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**ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT  
(CHAPTER 7)**

**ANIMALS AND BIRDS  
(DOG LICENSING AND CONTROL)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 59 and 80 of the Animals and Birds Act, the Minister for National Development makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules are the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 1 March 2017.

**Amendment of rule 2**

**2.** Rule 2 of the Animals and Birds (Dog Licensing and Control) Rules (R 1) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “dog farm”, the following definition:

“ “keep”, in relation to a dog, includes keeping the dog for the purposes of sale, or arranging adoption or fostering;” and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “microchip” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

“ “owner” has the same meaning as in section 41 of the Act;

“pet shop” has the same meaning as in rule 2 of the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules (R 2).”.

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**Amendment of rule 3****3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the words “that is over 3 months of age” in paragraph (1);
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) The Director-General may exempt any person or class of persons from paragraph (1) for such duration, and subject to such conditions, as the Director-General may determine.”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “a dog farm” in paragraphs (2) and (3), the words “or a pet shop”.

**Amendment of rule 4****4. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(4) A licence is valid for the duration specified in the licence.”; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (7) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(7) A licensee must, within the time specified in the licence, inform the Director-General and produce documentary proof —

  - (a) of the loss or death of the licensee’s dog; or
  - (b) that the licensee is no longer keeping the dog.

(7A) Where a licensee informs the Director-General under paragraph (7)(b) that the licensee is no longer keeping the licensee’s dog, the licensee must also provide to the Director-General the particulars of the person who is keeping the dog.

(7B) A licence in respect of a dog (that is not kept for sale in a dog farm or a pet shop) is cancelled —

(a) in the case of the loss or death of the dog, upon the licensee informing the Director-General of such loss or death under paragraph (7)(a); or

(b) in the case where the licensee is no longer keeping the dog, when —

(i) the licensee has provided the Director-General the particulars required under paragraph (7A); and

(ii) the dog becomes the subject of another licence.”.

#### **New rule 4A**

5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 4, the following rule:

##### **“Compliance with licence conditions**

**4A.** A licensee must comply with any condition of the licence imposed under these Rules.”.

#### **Deletion and substitution of rule 5**

6. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

##### **“Licence fee**

**5.—**(1) The licence fee payable for the issue or the renewal of a licence (other than a licence mentioned in paragraph (2)(a) or (b)) is specified in Part I of the First Schedule.

(2) The licence fee payable for the issue or the renewal of —

(a) a licence to keep dogs for breeding in a dog farm is specified in Part II of the First Schedule; and

(b) a licence to keep dogs for sale in a dog farm or a pet shop is specified in Part III of the First Schedule.