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PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Citation 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Veterinary Act (Duties and powers of Inspectors) Regulations, 2004.

Interpre- 2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires-
tation
"Identification Card" means the identification card issued to the inspector under regulation 4 of these Regulations;
"Inspector" means the inspector appointed under Section 11 of the Act;
"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Livestock development;
"Registrar" means the Registrar of the Council appointed under section 8 of the Veterinary Act.

PART II

APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND POWERS OF INSPECTORS

Appoint- 3. The Minister shall, upon recommendation of the Council appoint
ment of inspectors in accordance with the provisions of Sections 11 of the Act.
Inspectors

Issuance 4.-(1) The Council shall, immediately after appointment of inspectors
of under regulation 3 cause to be issued the identification card for each
Identifica- inspector.
tion cards

(2) The identification card issued subject to sub-regulation (1) shall be in the form prescribed in the schedule to these Regulations and shall contain:

- (a) identification card no.
- (b) the full name of the holder
- (c) designation of the holder
- (d) the area of operation
- (e) the date of expiry of the identification card; and
- (f) such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed on the identification card.

5.-(1) Any inspector appointed under these Regulations shall, unless he dies or resign hold officer for a term of five years and may be eligible for re-appointment.

Tenure of office of Inspector

(2) Notwithstanding the provision of sub-regulation (1), the Minister may, at any time before the expiry of five years and upon recommendation of the Council, terminate the inspector.

6.-(1) The Council may where the inspector fails without good cause—

Powers of the Council

- (a) to perform his duties or
- (b) to observe any of the conditions attached on his identification card.

recommend to the Minister for termination of that inspector and for appointment of a new inspector in his place.

7.-(1) Any inspector who has been terminated or resigned from his office shall within thirty days from the date of his termination or resignation submit the identification card issued to him to the Registrar of the Council.

Submission of identification card

(2) An inspector who, fails to submit the identification card within the period specified under sub-regulation (1) commits an offence.

8.-(1) Any inspector appointed under these Regulations shall have the duty to perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be directed by the Council.

Duties of Inspector

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(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-regulation (1) duties of inspectors shall include:

- (a) to inspect Veterinary practice facility or premises within their respective area of operation;
- (b) to enter any premises suspected to be dealing with veterinary practice;
- (c) to examine or inspect any certificate of registration, license, book, electronic information, storage system or other document in the premises for that purpose, and he may do such other things including taking of extracts from documents in the possession of that person, as may be necessary to effect the examination or inspection; and
- (d) to do such other things as may be required or directed by the Council.

Powers of Inspector

9. The Inspector shall, in the performance of his functions have powers—

- (a) to enter any Veterinary practice facility or premises for the purpose of investigating;
- (b) to require the owner of the facility or premises to observe and maintain good condition or established standard of the Veterinary practice facility;
- (c) to advise the owner or occupier of the Veterinary practice facility or premises on the management of the facility;
- (d) to issue prohibition notice to owners or occupiers of Veterinary practice facility who operates in contravention of prescribed procedures;
- (e) to seize and detain any drugs, equipment, record, or any other thing which appear to him to constitute or contain evidence or a contravention of any provision of this rule;
- (f) to close the premises found to contravene the law and institute criminal proceedings; and
- (g) to inquire into any matter regarding animal disease or animal health within their areas.

10.-(1) The inspector shall, immediately after effecting inspection under these Regulations, prepare and submit a report on his findings to the Registrar.

Inspection
report

(2) The Report prepared under sub-regulation (1), shall be in the form prescribed in the Inspection regulation and shall contain:

- (a) name or title of the Veterinary practice facility inspected;
- (b) findings of inspection; and
- (c) recommendations if any.

11.-(3) The Registrar shall, consider the report submitted under regulation 10, and may, where necessary make recommendation and submit the report together with the recommendations to the Council for further determination of the matter.

Submission of
Report to
the
Council

12.-(1) The Inspector shall, in the performance of his duty be required to abide by the terms as prescribed on the identification card or as may be prescribed from time to time by the Council.

Obligation
of the
Inspector

(2) Any inspector who, fails to abide by the prescribed terms and conditions as required under sub-regulation (1), commits an offence, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousands Tanzanian shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

PART III

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

13.-(1) Any person who—

Offences

- (a) wilfully delays or obstructs any inspector in the exercise of his powers under this rule; or
- (b) refuses or fails without reasonable cause to give any information which he is lawfully required to give under this sub-rule; and
- (c) gives any information, which is false in a material particular or which he reasonably knows to be untrue; commits an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding five

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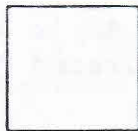
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hundred thousands Tanzanian shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations, commits an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding shall five hundred thousands Tanzanian shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Identity Card for Inspectors

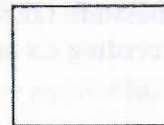


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INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD



Name:.....

Designation.....

Area of operation.....

Employee's signature.....

ID No.

Employer's Signature

At the Back:

CONDITIONS