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An Act to establish the National Animal Genetic Resources Centre and Data Bank, to provide for the promotion, regulation and control, marketing, import and export, and quality assurance of animal and fish genetic materials and generally to provide for the implementation of the national breeding policy in Uganda; to repeal and replace the Branding of Stock Act; and to provide for other matters connected with the foregoing.

DATE OF ASSENT: 25th May, 2001.

Date of Commencement: See section 2.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows:

PART I—PRELIMINARY.

1. This Act may be cited as the Animal Breeding Act, 2001.

Short title.

2. This Act shall come into force on such day as the Minister shall by statutory instrument appoint; and the Minister may appoint different dates for different provisions of this Act.

Commencement.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

Interpretation.

- “Accounting Officer” means the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry responsible for animal Industry;
- “animals” means all livestock, camels, donkeys, rabbits, poultry other ruminating and pseudo-ruminating animals, fish and any other animal that the Minister may by statutory instrument so declare;
- “Animal Breeder” means a person or group of persons engaged in breeding activities and registered with the Ministry;
- “Animal or Fish Breeding Specialist” means a person or class of persons academically qualified and recognised as an animal geneticist by the Ministry;
- “Animal Production Officer” means any person or class of persons certified and declared to be an animal production officer by the Ministry;
- “approved laboratory” or “testing station” means a laboratory in Uganda or any other country designated by the Board to carry out the tests provided for under this Act;
- “Aquaculturist” means an officer who has undergone training in aquaculture and is recognised by the Ministry;
- “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Centre;
- “cattle” means bulls, cows, oxen, heifer and calves;
- “centre” means the National Animal Genetic Resources Centre and Data Bank established under section 13;
- “collection” means a quantity of semen and ova taken from a donor at any time;
- “consignment” means a quantity of semen or sperm covered by a single certificate;

“country of collection” means a country in which semen or ova is collected including Uganda;

“currency point” has the meaning assigned to it in the First Schedule to this Act;

“Director” means the Director of Animal Resources in the Ministry responsible for agriculture, animal industry and fisheries (MAAIF);

“disease” means cattle plague (rinderpest), anthrax, pleuropneumonia, trypanosomiasis, tuberculosis, foot and mouth disease, mad cow disease, rabies, sheep pox, sheep scab, goat scab, goat pox, swine erysipelas, glands farcy, mange (scabies) in swine, mules and donkeys, ulcerative lymphangitis, epizootic lymphangitis, black quarter, and in fish, worms, argulus species and parasites and any other disease that may be declared by the Minister by statutory instrument to be included in the term “disease” for the purposes of this Act;

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director referred to in section 22 of this Act;

“farmer” means any person, household or group of persons keeping or rearing animals;

“fingering” means fish seed ready to grow out systems;

“fish seed” means sperm, eggs, fry and fingerings;

“fry” means fish seed which has exhausted its yolk food;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for animal industry and fisheries;

“Ministry” means the government Ministry responsible for animal industry and fisheries;

“NARO” means the National Agricultural Research Organisation established by the National Agricultural Research Organisation Statute, 1992;

“Official Veterinarian” means a veterinary officer duly registered with the Veterinary Board and employed in government service;

“policy” means the National Animal Breeding Policy approved and adopted by government for implementation of the animal genetic improvement programme in Uganda;

“programme” means the Action Plan for the implementation of the National Animal Breeding Policy in Uganda formulated by the government as amended from time to time with the approval of government;

“poultry” means all domestic or domesticated fowls, ducks, geese, turkey, guinea fowl, pea-fowl, pheasants, pigeons, ornamental or caged birds, ostriches;

“semen” means the prepared or diluted ejaculate of a farm animal;

“semen collection centre” means an officially approved and supervised establishment situated in Uganda or any other country in which semen is produced for use in Artificial Insemination;

“stock” means cattle, sheep, goats, horses, mules, donkeys, swine, rabbits, guinea pigs, camels and poultry;

“strip” means artificially removed eggs and sperms from mature fish;