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PROMULGATION OF ACT OF PARLIAMENT

The following Act which has been passed by the Parliament and signed by the President in terms of the Namibian Constitution is hereby published in terms of Article 56 of that Constitution.

No. 25 of 1993: Livestock Improvement Amendment Act, 1993.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE:		
		Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.
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ACT

To amend the Livestock Improvement Act, 1977, so as to establish a Livestock Improvement Board and to make provision for its powers, duties and functions; to repeal the provisions relating to the Advisory Board for Animal Production, the Stud Book Association and the Karakul Breeders' Society; to further regulate the powers, duties and functions of livestock breeders' societies and the registrar; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

(Signed by the President on 18 November 1993)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia, as follows:-

Amendment of section I of Act 25 of 1977.

- 1. Section 1 of the Livestock Improvement Act, 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the deletion of the definition of "advisory board";
 - (b) by the substitution for the definition of "board" of the following definition:
 - "'board' means the Livestock Improvement
 Board established by section 3;";
 - (c) by the deletion of the definition of "Department";
 - (d) by the substitution for the definition of "livestock breeders' society" of the following definition:

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- "'livestock breeders' society' means a group of persons promoting the breeding (including the recording for registration of pedigrees), improvement and use of animals belonging to a kind and breed which has in terms of section 2 been declared, and in respect of which a certificate of incorporation has been issued [or is continued] in terms of section 18 [or 22];";
- (e) by the substitution for the definition of "Minister" of the following definition:
 - "'Minister' means the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development;";
- (f) by the insertion after the definition of "Minister" of the following definition:
 - "'Ministry' means the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development;";
- (g) by the substitution for the definition of "officer" of the following definition:
 - "'officer' means an officer as defined in section 1(1) of the Public Service Act, 1980 (Act 2 of 1980);";
- (h) by the deletion of the definition of "Republic";
- (i) by the deletion of the definition of "Stud Book Association";
- (j) by the deletion of the definition of "the territory"; and
- (k) by the substitution for the definition of "veterinarian" of the following definition:
 - "veterinarian' means a person registered or deemed to be registered in terms of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Proclamation, 1984 (Proclamation AG. 14 of 1984), to practise a veterinary profession as defined in section 1 of that Proclamation.".

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Substitution of section 3 of Act 25 of 1977.

2. The following section is hereby substituted for section 3 of the principal Act:

"Livestock Improvement Board.

- 3. (1) There is hereby established a board to be known as the Livestock Improvement Board.
- (2) The board shall exercise and perform all powers, duties and functions conferred or imposed upon it by this Act, and shall advise the Minister in relation to -
 - (a) the orderly development and improvement of the livestock industry;
 - (b) the co-ordinated development and improvement of the different branches of the livestock industry;
 - (c) the provision of services in accordance with the needs of the livestock industry;
 - (d) the desirability of the establishment of a scheme under section 14, and the provisions of such a scheme;
 - (e) priorities in respect of research, and the co-ordinated utilization of research facilities, in connection with the livestock industry;
 - (f) information services required for the livestock industry;
 - (g) the importation and exportation of animals, semen, ova and eggs;
 - (h) the collection and sale of semen and ova;

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- (i) the artificial insemination and inovulation of animals;
- (j) any matter assigned to the board by this Act or any matter affecting the livestock industry and which the Minister may refer to it for advice or with regard to which the board may consider it necessary to advise the Minister.
- (3) The board shall consist of -
- (a) the registrar;
- (b) two officers in the service of the Ministry designated by the Minister from time to time; and
- (c) seven other members appointed by the Minister, of whom -
 - (i) one shall be a person nominated for appointment by the board established by section 2 of the Meat Industry Act, 1981 (Act 12 of 1981);
 - (ii) one shall be a person nominated for appointment by the board established by section 2 of the Karakul Pelts and Wool Act, 1982 (Act 14 of 1982);
 - (iii) five shall be persons selected by the Minister from amongst persons who, in the opinion of the Minister, have had experience of, and shown capacity in, matters that are relevant to the functions of the board;

