

**Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Act
(CHAPTER 5)**

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AGRI-FOOD AND VETERINARY AUTHORITY ACT

(CHAPTER 5)

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An Act to establish the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, to provide for its functions and powers, and for matters connected therewith.

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[1st April 2000]

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority Act.

[8/2002]

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“accreditation, certification or inspection mark” means any accreditation, certification or inspection mark of the Authority specified under section 12(q);

“agri-food and veterinary sectors” means the sectors connected with the supply of

food and ornamental fish and plants, safety of food, veterinary public health, fisheries, aquaculture, horticulture, animal health, fish health, plant health, veterinary medicine, veterinary science, agriculture science, agri-biotechnology, agrotechnology, food biotechnology, animal welfare, feeding stuffs, trade in endangered species, protection of wild animals and birds, and includes the farming, cultivation, keeping, rearing, holding, catching, harvesting, processing and trading of animals, birds, plants, fish, reptiles, amphibians, molluscs, crustaceans, and any form of aquatic life, including their young, eggs and products derived therefrom;

“Authority” means the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority established under section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Authority and includes a temporary Chairman of the Authority;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Authority appointed under section 15 and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“Deputy Chairman” means the Deputy Chairman of the Authority and includes a temporary Deputy Chairman of the Authority;

“member” means a member of the Authority and includes a temporary member of the Authority.

[8/2002]

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION OF AUTHORITY

Establishment and incorporation of Authority

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing, or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such other acts or things as a body corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

[8/2002]