L.N. 161 of 2019

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
(CAP. 439)

Use of *Karozzini* Regulations, 2019

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 8 and article 28 of the Animal Welfare Act, the Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change, in conjunction with the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Use of *Karozzini*, Regulations, 2019.

(2) These regulations lay down rules relating to the use of *karozzini*.

(3) These regulations are without prejudice to any other laws or regulations relating to the use of *karozzini*.

Interpretation.

2. For the purposes of these regulations and unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

"Act" means the Animal Welfare Act; Cap. 439.

"animal welfare officer" shall have the same meaning assigned to it by article 2 of the Act;

"community officer" shall have the same meaning assigned to it by article 2 of the Act;

"Director for Animal Welfare" shall have the same meaning assigned to it by article 2 of the Act;

"*karozzin*" means an animal-drawn vehicle having at least four (4) wheels and with a compartment separate from the driver which is licensed to be used for the conveyance of passengers by road for hire or reward.

Prohibition of use during certain periods.

3. (1) No *karozzin* may be used on any road throughout the period from the first of July to the 31st of August any year between 13:00 hours and 16:00 hours.

(2) Without prejudice to any other liability or penalty which may be incurred by the offender, an animal welfare officer shall have

the power to remove any animal and *karozzin* being used in contravention of sub-regulation (1).

Karozzin journey conditions.

4. (1) Drivers and persons licensed to operate a *karozzin* may not permit more than five (5) individuals, including the driver, to ride on the *karozzin* at any time.

(2) No one journey made by a *karozzin* may take longer than forty-five (45) minutes.

Conditions of horses.

5. (1) A horse may only be used to operate a *karozzin* on alternate days.

(2) Subject to sub-regulation (1), no horse may be used to operate a *karozzin* on more than three (3) days during one week.

(3) When the *karozzin* is not in motion, the horse shall be kept in the shade at a *karozzin* stand and shall be provided with an adequate amount of fresh water.

Power of the Director for Animal Welfare to issue guidelines.

6. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of these regulations, the Director for Animal Welfare may issue guidelines relating to the use of animals in relation to *karozzini*.

(2) Guidelines issued as stipulated in sub-regulation (1) shall be published in the Gazette.

(3) Guidelines issued as stipulated in sub-regulation (1) shall have the force of law and whoever contravenes or acts in violation of these guidelines shall be deemed to have contravened or acted in violation of these regulations.

Offences and penalties.

7. Any person who contravenes or acts in violation of these regulations shall, on conviction, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to the penalties established in the Act.

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