

THE KARACHI CATTLE SLAUGHTER CONTROL ACT, 1950.

ACT No. LXVI OF 1950

[23rd October, 1950]

An Act to prohibit the slaughter of useful cattle and to regulate the slaughter of other cattle.

WHEREAS it is expedient to prohibit the slaughter of useful cattle and to regulate the slaughter of other cattle;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1.—(1) This Act may be called the Karachi Cattle Slaughter Control Act, 1950.

Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It shall extend to the ²[Karachi Division].

(3) It shall come into force in, and shall apply to, such parts of the ²[Karachi Division] on such date³ and for such period as the Central Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, direct.

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

⁴(a) "Cattle" means oxen, buffaloes, goats and sheep (both thin and fat tail varieties) of either sex and of any age, dry or otherwise;]

(b) "Veterinary officer" and "Competent Veterinary Authority" means officers appointed as such under the rules;

(c) "useful cattle" means—

(i) all oxen and buffaloes below 3 years of age;

(ii) all oxen and buffaloes between 3 to 10 years of age which are suitable for draught, breeding or milk;

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gaz. of P., 1950, Pt. V. pp. 267-268.

²Subs. by A. O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for "Federal Territory of Karachi" which had been subs. by the Repealing and Amending Ordinance, 1961 (1 of 1961), s. 3 and 2nd Sch., for "Capital of the Federation".

³This Act came into force within the Municipal limits of the City of Karachi with effect from the 20th February 1953, see Gaz. of P., 1953, Pt. I, p. 41.

⁴Subs. by the Karachi Cattle Slaughter (Control) (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1960 (30 of 1960), s. 2, for the original cl. (a).

- (iii) all cows and female buffaloes which are pregnant;
- (iv) all sheep below 1½ years of age; and
- (v) all sheep which are pregnant, except those which, under any rules made under this Act, may be certified as not useful by the prescribed authority;
- (d) "slaughter" means killing cattle by any means;
- (e) "slaughter-house" means any building or premises used for slaughtering cattle and approved by the prescribed authority;
- (f) "stock-yard" means an enclosure approved by the competent authority where cattle are assembled for examination by the Veterinary Officer to determine whether they are suitable for slaughter or not, or where cattle approved for slaughtering are housed until they are removed to the slaughter house;
- (g) "carcase" means dead body of a slaughtered animal;
- (h) "market" means a place recognised by competent authority under the rules for the sale of cattle;
- (i) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules framed under this Act¹;
- ²(j) "Appropriate Government" means, in relation to cattle slaughter in Cantonment Areas, the Central Government and, in relation to that in other areas, the Provincial Government.]

Restriction on slaughter of cattle.

3. No person shall slaughter cattle except in a slaughter-house and, ³[on such days and during such hours as may be prescribed].

Examination in stock-yard.

4. Any person intending to slaughter cattle in a slaughter-house shall first produce the cattle in the stock-yard for examination at least six hours before slaughtering and no cattle shall be slaughtered in a slaughter-house unless they have been so produced, and examined and approved for slaughter.

¹ Subs. by A. O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for full-stop.

² Added *ibid.*

³ Subs. by the Karachi Cattle Slaughter (Control) (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1960 (30 of 1960), s. 3, for "during the hours prescribed therefor".

5. Nothing in sections 3 and 4 shall apply to cattle slaughtered on the day of Id-uz-Zuha and on the two days succeeding it and on such other occasions or days as may be prescribed by rules.

Exception for cattle slaughtered on Id-uz-Zuha.

6. No cattle shall be slaughtered and no one shall sell or purchase or procure cattle meat on such days ¹[as may, from time to time, be notified by the ²[appropriate Government]].

Prohibition of slaughter.

7. No one shall sell, expose for sale, possess or transport raw meat of any cattle which has been slaughtered in an area in which this Act is not in force.

Prohibition of certain sales, etc.

8. No person shall slaughter any useful cattle.

Useful cattle not to be slaughtered.

9. A Veterinary Officer may after examination of cattle brought in the stock-yard decide which are useful cattle and his decision shall, subject to an appeal which may be preferred within 24 hours of such decision to a prescribed authority, shall be final.

Decision as to useful cattle.

10. The prescribed authority shall have the power to seize any cattle or carcase, if he has reason to believe that such cattle are being or are about to be slaughtered, or the carcase is that of an animal slaughtered, in contravention of the provisions of this Act, and may dispose of the same in the prescribed manner.

Certain powers under the Act.

11.—(1) Whosoever contravenes any provision of this Act or of the rules framed thereunder shall be punished with fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000 but shall not be less than Rs. 100 or with imprisonment of either description which may extend to six months, or with both.

Penalty.

(2) Anyone who abets the commission of any offence under this Act or the rules made thereunder shall be deemed to have committed that offence.

(3) Anyone who is in possession of the premises where an offence under this Act has been committed shall be presumed to have abetted that offence.

12.—(1) The ²[appropriate Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules³ for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

Rules.

¹ Subs. by the Karachi Cattle Slaughter (Control) (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1960 (30 of 1960), s. 4, for "as may be prescribed".

² Subs. by A. O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for "Central Government".

³ For Karachi Cattle Slaughter Control Rules, 1953, see Gaz. of P., 1953, Pt. I, pp. 41—46.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (i) for the *ante-mortem* and *post-mortem* examination of any cattle;
- (ii) for the inspection of the meat or carcasses of slaughtered cattle;
- (iii) for the inspection of slaughter-houses and stock-yards;
- (iv) for levying fee for slaughtering cattle or for any of the purposes specified in clauses (i) to (iii) of this section; and
- (v) for all such matters as may be necessary for carrying into effect the purposes of this Act.

¹[13. The ²[appropriate Government] may, by notification in the official Gazette, delegate to the ³[Commissioner of the Karachi Division] any powers exercisable by it under all or any of the provisions of this Act.]

¹ Section 13 added by the Karachi Cattle Slaughter (Control) (Amdt.) Ordinance, 1960 (30 of 1960), s. 5.

² Subs. by A. O., 1964, Art. 2 and Sch., for "Central Government".

³ Subs. *ibid.*, for "Administrator of Karachi".

⁴ For Statement of Objects and Reasons, *see* Gaz. of P., 1950, Pt. V, p. 72. The Act has been applied to Baluchistan with effect from the 23rd day of October, 1950, *see ibid.*, 1952, Pt. I, p. 150; extended to the Leased Areas of Baluchistan by the Leased Areas (Laws) Order, 1950 (G. G. O. 3 of 1950); and applied in the Federated Areas of Baluchistan: *see* Gaz. of P., 1953, Pt. I, p. 152.

It has also been extended to—

- (i) the State of Bahawalpur, subject to certain modifications, by the State of Bahawalpur (Federal Laws) (Extension) Order, 1952 (G. G. O. 11 of 1952);
- (ii) the Baluchistan States Union, by the Baluchistan States Union (Federal Laws) (Extension) Order, 1953 (G. G. O. 4 of 1953); and