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PART I: SECTION (I) – GENERAL

Government Notifications

ANIMAL DISEASES ACT, No. 59 OF 1992

ORDER OF UNDER SECTION 5 AND CONSEQUENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS

The *Gazette Extraordinary* published No. 2409/02 of 4th November, 2024, made to the order of under Section 5 and consequential arrangements of title regulations, are further hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (AFS) and Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) are Specified Diseases within the meaning of the Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992, 1st Schedule of the Act and the Order made thereunder and published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1867/8 dated 17.06.2014 has been reported to have occurred and susceptible to be occurred in every Divisional Secretary's Division of the Island, I, Kasthuri Arachchige Chandrika Hemali Abeyrathna Kothalawala, the Director General of Animal Production and Health, do by virtue and in the exercise of powers vested in me under that Act hereby declare by this Order that –

Every Divisional Secretary's Divisions of Sri Lanka to be an infected area or susceptible area for AFS & PRRS for the purposes and within the meaning of that Act.

- (1) “Pig” (*sus scrofa*) is the susceptible species of animal to this Disease; and



- (2) This Order shall come into force on the date on which it is published in the *Gazette* and shall unless earlier revoked or further extended in accordance with the Section 5(3) of that Act, cease to have effect at the expiration of a period of three months from the date on which it is published in the *Gazette*.

02. So long as this Order remains in force, I, the Director General of Animal Production and Health do -

- (1) Hereby prohibit the following activities within or in relation to the infected and susceptible area for the purpose of preventing the spread from and controlling and containing within, the infected area, of the said African Swine Fever (AFS) and Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS).

- I. Under Section 5 (4) of the Animal Diseases Act removal, taking or driving or transport pigs, pork, pork products or the risk material within, to or from the infected or susceptible area without a permit issued by the Authorized veterinary surgeon of respective division as per the format VII of the regulation published in the *Gazette* No.1108/23 dated December 03, 1999,
- II. the slaughter of infected species of Animal for meat purpose, (The Disease free status should be confirmed by an authorized officer with a test)
- III. The health certificate of the prospective animals for the slaughtering should be kept in the process establishments.
- IV. holding or conducting Live Animal Market using susceptible species of Animals,
- V. Sale, exposure for sale, offering for sale, store, supply or distribution of pigs, pork, pork products and infected materials and processing and further processing of pork, without a permit issued by an Authorized officer who is being nominated in this order,
- VI. throwing or otherwise placing in any water body, any carcass or any part thereof of an animal that at the time of its death was suspected of being, affected or contaminated with the African Swine Fever (AFS) and Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) or any other risk material that is suspected or contaminated with the African Swine Fever (AFS); or Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS),
- VII. Placing any carcass or any part thereof, of an animal that at the time of its death was suspected of being, affected or contaminated with the African Swine Fever (AFS), Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS), in such manner as to facilitate other animal to consume or taking away of those carcasses or any part thereof to other places.
- VIII. Slaughter of the pigs in slaughter houses which are not approved by an Authorized Officer who is being nominated in this order.

03. The animals in the non - infected farms could be slaughtered subjected to the following condition.

- I. The farm should be registered in the Animal Breeding division in the Central Department of Animal Production and Health, Peradeniya
- II. The prospective animals for slaughtering, faelting, breeding should be confirmed negative for African Swine Fever (AFS) by the authorized officer in writing
- III. All animals issuing to the outside farms should be full filled the above II condition.

IV. For all new prospective commercial farms should be certified by the authorized officer stating that the farms are following the prescribed bio security measures and free from any infected materials at the time of inspection.

V. A copy of the health certificate and the test report of the transported animals should be kept in the commercial farm.

04. By virtue, and in the exercise of powers vested in me under Provisions of the Animal Diseases Act, nominate –

(1) The Following Officers to be Authorized Officers for the purposes of Section 3 (3) of the Act to take action to prevent the commission of the prohibited activities set out under Paragraph 02 (1) of this Order and to exercise the powers of an Authorized Officer under Sections 13 and 14 the Animal Diseases Act for that purpose.

- (i) Director-Animal Health, Department of Animal Production and Health.
- (ii) Director-Wildlife Health, Department of Wildlife and Conservation.
- (iii) Chief Municipal Veterinary Surgeon -Municipal Councils.
- (iv) Deputy Director - Animal Health, Department of Animal Production and Health.
- (v) The Provincial Directors of Animal Production and Health of each Province.
- (vi) Subject Matter Specialist of each Province.
- (vii) The Deputy Directors of Animal Production and Health in charge of each District and District Veterinary Surgeons.
- (viii) The Veterinary Investigation Officers of each District.
- (ix) The Government Veterinary Surgeons of every Divisions.
- (x) All Municipal Veterinary Surgeons.
- (xi) All Wildlife Veterinary Surgeons in Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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