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- (4) Whenever the nomination of a member referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (3) becomes necessary, the Minister shall, in writing, request the board referred to in the appropriate subparagraph to nominate, within the period specified by the Minister, a person for appointment to the board.
- (5) If a nomination is not received by the Minister within the period requested, the Minister may appoint such person as he or she thinks fit, and a person so appointed shall hold office as if he or she had been nominated as required by subsection (4).
- (6) Any person appointed as a member of the board under paragraph (c) of subsection (3) shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (7), hold office for a period of three years, and may be re-appointed at the expiration of that period.
- (7) A member of the board appointed under paragraph (c) of subsection (3) shall vacate his or her office if -
 - (a) he or she by written notice delivered to the Minister resigns as member;
 - (b) his or her estate is sequestrated:
 - (c) he or she is convicted of an offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment without the option of a fine;
 - (d) he or she has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the board without its leave; or
 - (e) he or she is removed from office by the Minister under subsection (8).

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- (8) A member of the board appointed under paragraph (c) of subsection (3) may be removed from office by the Minister if the Minister is of the opinion that he or she -
 - (a) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness;
 - (b) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a member of the board.
- (9) If the office of a member of the board appointed under paragraph (c) of subsection (3) becomes vacant, the Minister shall appoint another person to fill the vacancy until the expiration of the period during which such member would, but for the vacation of his or her office, have continued in office.
- (10) The members of the board shall from amongst themselves elect a member, other than the registrar, to be the chairperson of the board.
- (11) The first meeting of the board shall be held at the time and place determined by the Minister and thereafter meetings of the board shall be held at such times and places as the board determines: Provided that the chairperson shall at the request of the Minister or the request in writing of at least three members of the board, convene a special meeting of the board.
- (12) Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board.
- (13) The chairperson or, in his or her absence, such other member as the members present shall elect, shall preside at a meeting of the board.

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- (14) The decision of a majority of the members of the board present at any meeting thereof shall constitute a decision of the board, and in the event of an equality of votes in regard to any matter, the person presiding at the meeting in question shall have a casting vote in addition to his or her deliberative vote.
- (15) The board may determine the procedure at its meetings or at the meetings of any committee thereof.
- (16) The administrative work incidental to the performance of the functions of the board shall be performed by the registrar with due regard to such instructions as may be issued by the board.
 - (17) (a) The board may establish committees to advise it on any matter relating to its functions, or to perform any functions of the board which the board may delegate to it under subsection (18) and may appoint such persons, including, subject to the approval of the Minister, persons other than members of the board, as it may deem fit to be members of any such committee.
 - (b) The board may designate any member of a committee as chairperson thereof.
 - (c) The board may amend or set aside any decision of any such committee.
- (18) The board may delegate to any committee of the board or any member of the board referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) any power or function conferred or imposed on the board by section 16 or 17.

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- (19) (a) A member of the board or a committee who is not in the full-time employment of the State shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the Minister, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, may determine.
- (b) The remuneration and allowances referred to in paragraph (a) and all other expenditure which may be payable or incurred in connection with the performance or exercise of the powers, duties and functions of the board, shall be defrayed out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for such purpose.
- (20) (a) If a member of the board or his or her spouse or any company or partnership of which he or she is a director or shareholder or partner is in any way directly or indirectly interested in a matter being considered or about to be considered by the board and whereby his or her private interest may conflict with his or her duties as a member of the board, he or she shall disclose the nature of his or her interest at a meeting of the board at the first opportunity it is possible for him or her to do so.
- (b) A member of the board who has an interest in a matter as contemplated in paragraph (a), shall not be present during any deliberation, or take part in any decision, of the board, with respect to that matter.".

Amendment of section 7 of Act 25 of 1977.

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of subsection (4).

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Amendment of section 8 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 4. Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
- (a) by the substitution for paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:
 - "(c) has been collected at an A.I. centre [or an A.I. centre registered in terms of section 12 of the Artificial Insemination of Animals Act, 1954 (Act No. 23 of 1954)];" and
- (b) by the deletion of paragraph (b) of subsection (2).

