



THE PAKISTAN ANIMAL QUARANTINE (IMPORT AND EXPORT OF ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS) ORDINANCE, 1979



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Ordinance No. XLIX of 1979

[17th September, 1979]

An Ordinance to regulate the import, export and quarantine of animals and animal products

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate the import, export and quarantine of animals and animal products in order to prevent the introduction or spread of diseases and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

AND WHEREAS the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary to take immediate action;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Proclamation of the fifth day of July, 1977, read with the Laws (Continuance in Force) Order, 1977 (*C. M. L. A. Order No. 1 of 1977*) and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the President is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance:—

1. Short title, extent and commencement.— (1) This Ordinance may be called the Pakistan Animal Quarantine (Import and Export of Animals and Animal Products) Ordinance, 1979.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “animal” includes all kinds of—

(i) birds;

(ii) cold-blooded creatures;

(iii) creatures by means of which any disease may be carried or transmitted;

(iv) crustacean ;

(v) fish;

(vi) four-footed beats which are not mammals ;

(vii) mammals, except man; and

(viii) reptiles;

(b) “animal product” means anything originating or made, whether in whole or in part, from an animal or from a carcase and includes blood, bones, casings, dairy products, eggs, fat, feedstuffs of animal origin, fish products, hair, hides, horns, hooves, hormones and their biological preparations, offals, seed materials for research purposes, semen, skins, tendons, viscera, wool and any other substance of animal origin which may be specified by the Federal Government by notification in the official Gazette;

(c) “carcase” means the carcase of an animal and includes any part or portion thereof;

(d) “diseased” means suffering from or carrying any infectious or contagious disease or such disease as may be declared by the Federal Government from time to time by notification in the official Gazette;

(e) “fodder” means hay, roughage, concentrate or any other substance used for feeding animals;

(f) “health certificate” means a certificate issued by a Quarantine Officer in respect of the health status of animals and animal products;

(g) “import” and “export” respectively means bringing into or taking out of Pakistan by sea, land or air;

(h) “litter” means any substance used as bedding for animals or for holding or containing animals in the process of transportation;

(i) “prescribed” means prescribed by rules;

- (j) “points of entry” and “points of exit” mean the Islamabad Airport, Karachi Airport, Karachi Harbour, Lahore Airport, Peshawar Airport, Quetta Airport, the Chaman, Kuh-i-tuftan, Turkham, Khokhrapar and Lahore land routes and include any other authorised land, sea or air route declared by the Federal Government from time to time by notification in the official Gazette;
- (k) “quarantine” means a site or premises provided or approved by the Federal Government for the isolation and examination of animals and animal products intended for import or export;
- (l) “Quarantine Officer” means any veterinarian duly authorised by the Federal Government to exercise and perform the powers and functions of Quarantine Officer under this Ordinance; and
- (m) “rules” means rules made under this Ordinance.

3. Power to regulate and prohibit import and export of animals and animal products.—(1)

The Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, prohibit, restrict or otherwise regulate, subject to such conditions as it may think fit to impose, the import or export of any animal or class of animals or animal products likely to introduce diseases to any other animal, animal product or man.

(2) A notification under this section may specify and animal or class of animals or animal products either generally or in any particular manner, whether with reference to the country of origin, or the route by which imported or otherwise.

(3) Any condition imposed under this section may require—

- (a) the examination, inspection and detention in quarantine by the Quarantine Officer of the animals or animal products brought in or to be taken out ;
- (b) the obtaining of health certificate ;
- (c) the treatment or detention, confiscation and destruction of diseased animals or animal products ; and
- (d) that any animal or class of animals or animal products shall not be imported or exported except by a specified agency of the Federal Government.

4. Operation of notification under section 3. A notification under section 3 shall operate as if it had been issued under section 16 of the Customs Act, 1969 ([IV of 1969](#)), and the officers of customs shall have the same powers in respect of any animal or animal product in respect of which such a notification has been issued as they have for the time being in respect of any article the importation or exportation of which is prohibited or restricted under the said Act, and all the provisions of that Act shall have effect accordingly.