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Decree of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt N° 187 of 1984, concerning the establishment of the General Organization for Veterinary Services.

The President of the Republic,

having noted the constitution,

Law N° 308 of 1955 concerning administrative custody,

Law N° 127 of 1955 concerning practising the pharmaceutical profession,

Law N° 228 of 1959 concerning the establishment of an Insurance Fund for Livestock,

Law N° 61 concerning general organizations as set forth in Law N° 61 of 1963,

The Law on Agriculture as set forth in Law N° 53 of 1966,

Law N° 53 of 1973 concerning the public budget of the state,

Law N° 47 of 1978 concerning the civil servants statutes,

Law N° 43 of 1979 concerning Local Rule and its executive regulations,

Decree of the President of the Republic N° 4727 of 1966 stipulating that the Ministry of Agriculture is the sole competent administrative machinery responsible for the Insurance Fund for Livestock, and following the approval of the Cabinet, and as a result of the conclusions arrived at by the state council,

Decides :

Article 1: The establishment of a general organization to be called,

"The General Organization for Veterinary Services". It shall

be endowed with the legal person status, affiliated to the

Minister of state for Agriculture and Food Security and will be located in Cairo.

Article 2: The Organization shall aim at the protection of animal wealth and the prevention epizootics and infections diseases, treatment of casualties and infertility which act adversely against livestock productivity.

Article 3: The responsibilities of the Organization are to enforce the stipulations contained in chapters 2 and 3 of the second volume of the Law on Agriculture N° 53 of 1966, concerning the protection of animal wealth and the prevention of epizootics and infections diseases. To achieve this end, the Organization has to undertake the necessary ways and means and to carry out the following in particular :

- 1- Devising a general plan for veterinary services all over the country.
- 2- Devising a general plan for the protection of animal wealth against epizootics and infections diseases.
- 3- Imposing strict quarantine measures in such a way as to guarantee the protection of animal wealth against expected introduced epizootics and infections diseases.
- 4- Drawing up the necessary plans for protecting and treating animals from zoonotic diseases which could be communicated to human beings through animals and animal products.
- 5- Laying down the necessary rules, regulations and procedures for the efficient technical control over places

where animals are skinned, where hides are stored and also over tanneries.

- 6- Following up technical supervision and control over slaughter-houses.
- 7- Co-operating with various other countries and international organizations in a bid to open channels of communication between them and the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 8- Preparation of schemes and models for livestock indentification.
- 9- Participation in committees on economic and technical feasibility studies the food security projects at the Ministry of Agriculture concerning area of animal and poultry production, the establishment of livestock feeds and by-product factories, deep freezers and cold storage plants for meat and animal products.
- 10- Drawing up the necessary plans for gynaecological and artificial insemination and follow-up services. The Organization is the competent administrative machinery responsible for the Insurance Fund for livestock and for enforcing the stipulations of the Law governing Livestock Insurance.

Article 4: The Organization's funds are public funds; therefore the Organization has to exact its rights through administrative custody.

Article 5: The Organization has a special budget which follows the same general rules of the state's budget. The resources of such a budget comprise :

- 1- Whatever is annually earmarked for the Organization in the public budget.

2- The revenues realised out of various services which the Organization offers to citizens and other foreign veterinary bodies which fall within the framework of the general aims of the Organization.

3- The grants, testaments and donations subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Organization.

4- Loans and other credit facilities procured by the Organization.

Article 6: The Organization should have a special account where its funds are deposited. Its fiscal year starts and ends concurrently with the fiscal year of the state.

Article 7: The Organization has a free hand to undertake any action to realise the aims for which it has been founded. It has the right to enter into contracts or agreements with individuals, companies banks and local or foreign organizations pursuant to the stipulated rules and rules of procedure of the Organization.

Article 8: Without prejudice to the stipulations of Law N° 127 of 1955 concerning practising the pharmaceutical profession, the Organization, within the limits of its budget, can import either directly or indirectly its needs of inputs, veterinary drugs and their ingredients, machines, tools, spare-parts and means of transport necessary for its activities. This should be undertaken in line with the Organization's statutes and in conformity with the stipulations of the

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laws regulating importation, currency and commercial agencies.

Article 9: The Organization should have a board of directors to be set up by a decision taken by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security and will be established from :

1- The Chairman of the Organization's Board of Directors....

Chairman.

2- A councillor from the State council to be selected by the Chairman..... Member.

3- A representative of the Ministry of Agriculture holding at least the post of Chief of a central administration and shall be selected by the competent minister..... Member.

4- A representative of the Ministry of Finance holding at least the post of Chief of a central administration to be selected by the Minister of Finance..... Member

5- A representative of the Ministry of Economy who holds at least the post of Chief of a central administration, to be selected by the Minister of Economy..... Member.

