

GOLD COAST

No. 33 OF 1955

Assented to in Her Majesty's Name and on Her Majesty's behalf
this 14th day of December, 1955

C.N. ARDEN-CLARK
Governor

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the control of artificial insemination of animals and for matters connected therewith.

[17th December, 1955]

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Gold Coast, as follows:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Animals (Artificial Insemination) Ordinance, 1955
2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires – “animal” means any cattle, sheep, goat, horse or pig or any other class of animal to which the Governor may by Order apply the provisions of this Ordinance;
“insemination” means the artificial insemination of an animal, and “inseminate” has a corresponding means;
“Minister” means the Minister responsible for agriculture;
“semen” means animal semen.
3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply –
 - (a) To the collection of semen which is used exclusively for the insemination of animals belonging to the owner of the animal from which such semen is collected;
 - (b) To the Director of Veterinary Services or any other public officer when acting under the and in accordance with an authority given to him by the Director of Veterinary Services.
4. No person shall collect, sell, import or export semen from any animal except under, and in accordance with any conditions contained in, a permit issued under the provisions of section 6 of this Ordinance.
5. No person shall artificially inseminate any animal except under, and in accordance with any conditions contained in, a permit issued under the provisions of section 6 of this Ordinance.
6. (1) An application for a permit for the collection, import or export of animal semen or to carry out artificial insemination shall be made to the Director of Veterinary Services in the prescribed form.
(2) The Minister shall consider applications made under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and, if he shall think fit, may issue a permit in the prescribed form and such permit may contain such conditions as the Minister shall think

- (3) The Minister may by notice published in the Gazette delegate the powers conferred by subsection (2) of this section to an officer of the Department of Animal Health of rank not below that of Veterinary officer.

7. An officer of the Department of Animal Health of rank not below that of Veterinary Officer and any public officer authorized in writing by such an officer may at all reasonable times:-

- a) Enter upon any premises, place, vehicle or vessel at or in which there is or is suspected to be kept semen or at or in which he has reason to believe that semen is being collected or that insemination is being carried out;
- b) Inspect any premises, place, vehicle or vessel or any animal, equipment, semen or other article in or upon such premises, place, vehicle or vessel which is used or suspected to be intended for use in the collection of semen or insemination, as the case may be, and demand from the person in charge of such premises, place, vehicle or vessel any information regarding such animal, equipment, semen or other article;
- c) Examine all books and documents in or upon such premises, place, vehicle or vessel which he believes on reasonable grounds to relate to such animal, equipment, semen or other article or the collection of semen or insemination and make copies of or take extracts from such books and documents;
- d) Demand from the owner or custodian of any such books or document an explanation of any entry therein;
- e) Seize any animal, equipment, semen, books, document or other article found in or upon such premises, place, vehicle or vessel which in his opinion may afford evidence of any offence under this Ordinance;
- f) Inspect any operations carried out in or upon any such premises, place, vehicle or vessel in connection with the collection of semen or insemination and demand from the person in charge of any such operations any information regarding such operations.

8. (1) Any person who --

- a) Contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of section 4 or 5 of this Ordinance,
- b) hinders or obstructs an officer referred to in section 7 of this Ordinance in the exercise of his powers under that section, or refuses, on demand to give information to any such officer in the exercise of his powers or knowingly furnishes any false information to such officer.
- c) Knowingly makes in an application for a permit under the provisions of section 6 of this Ordinance a statement which is false in a material particular.

Such person shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) On conviction for an offence under subsection (1) of this section the court may order the forfeiture of any semen, equipment or animal used in the commission of the offence and on such an order being made the Director of Veterinary Services shall take possession of the article or animal and dispose of it as he shall think fit.

9. The Governor may make regulations as to---

- a) The form of the application or a permit made under the provisions of section 5 of this Ordinance and the form of a permit issued under the provisions of that section,
- b) The requirements to be complied with in the collection, treatment, packing, storing, conveying, importing and exporting of semen,
- c) The manner and method of artificially inseminating animals
- d) Any matter which he considers it necessary or expedient to prescribe in order that the purposes of this Ordinance may be achieve.

This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the Legislative Assembly, and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.