

THE LIVE-STOCK IMPORTATION ACT, 1898

ACT NO. 9 OF 1898¹

[12th August, 1898.]

An Act to make better provision for the regulation of the importation of live-stock.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the regulation of the importation of live-stock which is liable to be affected by infectious or contagious disorders: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. Short title and local extent.—(1) This Act may be called the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898.

²(2) It extends to the whole of India ³****; ⁴****.

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2. Definitions.—In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) the expression "infectious or contagious disorders" includes tick-pest, anthrax, glanders, farcy, scabies and any other disease or disorder which may be specified by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette; and

(b) "live-stock" includes horses, kine, camels, sheep and any other animal which may be specified by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette;

⁵(c) "import" means the bringing or taking, by sea, land or air into ⁶[India].

3. Power to regulate importation of live-stock.—(1) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, regulate, restrict or prohibit, in such manner and to such extent as it may think fit, ⁷[the import], into ⁶[India] or any specified place therein, of any live-stock which may be liable to be affected by infectious or contagious disorders, and of any fodder, dung, stable-litter, clothing harness or fittings appertaining to live-stock or that may have been in contact therewith.

(2) A notification under sub-section (1) shall operate as if it had been issued under section 19 of the Sea Customs Act, 1878 (8 of 1878), and the officers of customs at every port shall have the same power in respect of any live-stock or thing, with regard to the importation of which such a notification has been issued, and the vessel containing the same, as they have for the time being in respect of any article the importation of which is regulated, restricted or prohibited by the law relating to sea customs and the vessel containing the same; and the enactments for the time being in force relating to sea customs or any such article or vessel shall apply accordingly.

1. The Act has been extended to Goa, Daman and Diu, with modifications by Reg. 12 of 1962, s. 3 and Sch. and to Pondicherry (w. e. f. 1-10-1963) by Reg. 7 of 1963, s. 3 and Sch. I.

2. Subs. by Act 40 of 1953, s. 2, for the former sub-section.

3. The words "except the State of Jammu and Kashmir" omitted by Act 62 of 1956, s. 2 and Sch. (w.e.f.1-11-1956).

4. The word "and" and sub-section (3) rep. by Act 10 of 1914, s. 3 and Sch. II.

5. Ins. by Act 40 of 1950, s. 3.

6. Subs. by Act 62 of 1956, s. 2, and Sch. for "the territories to which this Act extends" (w.e.f.1-11-1956).

7. Subs. by Act 40 of 1953, s. 4, for "the bringing or taking, by sea or land".

4. **Power for State Government to make rules.**—(1) The State Government may ^{****} make ~~rules~~ for the detention, inspection, disinfection or destruction of imported live-stock, and of fodder, dung, stable-litter, clothing harness or fittings appertaining to imported live-stock or that may have been in contact therewith and for regulating the powers and duties of the officers whom it may appoint in this behalf.

(2) In making any rule under this section the State Government may direct that a breach thereof shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees. 5*

5. **Protection to persons acting under Act.**—No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act.