6- A representative of the General Secretariat of the Local Rule who holds at least the post of Chief of a central administration, to be selected by the Minister of Local Rule..... Member.

7- The chairman of the board of directors of the Livestock Insurance fund..... Member.

8- A representative of the veterinary research institutes to be selected by the Director of the Agricultural Researches Center.....Member.

- 9- Two veterinary officers who actually hold the post of chief of central administrations in the Organization, to be selected by the competent minister.....Members.
- 10- Four members well known for their expertise and efficiency in their fields of specialization which should be in line with the activities and aims of the Organization. They are to be appointed and their financial reward is to be fixed at a decision taken by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security as proposed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Organization. Their term of office is for two years that can be renewed..... Members.

Article 10: The appointed chairman of the board of directors should be a veterinarian. He is appointed by a Decree of the President of the Republic at the nomination of the competent minister. The Decree will fix his salary and allowances.

Article 11: The Board of Directors of the Organization is the higher authority which controls its affairs and proposes its general policy. It will also take the necessary decision to achieve the Organization's aims and will in particular :

- 1- Prepare the draft rules of procedure and decision concerning financial, administrative and technical affairs without binding itself by any government regulation.
- 2- Prepare draft regulations pertaining to the appointment of civil servants at the Organization their promotions.

transfer and dismissal and also fix their salaries, allowances and incentives taking into consideration that such salaries, allowances and incentives will in no way exceed the maximum of what has been stated in the Government's Civil Service Law .

- 3- Approve the annual budget of the Organization.
- 4- Consider any question that falls within its competence when referred to it by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security or the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- 5- Consider periodic progress reports and other reports on the financial situation of the Organization. The Board of Directors may delegate some of its powers to a committee composed of some of its members, to the Chairman of the Board or to the Director of the Organization. The Board may authorise one of its members or directors to carry out a specific task.

Article 12: The Board of Directors is to meet at least once a month at the invitation of the Chairman. The meeting shall be valid only when the majority of the members is present. The decisions are carried by a vote by the majority of members. In case there is a tie, the Chairman's side will prevail. The Board may invite experts to attend its meetings without granting them the right to vote.

Article 13: The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall communicate the Board's decisions to the Minister of State for Agri-

culture and Food Security within seven days as of the date of their adoption. In case the decisions are not approved within 15 days as of the date of their communication to the Minister they shall be considered valid. In case the Minister objects to these decisions during the said period; they should be reconsidered by the Board in the light of the Minister's notes. Once more, they will be presented to the Minister to take any pertinent decision.

Article 14: The Chairman of the Board of Directors is entrusted, besides the other questions that fall within his competence as set forth by laws and other decisions, to undertake the following:

- 1- Implementation of the decisions of the Board of Directors.
- 2- The management of the Organization development of its activities and consolidation of its bodies, organs and machineries.
- 3- Providing the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security and the State's organs with any information, document or data they may require. The Chairman of the Board of Directors may delegate some of his powers to a director or directors.

Article 15: The Chairman of the Board of Directors is the sole representative of the Organization vis a vis other organizations, individuals or courts of law. He is also responsible for the implementation of the public policy designed to achieve the aims of the Organization.

Article 16: The Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security may temporarily second to the Organization, an official to hold the post of Chairman in case of his absence or vacancy of the post.

Article 17: All rules of procedure of the Organization governing financial and technical matters are to be set forth in a decision taken by the Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Security after the approval of the Board of Directors. The statutes in force, in the administrative machinery of the State shall not be binding to the Organization.

Article 18: Civil servants working at the Central Administration of animal health are to be transferred to the Organization. The staff members shall keep their seniorities and grade levels. They shall also enjoy their former allowances and bonuses. The financial allocations of the aforesaid Central Administration shall be merged with the budget of the Organization. Without prejudice to the stipulations of law N° 43 of 1979 concerning the law of local governments and its executive statute; it is hereby decided that all posts of veterinary officers and their assistants at Governorate levels are to be transferred to the Organization as memorial posts. However, all necessary financial allocations concerning their salaries and allowances should be included into the governorate's budgets.

Article 19: The Organization shall replace the Central Administration of animal health at the Ministry of Agriculture. The Or-

ganization shall take over all affairs falling within the competence of the Administration as set forth by laws and statutes. The Organization shall also take over all buildings, furniture, equipment, tools and machines belonging to the Administration.

Article 20: Any stipulation that goes contrary to the stipulations of this Decree shall be considered null and void.

Article 21: This Decree is to be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force as of the following day of its publication.

Drawn up at the Presidency of the Republic on Shaaban 4, 1404 H. corresponding to (May 15, 1984).

Hosni Mubarak