Amendment of section 10 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 5. Section 10 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
- (a) by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:
 - "(2) The registrar shall consider an application made in terms of subsection (1), as well as such information as may be submitted in connection therewith, and -
 - (a) may make any inquiry in connection therewith which he or she may deem necessary; [and]
 - (b) shall submit an application for the registration of premises as an A.I. centre, to the [committee appointed in terms of section 3(5)(c)(ii)] board for its recommendation in regard thereto; and
 - (c) shall submit an application for the approval of an animal for the purpose of collecting semen to the livestock breeders' society (if any) concerned with the kind and breed of animals to which such animal belongs, for its recommendation in regard thereto.";
- (b) by the substitution for the words preceding paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of the following words:

"If the registrar is satisfied that such application may be granted and, in the case of an application for the registration of premises as an A.I. centre,

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the [said committee] board, or, in the case of an application for the approval of an animal for the purpose of collecting semen, the livestock breeders' society concerned, recommends it, he or she shall -"; and

(c) by the deletion of subsection (6).

Substitution of section 11 of Act 25 of 1977.

6. The following section is hereby substituted for section 11 of the principal Act:

"Period of registration or approval.

11. The registration of an inseminator, or of premises as an A.I. centre, or the approval of an animal for the purpose of collecting semen, shall, subject to the earlier termination thereof under this Act [and subject to the provisions of section 10(6)] be valid from the date of issue of the certificate in respect thereof under section 10(3) until the date of expiry indicated thereon, and shall thereafter be renewable from time to time."

Amendment of section 12 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 7. Section 12 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
 - "(1) Any person to whom a certificate has been issued in terms of section 10(3) [or in whose favour a registration or approval is continued in terms of section 10(6)] may within the prescribed time and in the form and manner prescribed therefor, apply to the registrar for the renewal of the registration or approval in question, and such an application shall be accompanied by the prescribed renewal fee for the registration in question or such approval, as well as by such information in connection therewith as may be prescribed or the registrar may require.".

Amendment of section 13 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 8. Section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
 - "(1) The registrar may at any time terminate the registration of an inseminator, or of any premises as an A.I. centre [(including such registration continued in terms of section 10(6))] and he or she may likewise

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withdraw the approval of an animal [(including such approval continued in terms of section 10(6))] if he or she is satisfied that a requirement of this Act or a condition which the registrar has imposed under section 10(4), or section 10(4) as applied by section 12(2), as the case may be, has not been complied with."

Amendment of section 14 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 9. Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
- (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
 - "(1) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the [advisory board] board and after consultation with the Minister of Finance, by notice in the Gazette establish a scheme for the evaluation and certification of the performance of animals of the kinds and breeds specified in the notice, with the object of improving the genetic production potential of such kinds and breeds.";
- (b) by the substitution for subsection (4) of the following subsection:
 - "(4) Before the Minister establishes a scheme or amends any provision of a scheme, he or she shall refer the proposed scheme or amendment to the [advisory board] board for its recommendation in regard thereto and shall thereafter publish it in the Gazette, together with a notice inviting interested persons to submit, within the period specified in the notice, which period shall not be less than twenty-eight days as from the date of publication of such proposed scheme or amendment, to such person as may be specified in such notice, any objections to or representations concerning the proposed scheme or amendment."; and
- (c) by the substitution for subsection (5) of the following subsection:
 - "(5) Any objections or representations in terms of subsection (4) shall be submitted to the [advisory board] board for its recommendation in regard thereto, and if the Minister, as a result of any of such objections or representations or a

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recommendation of the [advisory board] board, effects any alteration to the proposed scheme or amendment published as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary to publish such alteration before such scheme or amendment is finally established or effected by notice under subsection (1) or (3).".

Amendment of section 15 of Act 25 of 1977.

