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construed to mean all non-human animal life.³

§ 4. Authority of Minister of Agriculture.⁴

The Minister of Agriculture is authorized to:

1. Prohibit the importation into Liberia of plants or animals which are poisonous, noxious, or which produce deleterious drugs or which may be infested or infected with harmful pests or diseases; except that nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the importation of any of the above for scientific, medical, or educational purposes subject to such rules and regulations as the Minister may prescribe.
2. Promulgate regulations for control of the exportation of living plants and animals from Liberia in the interest of preserving dwindling species and conserving the natural resources of the country.
3. Promulgate reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the control of the importation and exportation of living plants and animals of every description and in any form as are necessary in his opinion to protect the agriculture and food supplies of the Republic.
4. Establish domestic quarantines in defined areas when such action

³ *Prior legislation*: L. 1949-50, ch. XXXIX, sec. 3.

⁴ "Minister of Agriculture" substituted for "Secretary of Agriculture" by amendment proposed L.1971-72, An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia with Respect to the Appellation of the Departments of Government and the Heads Thereof, § 1, approved December 31, 1971, and adopted at election held April 4, 1972. The words "and Commerce" were removed upon separation of Agriculture from Commerce and the Creation of a Separate Ministry of Commerce, see ch. 28 & 29 of An Act Adopting a New Executive Law and Repealing the Present Executive Law and Public Welfare Law, and Amending and Repealing Other Acts in Relation Thereto, Tit. 12, Liberian Code of Laws Rev., approved. May 11, 1972.

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(i) To solicit foreign technical and financial assistance for the program, in coordination with the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs¹⁸ including surveys and studies for determining requirements for roads and harbors, etc., for forestry and agricultural development;

(j) To organize and conduct with available assistance of foreign agencies and private industries, water and land resources surveys, for determining suitable areas and sites for specific crops, such as rice, and the requirements for development;

(k) to complete and continue present forestry programs of boundary surveys, inventories, and management of these resources;

(l) By virtue of this Act, to draft and propose for promulgation by Executive Order, necessary regulations to assure protection of the rights assumed in a free enterprise system of small farmers against unfair trade and business practices;

(m) To encourage and assist foreign enterprises in vesting in agriculture and forestry industries in Liberia.

§ 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in handbills.

ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING

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¹⁸ "Ministry" substituted for "Department" by amendment proposed L. 1971-72, An Act to Amend the Constitution of the Republic of Liberia, etc., § 1, approved December 31, 1971, and adopted at election held April 4, 1972.

