

By-law 7 : Restricted Animal Husbandry Farms.

Preamble : The purpose of this By-law is to enable governmental and licensed non-governmental establishments to introduce and maintain a regime of special health protection for exotic breeding animals, in view of the high value as well as the greater disease susceptibility of such animals (It provides the possibility to establish Restricted Animal Husbandry Farms, but it does not imply any obligation to do so).

1. The Ministry of Development, Animal Husbandry Department is empowered to establish and operate under its own administration, suitable specialised establishments to accommodate, protect and utilise exotic breeds of livestock and poultry, imported for genetic improvement purposes. Such establishments shall furtheron be referred to as "Restricted Animal Husbandry Farms."
2. The restricted Animal Husbandry Farm shall be constructed in a way which permits perfect isolation of the animals or birds and shall operate under a regime of strict quarantine, including the following:
 - a) the establishment shall be surrounded by a solid wall, with only

one entry and exit gate; the gate shall be normally closed and permanently watched.

- b) At the entry gate, there shall be a shallow basin filled with a disinfectant liquid, through which entering vehicles have to pass; there shall also be disinfectant basins over which *entering persons* are requested to pass.
 - c) Immediately upon entry, persons will change their shoes against high rubber boots, which are the property of the establishment and may be used only within the Restricted Animal Husbandry Farm; further, they will be obliged to dress protective garments, which may not be used outside the establishment; where feasible, and under all circumstances during periods of disease outbreaks in the vicinity, a complete change of dresses shall be requested. Thorough handwashing shall be requested *immediately upon entry and repeatedly* during the day.
 - d) There shall be disinfectant basins placed at the entry to all buildings or areas where animals are kept or where feed and equipment are stored.
 - e) There shall be a veterinary dispensary, for use only inside the restricted Animal Husbandry Farm.
 - f) No animals other than those kept in the farm shall be permitted to enter the restricted Animal Husbandry Farm.
 - g) There shall be effective safe and regular vermin control, insect control and frequent cleaning and disinfection.
3. Persons other than the regularly employed staff shall normally not be admitted to the restricted Animal Husbandry Farm. If for technical or other valid reasons an outside visitor must be received, such visitor shall be submitted to the same precaution measures as the staff, and shall not entry more animal houses than necessary for the purpose of his visit. There shall be a ledger, indicating the names of visitors, and date and purpose of their visit.
 4. Veterinary officers visiting the restricted Animal Husbandry Farm on official duty shall not enter any other farm or establishment before such visit, shall change their shoes and clothing upon entry and shall thoroughly wash and disinfect their hands.
 5. Feed, bedding, litter, equipment and other material used in the restricted animal husbandry farm shall be submitted to suitable treatment'

as may be ordered by the responsible veterinary officer.

6. The animal and birds shall receive regular vaccination and other prophylactic treatment according to a plan which shall be authorized by the Ministry of Development, Animal Husbandry Department. Whenever necessary, the animals and birds shall also receive immediate therapeutic treatment. Cattle shall be regularly tested for tuberculosis and brucellosis, birds for pullorosis.
7. The Ministry of Development, Animal Husbandry Department, may authorize that restricted Animal Husbandry Farms be operated by private enterprise or institutions: under license and with statutory requirements not less severe than those indicated above.
8. At the entry and outside walls of the restricted Animal Husbandry Farm there shall be conspicuous posters to show that entry is prohibited, mentioning the penalties due for unauthorized entry.
9. Penalties: The penalty for unauthorised entry to a Restricted Animal Husbandry Farm shall be a fine of Nu. 50/-
 - In licensed non-governmental restricted Animal Husbandry Farms, the penalty for violation of this By-law by the management shall be suspension of the license.
 - In governmental establishments, the relevant civil service regulations shall apply.
10. Fees: No fees shall be charged under this By-law.