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ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT 1965

ANIMALS AND BIRDS (LICENSING OF FARMS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Animals and Birds Act 1965, the Minister for National Development makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Animals and Birds (Licensing of Farms) (Amendment) Rules 2024 and come into operation on 29 August 2024.

Amendment of rule 3

2. In the Animals and Birds (Licensing of Farms) Rules (R 3) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), in rule 3 —

- (a) replace “shall not” with “do not”;
- (b) renumber the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule; and
- (c) after paragraph (1), insert —

“(2) These Rules also do not apply to the keeping or maintenance of farms for animals or birds intended for use as pets.”.

Amendment of rule 4

3. In the principal Rules, in rule 4 —

- (a) renumber the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule; and
- (b) after paragraph (1), insert —

“(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a farm in respect of which the Director-General has issued a

directive under rule 10(2)(b) if the farm is used in accordance with that directive.”.

Amendment of rule 10

4. In the principal Rules, in rule 10, replace paragraph (2) with —

“(2) Where a licence is suspended or revoked under section 62 of the Act, the Director-General may issue to the person whose licence was suspended or revoked one or more written directives that the Director-General thinks necessary —

(a) for the proper care and handling (whether by that person, or by any other person under arrangements to be made by the firstmentioned person) of the animals or birds in the farm to which the licence was related; or

(b) if the licence was in respect of a farm for the keeping, rearing or breeding of animals or birds for commercial purposes —

(i) for the sale or export from that farm of any relevant animal or bird; or

(ii) for the rehoming of any relevant animal or bird, within the period specified in the written directive.

(3) In paragraph (2)(b), “relevant animal or bird” means —

(a) in the case of the suspension or revocation of a licence in respect of a farm for the keeping of animals or birds for commercial purposes — any animal or bird kept at that farm but not sold or exported by the day immediately before the date of such suspension or revocation, as the case may be; or

(b) in the case of the suspension or revocation of a licence in respect of a farm for the rearing or breeding of animals or birds for commercial purposes — any animal or bird reared or bred (as the case may be) at that farm before the date of such suspension or revocation, as the case may be.”.

Amendment of rule 13

5. In the principal Rules, in rule 13, replace “rule 4” with “rule 4(1)”.

Deletion of rule 14

6. In the principal Rules, delete rule 14.

Saving and transitional provisions

7.—(1) Despite rules 2 and 3 of these Rules, every licence issued under rule 5 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 29 August 2024 in respect of a farm for the keeping, rearing, breeding or boarding of animals or birds intended for use as pets for commercial purposes, is, unless suspended or revoked and so far as it is not inconsistent with the amended Pet Shop Rules —

- (a) to continue as if, and is to be treated as, a licence issued under rule 4 of the amended Pet Shop Rules;
- (b) to be subject to the terms and conditions specified in that licence; and
- (c) to expire on, and be renewable before, the date it would have expired.

(2) Where —

- (a) an application for a licence is made under rule 5 of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 29 August 2024 in respect of a farm for the keeping, rearing, breeding or boarding of animals or birds intended for use as pets for commercial purposes; and
- (b) the application is pending on that date,

the application is to be treated as an application for a licence under rule 4 of the amended Pet Shop Rules.

(3) In this rule, “amended Pet Shop Rules” means the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules (R 2) as amended by the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) (Amendment) Rules 2024 (G.N. No. S 667/2024) and renamed the Animals and Birds (Licensing of Premises for Pet Shop and Other Purposes) Rules.

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