L.N. 266 of 2010

MALTA VETERINARY SERVICES ACT (CAP. 437)

Principles Governing the Organisation of Veterinary Checks on Animals Entering the Community from Third Countries via Border Inspection Posts of Malta (Amendment) Regulations, 2010

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 16 of the Veterinary Services Act, the Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs has made the following regulations:-

Title.

1. The title of these regulations is the Principles Governing the Organisation of Veterinary Checks on Animals Entering the Community from Third Countries via Border Inspection Posts of Malta (Amendment) Regulations, 2010 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Principles Governing the Organisation of Veterinary Checks on Animals Entering the Community from Third Countries via Border Inspection Posts of Malta Regulations, 2003 hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

L.N. 355 of 2003.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. (1) In regulation 2 of the principal regulations, immediately after the words "during quarantines" in the definition (f) "physical check", there shall be added the following new definitions:-

"(g) "the Act" means the Veterinary Services Act;

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(h) "the Community" means the European Community as established under the Treaty establishing the European Community;

(i) "the Competent Authority" means the Veterinary Services Authority of Malta as established by the Act;

(j) "Member State" means a state which is a member of the European Union;

(k) "place of arrival or destination" means such Member State of the Community to which animals are transported from a third country;";

(l) "quarantine centres" means centres or facilities in which animals that may have or have a disease are kept away from other animals and, or any person for a period of time so that the disease cannot spread, intended as a safeguard measure to be complied with during importation and transportation of animals. These are also intended for the purpose of ensuring that in areas where national rules on trade are not adhered to, such centres provide for live animals to be placed in quarantine or isolation;

(m) "third country" means a country which is not a member state of the European Union;

(n) "trade" means trade between Member States or between a third country and a Member State in animals and their products, a business or occupation to make profit or gain, particularly in wholesale or retail sales and includes dealings in a particular business activity.".

(2) The definition "trading partner" shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

3. For sub-regulation (4) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:-

"(4) Quarantine centres referred to in paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1) hereof and in paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (2) of this regulation that fulfill the conditions laid down in Schedule B to these regulations, shall be approved by the Competent Authority, each centre being given an approval number. The Competent Authority shall thereafter, draw up and keep updated a list of approved quarantine centres and their approval numbers and make it available to the other Member States and to the public. Quarantine centres shall be subject to the inspection provided for in regulation 19 of these regulations.".

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