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Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Licensing of Pigs and Destruction of Unlicensed or Infected Pigs) Rules, 1996 Published vide Notification No. G.O. Ms. No. 174, Rural Development (C-1), Dated the 23rd August 1996 - No. SRO A-101/96 G.O. Ms. No. 174. - In exercise of powers conferred by clause (xxxiii) of sub-section (2) of section 242 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following rules: -

#### **1. Short title and commencement.**

(1) These rules may be called the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Licensing of Pigs and Destruction of Unlicensed or Infected Pigs) Rules, 1996. (2) They extend to all areas declared as Panchayat Villages under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994). (3) They shall come into force at once.

#### **2. Definitions.**

- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -(a) "Act" means the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994); (b) "Collector" means the Collector of revenue district; (c) "Detention charges" means the charges calculated at the rates specified in these rules and includes the feeding and other charges spent by the Executive Authority towards the detention of the pigs; (d) "Executive authority" means a person notified as such by the Government under Section

83;(e)"Half year" means the period of six months commencing from the month of April and ending with September or from the month of October and ending with March of a year;(f)"Infected pig" means whether licenced or not under these rules, which in the opinion of the Executive authority will be a cause for spreading of diseases like encephalitis or any other communicable diseases for the spreading of which pigs are considered as carriers.

### **3. Issue of public notice.**

- Every panchayat may, and if so directed by the Collector, shall publish a notice in the Official Gazette of the district in English and Tamil that unlicensed or infected pigs staying within the panchayat limits specified in the notice will be destroyed after the date specified in such notice.

### **4. Taking of licence.**

- When a notice under rule 3 has been published, the owner or custodian of every pig within the limits of the panchayat shall, within fifteen days from the date of such publication of notice take out from the Executive authority of the panchayat, a licence badge showing the following particulars and such other particulars, if any, as the Collector may prescribe, on payment of a licence fee not exceeding five rupees per pig for the half year in which such notice was given.(1)Name of the panchayat (in a abbreviated form if the name is too long);(2)Number of the licence issued; and(3)Particulars of the year and half year, for which the licence is issued.The badge shall be fixed to any one of the ear of the pig for the purpose of inspection and verification by the Executive Authority of the panchayat or any person authorised by him:Provided that the Collector may, for special reasons, extend the period within which a licence shall be taken from the Executive Authority after the publication of the notice.

### **5. Application for licence.**

- Within fifteen days from the commencement of every succeeding half year or within such reduced period as the Collector may fix for special reasons, the owner or custodian of every pig shall apply to the Executive Authority for the grant or renewal of the licence on payment of the fee specified in rule 4.

### **6. Seizure of unlicensed pigs.**

- Any pig found straying in any public place within the limits of the panchayat without the licence badge under rule 4 shall be liable to be seized by any person or persons authorised by the Executive Authority in that behalf.

### **7. Intimation as to seizure of pigs.**

- When a pig is seized, the Executive Authority shall intimate its owner or custodian if his name and addresses are known of its detention and require the owner or custodian to remove it within seven

days from the date of detention on payment of the licence fee with a penalty of rupees five together with a detention charge of rupees three for every twenty-four hours of detention or part thereof.

## **8. Restoration of possession of the pigs seized.**

- On payment of the licence fee, penalty and detention charges specified in rule 7, the Executive Authority shall release the pig to its owner or custodian, in default of such payment within a period of seven days specified in rule 7 of these rules or if the name and address of the owner or custodian are not known, the Executive Authority may sell the pig in public auction, apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of the licence fees, and detention charges due to the panchayat and shall return to the owner or custodian of the pig, to the panchayat or if the sale proceeds are not sufficient to meet the licence fees, penalty and detention charges due to the panchayat or if the name and address of the owner or custodian are not known, the entire sum shall be credited to the panchayat funds.

## **9. Seizure and destruction of pigs during the out-break of encephalitis.**

- Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, if any panchayat or in the panchayats adjoining it, there is an outbreak of encephalitis disease or any other disease for the spreading of which pigs are considered as carriers of the disease, the Executive Authority may, and if so required by the District Health Officer or the Collector, shall make such arrangements as may be necessary or not and the owners of the pigs whether licensed or not have no claim, whatsoever against the Executive Authority, ordering the destruction of such pigs.

## **10. Destruction of pigs by the Executive Authorities.**

- The Executive Authorities or the panchayat or any other person or person authorised by him may seize or destroy a pig irrespective of whether the pig is licenced or not under these rules which in his opinion will be a cause for the spreading of the disease specified in rule 9 or detain for observation any pig if he suspects it to be a cause for the spread of the said disease. In all such cases, the Executive Authority shall consult the Health Officer or the officer of the Animal Husbandry Department having jurisdiction over the panchayat carry out any suggestion made by him.

## **11. Destruction of pigs by the owner or custodian.**

- The Executive Authorities may direct the owner or custodian of any pig he knows of suspects to be a cause, for the spread of the diseases referred to in rule 9 to destroy the pig immediately irrespective of the fact whether the pig is licensed or not under these rules. When such a direction has not be on complied with by the owner or custodian within a reasonable period or when the owner or custodian of any pig which is suspected to be a cause for the spread of the disease referred to the Executive Authorities shall make arrangements for the seizure and destruction of these pigs.

## **12. Duty of the owners to intimate about the pigs which cause spreading of disease.**

- Every person who has in his possession any pig which he knows or has reasons to believe to be cause for the spread of the disease specified in rule 9 shall intimate the fact to the Executive Authority in writing.

## **13. Punishments.**

- Whosoever commits a breach of rules 11 and 12 shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to seventy five rupees and in case of continuing offence with a fine which may extend to rupees fifteen for every day during which the offence continues after the date of issue of notice for the first offence.

## **14. Maintenance of Register.**

- The Executive Authorities shall maintain a register to enter every licence granted under rule 4 and it shall contain the names and addresses of the custodians of the pigs description of the pig by which it can be identified, the number and date of issue of licence and the badge and the amount collected.

## **15. Maintenance of Register showing the particulars of pigs seized.**

- The Executive Authorities shall maintain a separate register showing description of the time of its seizure the names and addresses of their owners or custodian, the feeding charges collected, if any, the date of such collection, the time and date of their release, auction or destruction and the amount, if any, realised in the auction.