



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 56 of 1983

AN ACT

To amend the *Stock Diseases Act*

[Assented to 8 November 1983]

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Stock Diseases Amendment Act 1983*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Stock Diseases Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

4. DEFINITIONS

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by inserting after the definition of "diseased" the following:

"'disease status', in relation to a holding, means the classification given under section 27(1) to the holding;"; and

- (b) by inserting in the definition of "holding", after "tenure", the words "and, in respect of the disease status of a holding, includes part of a holding".

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5. NEW PART

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after Part IV the following:

"PART V - DISEASE STATUS OF HOLDINGS

"27. CLASSIFICATION OF HOLDINGS IN RESPECT OF PRESCRIBED DISEASES

"(1) The Chief Inspector may, by notice in writing to the owner of a holding, in relation to a prescribed disease, give the holding one of the following classifications:

- (a) accredited free;
- (b) confirmed free;
- (c) tested negative;
- (d) monitored negative;
- (e) provisionally clear;
- (f) restricted;
- (g) infected; or
- (h) not assessed.

"(2) The Chief Inspector may, for the purpose of controlling a prescribed disease, by notice in the Gazette, specify the restrictions which shall apply to and in relation to the movement in, or into, or the sale or purchase in, the Territory of stock, or a class of stock, and, for such purpose, the restrictions may be expressed to relate to the disease status of a holding.

"(3) Without limiting the generality of sub-section (2), the restrictions specified in a notice under that sub-section may include -

- (a) a total prohibition on the movement; and
- (b) a total prohibition on the sale or purchase, of stock or a class of stock.

"(4) A person shall not move, sell or purchase stock in contravention of the restrictions specified in a notice under sub-section (2).

Penalty: \$1,000 or imprisonment for 6 months."

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6. REPEAL

Section 34 of the Principal Act is repealed.

7. OFFENCE TO SELL, &c., DISEASED STOCK, &c.

Section 37 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (c) and substituting the following:

"(c) any milk or cream obtained from a cow which is infected,

except with the written approval of the Chief Inspector and in accordance with the conditions, if any, specified in that written approval."

8. TRANSITIONAL AND SAVINGS

Notwithstanding the repeal effected by section 6, section 34 of the Principal Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall continue to apply to and in relation to a holding, within the meaning of the Principal Act as amended by this Act, which has not been given, in respect of a prescribed disease, a classification under section 27(1) of the Principal Act as amended by this Act but, on the holding being given such a classification in respect of the prescribed disease, section 34 of the Principal Act, as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall cease to apply to or in relation to that holding in so far as it relates to that prescribed disease.