10. Section 15 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of subsection (4).

Amendment of section 16 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 11. Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of the following paragraph:
 - "(b) Such application shall -
 - (i) in the case of any animal (except poultry), semen or ova, be lodged with the livestock breeders' society concerned with the kind and breed of animal to which such animal, semen or ova intended for importation belongs, which shall forward it together with its recommendation in regard thereto, to the [committee appointed in terms of section 3(5)(c)(i)] board: Provided that if no such livestock breeders' society exists, the application shall be lodged with [that committee] the board for its recommendation in regard thereto;
 - (ii) in the case of poultry or eggs be lodged with the [committee appointed in terms of section 3(5)(c)(iii)] board for its recommendation in regard thereto.";
 - (b) by the substitution for paragraph (c) of subsection 62) of the following paragraph:
 - "(c) The [committee specified in paragraph (b)(i) or (ii)] board shall submit such application, together with its recommendation in regard thereto, to the registrar: Provided that where the application relates to an animal of the Karakul sheep species or the semen or ova of such an animal, the board shall make such

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recommendation only with the concurrence of the board established by section 2 of the Karakul Pelts and Wool Act, 1982 (Act 14 of 1982).";

- (c) by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of the following paragraph:
 - "(a) If the granting of such application is recommended by the [committee concerned]
 board and the registrar agrees that such
 application may be granted, he or she may,
 on such conditions as may have been recommended by [such committee] the board,
 or may be prescribed or he or she may deem
 fit, in his or her discretion authorize in
 writing the importation concerned."; and
- (d) by the deletion of paragraph (b) of subsection (4).

Amendment of section 18 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 12. Section 18 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the substitution for paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:
 - "(c) the board recommends it;";
 - (b) by the deletion of subparagraphs (iii) and (v) of paragraph (d) of subsection (2); and
 - (c) by the deletion of subsection (7).

Amendment of section 19 of Act 25 of 1977.

13. The following section is hereby substituted for section 19 of the principal Act.

"Amendment of constitution

- 19. (1) The constitution of a livestock breeders' society may be amended in the prescribed manner: Provided that such amendment shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.
- (2) Such number of copies as may be required by the registrar of each such amendment, or of the amended constitution, shall be submitted to the registrar within thirty days after such

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amendment has been effected, and such amendment shall, subject to the provisions of subsection (3), come into operation ninety days after being so submitted.

(3) If the registrar, on the recommendation of the board, is of the opinion that such amendment is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, the livestock breeders' society concerned shall be notified thereof, and thereupon such amendment shall be notified thereof, and thereupon such amendment shall be null and void."

Amendment of section 20 of Act 25 of 1977.

14. The following section is hereby substituted for section 20 of the principal Act:

"Annual return.

20. Each livestock breeders' society shall annually, within the prescribed period after the end of its financial year, submit to the registrar a copy of such livestock breeders' society's prescribed annual return.".

Amendment of section 21 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 15. Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
 - "(1) If a complaint is lodged with the Minister that a livestock breeders' society [other than the Stud Book Association or the Karakul Breeders' Society of South Africa,] has not properly attained or is unlikely properly to attain the objects for which a certificate of incorporation has been issued [or is deemed to have been issued] to it, he or she may, if the [Stud Book Association] board recommends an inquiry, refer such complaint for inquiry to a committee consisting of three members, appointed by the Minister, who shall be persons deemed fit by the Minister and one of whom he or she shall designate as the [chairman] chairperson of such committee."; and

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- (b) by the substitution for subsection (4) of the following subsection:
 - "(4) If the committee mentioned in subsection (1) finds that the livestock breeders' society concerned has not properly attained or is unlikely properly to attain the objects specified in subsection (1), the Minister may cancel the certificate of incorporation issued to such livestock breeders' society or suspend it for such period as he or she may deem fit, [and thereupon the powers of such livestock breeders' society shall vest in the Stud Book Association for the period of suspension or, in the case of the cancellation of the certificate of incorporation, for all time.]".

Repeal of section 22 of Act 25 of 1977.

16. Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Amendment of section 23 of Act 25 of 1977.

17. Section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended -

- (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
 - "(1) No person other than a livestock breeders' society may -
 - (a) issue a certificate or registration of the pedigree of an animal bred in or imported into Namibia;
 - (b) issue a certificate or recording of the pedigree of an animal bred in or imported into Namibia;
 - (c) publish the pedigrees of animals mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b), in the form of stud books or herd or flock books.";
- (b) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (1):
 - "(1A) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3), a livestock breeders' society shall not exercise any of the functions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subsection (1) in respect

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of any animal other than an animal belonging to the kind and breed of animal with which such livestock breeders' society is concerned.";

- (c) by the substitution for paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of the following paragraphs:
 - "(a) A certificate contemplated in paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1) shall not be issued unless the breeder of the animal concerned has registered with the [Stud Book Association] livestock breeders' society concerned a prefix or suffix to designate the animals bred by him or her.
 - (b) Any such prefix or suffix shall be registered on such conditions and upon payment of such fee as the [Stud Book Association] livestock breeders' society concerned may determine, and the registration of such prefix or suffix shall be maintained on the periodical payment of the fee and on such conditions as may have likewise been determined, and the [Stud Book Association] livestock breeders' society shall issue a certificate in respect of each such registration.";
- (d) by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:
 - "(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1A), the functions referred to in subsections (1) and (2) may, in relation to any animal belonging to a kind and breed in respect of which no livestock breeders' society exists, be exercised by any livestock breeders' society if such livestock breeders' society has been authorised by the registrar, on the recommendation of the board, to exercise those functions in relation to animals belonging to the kind and breed of animal concerned."; and
- (e) by the substitution for subsection (4) of the following subsection:
 - "(4) The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) shall not be construed as prohibiting -

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- (a) the breeder of an animal belonging to a kind and breed of which pedigrees are not registered or recorded, as the case may be, with a livestock breeders' society from furnishing particulars of the pedigree of such animal in writing or otherwise; or
- (b) the owner of an animal in respect of which a certificate of registration or recording has been issued under such a power, from furnishing particulars of the pedigree of such animal shown on such certificate, in writing or otherwise.".

Amendment of section 27 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 18. Section 27 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:
 - "(1) A person who considers himself or herself aggrieved by any decision or action taken by the registrar in terms of this Act [or by any decision taken by the Stud Book Association in terms of section 19(3)] may, within the period and in the manner prescribed and upon payment of the prescribed fee, appeal to the Minister against the decision or action in question.";
 - (b) by the substitution for the words preceding subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of the following words:
 - "The Minister shall refer the appeal for investigation and decision to a board of appeal, the members of which shall be appointed by the Minister and which shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), consist of -";
 - (c) by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:
 - "(3) An appeal shall be heard on the date and at the place and time fixed by the [chairman] chairperson of the board of appeal, who shall notify the appellant and the registrar [or the Stud Book Association, as the case may be] in writing thereof.";

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- (d) by the substitution for the words preceding paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of the following words:
 - "The [chairman] chairperson of the board of appeal may, for the purposes of the hearing of the appeal -";
- (e) by the substitution for subsection (6) of the following subsection:
 - "(6) The appellant, if he <u>or she</u> appears before the board <u>of appeal</u> at the hearing of the appeal, and the registrar [or the Stud Book Association, as the case may be], may be represented by an advocate or an attorney.";
- (f) by the substitution for subsection (9) of the following subsection:
 - "(9) The board of appeal may after investigation of the appeal -
 - (a) confirm, set aside or vary the relevant decision or action of the registrar [or the Stud Book Association]; and
 - (b) order the registrar to execute the decision of the board of appeal in connection therewith.";
- (g) by the substitution for subsection (10) of the following subsection:
 - "(10) (a) The decision of the board of appeal shall be in writing, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the registrar and the appellant [and the Stud Book Association, if a party to the appeal].
 - (b) No appeal shall lie against the decision of the board of appeal.";
- (h) by the deletion of subsection (11); and
- (i) by the substitution for subsection (12) of the following subsection:

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"12) A member of the board of appeal and any person summoned under subsection (4)(a) who are not in the full-time service of the State, may be paid such allowances as the Minister may with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance determine."

