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Read the first time on 3rd April 2002.

An Act to amend the Animals and Birds Act (Chapter 7 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the Fisheries Act (Chapter 111 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Animals and Birds (Amendment) Act 2002 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Animals and Birds Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “animals and birds” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “animals, birds or fish”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “animal” and substituting the following definition:

“ “animal” means any mammal (other than man) or fish and includes any other living creature that is prescribed as an animal for the purposes of this Act or that falls within a class of animals that is prescribed for those purposes;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “animal quarantine station”, the following definition:

“ “authorised examiner” means any authorised officer and includes any person who has been designated as an authorised examiner by the Director-General under section 3A;”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “disease” and substituting the following definition:

“ “disease” means any disease that is infectious or contagious amongst animals or birds and includes any other disease which the Minister may, from time to time, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare to be a disease for the purposes of this Act;”;

- (d) by deleting the definition of “examine” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “examine”, in relation to any animal or bird or the carcase thereof, means to carry out in respect of such animal, bird or carcase, such manner of inspection, examination and test as may be necessary for the purposes of determining whether the animal, bird or carcase thereof is infected with any disease;

“fish” includes any of the varieties of marine, brackish water or fresh water fishes, crustacea, aquatic mollusca, turtles, marine sponges, trepang and any other form of aquatic life and the young and eggs thereof;”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “fodder”, the following definitions:

“ “genetically modified organism” means any organism (other than a human being or a plant), whether living or dead, or

parts of any such organism, containing genetic material or protein or both which have been derived or modified as a result of manipulation or experimentation of genetic material, or any means other than by natural process;

“goods in transit” means goods that are brought into Singapore solely for the purpose of taking them out of Singapore and that remain at all times on the vehicle, aircraft or ship that brought them into Singapore;”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “horse”, the following definition:

“ “import” includes the importation into Singapore of goods in transit and goods which are to be transhipped;”;

- (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “port”, the following definition:

“ “public place” means any place or premises to which at the material time the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;”;

- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “ship”, the following definition:

“ “tranship” means to remove any goods imported into Singapore from the vehicle, aircraft or ship in which they were imported and either return them to the same vehicle, aircraft or ship or transfer them to another vehicle, aircraft or ship before being exported, whether such goods are to be transferred directly between such vehicles, aircraft or ships or whether they are to be landed in Singapore after their importation and kept at any place pending exportation;”;
and

- (i) by deleting the definitions of “veterinary biologics” and “veterinary centre” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “veterinary biologics” means any viruses, serums, toxins, and analogous products of natural or synthetic origin, including genetically modified organisms, diagnostics, antitoxins, vaccines, live micro-organisms, killed micro-organisms, and the antigenic or immunizing component of micro-