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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).”.

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.

(3) The appropriate licence fee to be paid under rule 4(1)(a) must be for the whole validity period of the licence required to be issued or renewed.

(4) The Director-General may, as the Director-General thinks fit, waive or refund, wholly or in part, any licence fee paid or payable under these Rules.”.

Amendment of rule 6

7. Rule 6 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “a dog farm” in paragraphs (1), (3) and (4), the words “or a pet shop”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “the dog farm” in paragraph (3), the words “or the pet shop”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(3A) At any point in time, the number of dogs kept for sale in a dog farm or a pet shop must not exceed 200.”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “that dog farm” in paragraph (4)(a), the words “or that pet shop”; and
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the word “farm” in the rule heading, the words “or pet shop”.

Amendment of rule 7

8. Rule 7(2) of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “writing”, the words “and within the time specified in the licence”.

Amendment of rule 16

9. Rule 16 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after “4(7)”, the words “or (7A), 4A”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after “7(1)”, “, (2)”.

Amendment of First Schedule

10. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting the heading of Part I and substituting the following heading:

“ANNUAL LICENCE FEE FOR DOGS OTHER THAN DOGS MENTIONED IN PARTS II AND III”; and

(b) by deleting Part II and substituting the following Parts:

“PART II

ANNUAL LICENCE FEE FOR DOGS KEPT FOR BREEDING IN DOG FARMS

1. More than 300 dogs kept for breeding in the dog farm	\$3,500 per annum
2. More than 200 dogs but not more than 300 dogs kept for breeding in the dog farm	\$1,700 per annum
3. More than 100 dogs but not more than 200 dogs kept for breeding in the dog farm	\$1,100 per annum
4. 100 or fewer dogs kept for breeding in the dog farm	\$650 per annum.

PART III

ANNUAL LICENCE FEE FOR DOGS KEPT FOR SALE IN DOG FARMS OR PET SHOPS

1. More than 100 dogs but not more than 200 dogs kept for sale in the dog farm or the pet shop	\$1,000 per annum
2. More than 50 dogs but not more than 100 dogs kept for sale in the dog farm or the pet shop	\$500 per annum
3. More than 20 dogs but not more than 50 dogs kept for sale in the dog farm or the pet shop	\$250 per annum

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| 4. More than 10 dogs but not more than 20 dogs kept for sale in the dog farm or the pet shop | \$100 per annum | |
| 5. 10 or fewer dogs kept for sale in the dog farm or the pet shop | \$50 per annum. | ”. |

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