Amendment of section 30 of Act 25 of 1977.

- 19. Section 30 of the principal Act is hereby amended -
 - (a) by the deletion of paragraph (h) of subsection (1);
 - (b) by the substitution for paragraph (q) of subsection (1) of the following paragraph:
 - "(q) other than [the Stud Book Association or the Karakul Breeders' Society of South Africa,] a livestock breeders' society who, except in the circumstances referred to in section 23(4), furnishes in writing particulars of the registration or recording of such an animal bred in or imported into [the Republic] Namibia or publishes the pedigree of animals in the form of a stud book or a herd or flock book;";
 - (c) by the substitution for the words following after paragraph (u) of subsection (1) of the following words:

"shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction liable -

- (a) in the case of an offence referred to in paragraph (n) or (o), to a fine not exceeding R100 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment;
- (b) in the case of any other offence, to a fine not exceeding R20 000 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment."; and
- (d) by the substitution for subsection (3) of the following subsection:

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"(3) Anything forfeited under subsection (2) shall be disposed of in such manner as the [Secretary of the Department] Permanent Secretary: Agriculture, Water and Rural Development may direct.".

Amendment of section 32 of Act 25 of 1977.

20. Section 32 of the principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of subsections (2) and (3).

Repeal of section 35 of Act 25 of 1977.

21. Section 35 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal of section 36 of Act 25 of 1977.

22. Section 36 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Repeal of section 37 of Act 25 of 1977.

23. Section 37 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Substitution of certain words in Act 25 of 1977.

- 24. The principal Act is hereby amended -
- (a) by the substitution for the word "Department" wherever it occurs, of the word "Ministry"; and
- (b) by the substitution for the expression "the Republic", wherever it occurs, of the word "Namibia".

Validation of certain written authorizations.

25. Any written authorization, or document purporting to be a written authorization, granted or purporting to have been granted under section 16 or 17 of the principal Act by the registrar between 9 June 1993 and the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been lawfully granted notwithstanding that such written authorization was granted by the registrar without a recommendation for the granting of the relevant application for such written authority, as required by paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 16 of the principal Act, before the amendment of that section by this Act, having been made by the relevant committee referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii), as the case may be, of paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 16, before the amendment of that section by this Act, and any such written authorization is hereby validated.

Recognition of a certain livestock breeders' society and of certain actions performed under the principal Act before the commencement of this Act. 26. The society which immediately before the commencement of this Act existed under the name of the Karakul Breeders' Society of Southern Africa shall be deemed to be a livestock breeders' society in respect of which a certificate of incorporation has been issued in terms of section 18 of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

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- (2) Any -
- (a) certificate of registration of the pedigree of an animal;
- (b) certificate of recording of the pedigree of an animal;
- (c) publication of the pedigrees of animals in the form of stud books or herd or flock books;

issued or published under subsection (1) of section 18 of the principal Act, or any registration of any prefix or suffix in respect of an animal effected under subsection (2) of that section, before the commencement of this Act, by the Stud Book Association referred to in that section, shall continue to be of force and effect as if it had been issued, published or effected, as the case may be, by a livestock breeders' society incorporated under section 18 of the principal Act, as amended by this Act, which is concerned with the kind and breed of animal in question.

(3) Anything done, after 21 March 1990 and before the commencement of this Act, in respect of Karakul sheep by the society referred to in subsection (1) and which is purported to have been done in the exercise of a power conferred by subsection (1)(a) or (c) or subsection (2) of section 18 of the principal Act, before its amendment by this Act, and which would have been validly done if this Act had been in force when it was done, is hereby declared to have been validly done.

Short title.

27. This Act shall be called the Livestock Improvement Amendment Act, 1993.