



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

**S.I. No. 238 of 2025**

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DOG CONTROL (TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION  
AND MINISTERIAL FUNCTIONS) ORDER 2025

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The Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 6(1) of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment) Act 1939 (No. 36 of 1939), hereby order as follows:

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Dog Control (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2025.

(2) This Order comes into operation on 1 June 2025.

2. (1) The administration and business in connection with the exercise, performance or execution of any functions transferred by Article 3 are transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

(2) References to the Department of Rural and Community Development contained in any Act or any instrument made under such Act and relating to any administration and business transferred by paragraph (1) shall, from the commencement of this Order, be construed as references to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

3. (1) The functions vested in the Minister for Rural and Community Development by or under the Acts specified in the Schedule are transferred to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

(2) References to the Minister for Rural and Community Development contained in any Act or instrument made under such Act and relating to any functions transferred by this Article shall, from the commencement of this Order, be construed as references to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

4. Where, immediately before the commencement of this Order, any legal proceedings are pending to which the Minister for Rural and Community Development is a party and the proceedings have reference to functions transferred by this Order to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the name of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, shall, in so far as the proceedings relate to any function transferred by this Order, be substituted in the proceedings for that of the Minister for Rural and Community Development or added in the proceedings, as may be appropriate, and the proceedings shall not abate by reason of such substitution.

5. Anything commenced before the commencement of this Order by or under the authority of the Minister for Rural and Community Development may, in so far as it relates to functions transferred by this Order to the Minister for

Agriculture, Food and the Marine, be carried on or completed on or after such commencement by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

6. Every document (including any certificate or licence) granted or made in the performance of a function transferred by this Order shall, if and in so far as it was operative immediately before the commencement of this Order, have effect from such commencement as if it had been granted or made by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

7. References to the Minister for Rural and Community Development contained in the memorandum and articles of association of any company and relating to any function transferred by this Order shall, from the commencement of this Order, be construed as references to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

8. (1) All property, rights and liabilities held, enjoyed or incurred before the commencement of this Order by the Minister for Rural and Community Development in connection with the functions transferred by this Order are transferred to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and, accordingly, without any further conveyance, transfer or assignment, on such commencement –

- (a) that property, both real and personal, vests in the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
- (b) those rights shall be enjoyed by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, and
- (c) those liabilities are liabilities of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

(2) All monies, stocks, shares and securities transferred to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine by this Article which, on the commencement of this Order, are standing in the name of the Minister for Rural and Community Development shall on the request of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine be transferred into the name of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

SCHEDULE

The Control of Dogs Act 1986 (No. 32 of 1986)

Section 8(2) of the Control of Dogs (Amendment) Act 1992 (No. 13 of 1993)



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Government,  
27 May, 2025.

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