fees payable by examinees; appointment of examiners.
- 5. Certificates etc. The granting and issuing of certificates of competency of different classes and the terms, conditions and restrictions which are to apply to any class.

- 6. Approved stock. The minimum health and performance requirements of stock in respect of which a certificate of approval is sought.
- 7. Semen and ova. The means and methods of collecting, processing, storing and distributing semen or ova of stock; the transporting, distribution, exportation and importation of semen and ova of stock; the use of semen or ova to perform the operation of artificial insemination or, as the case may be, ovum transfer on stock.
- 8. Packing and identification of semen and ova of stock. The nature, form, design or manner in which semen or ova may be packed, the form content, detail, lettering or other mark which shall be used to identify individual insemination units of semen or implantation units of ova, including the size of any lettering or marking to be used, the colour of any material to be used in packaging or in the sealing of the same whether such colour is to be used for a purpose of identification or not.
- 9. Records and returns. Requirements as to the keeping and inspection of records required to be kept under this Act; the form of any return, statement, list or other document required to be furnished under this Act; the persons to whom, the intervals of time at which and the times within which any return, statement, list or other document is to be furnished.
- 10. Premises. The buildings and structures to be erected for or with respect to registered premises and the sites thereof; the construction, drainage, ventilation, cleansing, painting, disinfection and use of premises for any of the processes associated with artificial breeding and of vehicles and vessels used for or in respect of any of the processes of artificial breeding; nature, design, construction, suitability, situation, and use of the buildings and structures, vehicles and vessels necessary for or with respect to registered premises; materials to be used in the construction of registered premises; the designation and identification of particular structures or buildings intended for a particular use under this Act.
- 11. Plant, machinery etc. Regulation and control of the erection, installation and use in or in connexion with registered premises of plant, machinery, equipment and apparatus and the nature, design, construction, suitability, situation and use thereof on those premises; prescription of standards for plant, machinery, equipment and apparatus for use in or in connexion with registered premises.
- 12. Restriction of use of premises. Restriction of the use of registered premises or part thereof solely to certain purposes; prohibiting the use of registered premises or part thereof for purposes other than those prescribed with respect thereto; requiring buildings and structures on registered premises to be used for the purposes for which their erection is prescribed and prohibiting the use thereon or therein of any building or structure other than the prescribed building or structure for a purpose for which the prescribed building or structure is required.
- 13. Utensils, appliances, packages. The regulation and control of the design, construction, size and use of utensils, appliances and packages used in connexion with artificial breeding.

- 14. Diluents, extenders, additives. The use of diluents, extenders and additives for any purpose in connexion with artificial breeding; the substances which may be used as or in any diluent, extender or additive.
- 15. Stock. The regulation and control of the movement of stock onto, upon and off registered premises and the testing of stock for disease; requiring stock on which any process of artificial breeding is to be or is being performed, whether upon registered premises or not, to be kept segregated from any other animal.
- 16. Fees. Fees payable under this Act; matters and things in relation to which fees are payable, methods of collection thereof; manner, time and place of payment thereof; all matters in relation to the recovery thereof.
- 17. Forms. Forms to be used for the purposes of this Act and the particular purposes for which those forms respectively may be used.
- 18. Penalties. Penalties not exceeding \$300 in each case for any contravention of or failure to comply with the regulations.
- 19. Matters prescribed. All matters required or permitted by or under this Act to be prescribed where the manner of prescription is not specified.
- 20. General power. All matters that in the opinion of the Governor in Council may be convenient for the administration of this Act or necessary or expedient to achieve the objects and purposes of this Act.