

VETERINARY LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN

This Law shall determine the legal, social, organizational, financial and economic basis for veterinary and be aimed at ensuring inter-sanitary and epizootic welfare, human protection from disease common to animals and human beings, food and raw materials of

- Quarantines shall mean legal regime providing the system of veterinary and administrative activities aimed at restriction and termination of economic ties and suspension of movement of goods subject to control by the state veterinary inspection bodies between epizootic focus, unfavorable area and territory of veterinary-sanitary welfare for the purpose of liquidation of epizootic focus and preventing the spread of disease;
- Veterinary rules (veterinary-sanitary rules) shall mean normative legal act providing procedure of taking veterinary measures based on veterinary standards approved by the authorized state veterinary body, which is binding on natural persons and legal entities carrying out veterinary activity;
- Special processing of animal products shall mean processing of products of animals with certain infectious diseases making them acceptable for the use by humans;
- Special slaughter shall mean slaughter of animals suffering from certain infectious disease in specially equipped places and enterprises;
- Epizootic sources shall mean the limited territory or premises where the sources of infectious agents, transfer factors and animals susceptible to diseases are located;
- Veterinary drugs shall mean biological, vegetable, chemical, pharmaceutical, disinfectant substances for disinsectization, disinfection, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of animal diseases, as well as tools, equipment, materials and special means of transport;
- Genetic materials shall mean sperm, ovicell, animal embryos and pupae of bees, fertilized eggs, hatching eggs, cell culture, the products of genetic engineering technology, breeding material - gametes, zygotes (cocoon, silkworm pupa);
- Plant products shall mean raw materials of plant origin used by humans or animals as food;
- Meat products shall mean industrial products made from animal flesh for use of humans and animals;
- Animal products shall mean raw material of animal origin and industrial products made thereof as well as the selection of animals and industrial products made thereof;
- Trade in animal products shall mean production, stocking, processing and marketing of animal products, any other way of transfer of products of animal origin with or without payment, export and import of animal products or any other activity, which results in animal products being delivered to other persons or consumers;
- Dairy products shall mean industrial products made from milk of animals for the use of humans and animals;
- Epizootological monitoring shall mean a system of collecting quantitative data on occurrence of animal diseases, quality anti-epizootic, veterinary-sanitary, zoo-hygienic measures, as well as the quality and safety of food and feed additives in order to identify their compliance with mandatory requirements and standards in a timely manner;
- Organoleptic examination shall mean the evaluation of quality of products through the senses;
- Extermination of animals and animal products shall mean the slaughter, burning or burial of animals and products thereof suffering from certain infectious diseases the list of which is determined by the authorized state veterinary body, which may be a factor of infection of animals and humans, as well as products derived from healthy animals that do not meet veterinary sanitary requirements;

- Destruction of veterinary drugs shall mean burning of veterinary drugs that do not meet the state standards or whose time of use has expired;
- Infectious disease-problem area shall mean a territory where the epizootic focus is located;
- Biological stimulants shall mean all biologically active natural and synthetic substances;
- Veterinary objects subject to control by state veterinary inspection shall mean animals, gamete and somatic cells of animals, products and raw materials of animal and plant origin, veterinary drugs, feed and feed additives, microorganisms and their strains, apparatus, instruments, veterinary instruments, transport means, containers, packaging material, territory, premises for the growing of animals, production and processing, sores, slaughterhouses, warehouses for products and raw materials of animal origin, which may be factors of animal diseases transmission as the activity of legal entities and natural persons involved in cultivation, storage, transport, storage, processing, sale and use of objects subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body;
- Laboratory of veterinary sanitary examination shall mean legal entity or a specialized unit of a legal entity carrying out veterinary-sanitary examination of products and raw materials of animal and plant origin markets and other sites;
- Animal waste shall mean spoils and animal products unsuitable for the use by humans;
- Veterinary drug testing shall mean testing of veterinary drug under laboratory or production conditions in a manner prescribed by the authorized state veterinary body for the purpose of determining its immunobiological, therapeutic and toxic properties and epidemiological effectiveness, lack of consequences of effects and safety of the drug for possible use in veterinary practice;
- Veterinary-sanitary examination shall mean verification of conformity of animal products and raw materials of animal origin with veterinary standards, a set of organoleptic, biochemical, microbiological, parasitological, toxicological and radiological examinations;
- Registration testing of veterinary drugs shall mean a set of methods used in a manner provided by the authorized state veterinary body to determine the compliance of veterinary drugs with requirements of the veterinary legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Veterinary certificate shall mean an international document issued by the authorized state body at the state border of the exporting country confirming the compliance of exported goods with the requirements of importing country, which states veterinary and sanitary safety of goods being under control of the state veterinary inspection, welfare of an area or production site;
- Certificate of conformity shall mean a document issued on the basis of the rules of the certification system, which confirms the compliance of certified products with requirements of normative acts;
- Certification shall mean the process of confirmation of the fact of conformity of products with the set requirements;
- Disinfection shall mean removal or destruction of infectious agents in the environment, premises, transport, which is carried out with the help of veterinary drugs in a manner provided by the authorized state veterinary body;
- Veterinary activity shall mean an area of responsibility of natural persons and legal entities aimed at protection of health of animals, protection of humans from diseases

common for both animals and humans, production of high-quality goods of animal origin based on veterinary-sanitary requirements;

- State Register of Veterinary Drugs shall mean the list of veterinary drugs passed the state registration and allowed for the production, importation and use in the Republic of Tajikistan issued by the authorized state veterinary body;
- Strain of microorganism shall mean genetically homogeneous population of microorganisms with a stable specific forms and biological properties;
- Animals shall mean all mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, bees, fish and other animals that are kept in captivity and those free-living in nature;
- Farm animals shall mean animals that are bred for the purpose of production of animal products;
- Domestic animals (pets) shall mean animals and birds kept at home for non-commercial purposes;
- Veterinary documents shall mean veterinary-sanitary conclusion, veterinary certificate, warrant, reference issued by veterinary inspectors for the items subject to state veterinary inspection;
- Veterinary measures (works and services) shall mean a set of anti-epizootic, veterinary-sanitary procedures aimed at prevention, emergence, spread or liquidation of animal diseases, including their prevention, treatment and diagnosis, neutralization (disinfection) and seizure and elimination of animals affected by infectious diseases, which constitute a

- Approval of procedure of transportation (movement) of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection within the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Approval of a procedure of veterinary-sanitary certification and acquisition of veterinary-sanitary permission to export meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, raw materials of animal origin from the Republic of Tajikistan and import of such products into the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Approval of veterinary-sanitary requirements for storage and processing of meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, fish and fish products and eggs;
- Approval of regulations of veterinary-sanitary laboratories;
- Approval of rules of marking, certification and types of individual animal passports;
- Protection of population health from diseases common to animals and humans;
- Approval of procedure (methods, techniques) carrying out veterinary-sanitary examination;
- Approval of rules of submission of statistical veterinary reports;
- Protection of the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan from introduction of infections and spread of animal diseases quarantine agents as well as import of products, which contain biological stimulants, antibiotics, hormonal agents used for speeding up the growth and development of animals, products of genetic engineering and genetically modified products, from the territory of other states or quarantine zones;
- Issuing of permissions for export, import and transit of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection with taking into account of epizootic situation;
- Control over veterinary-sanitary safety of products, processing, storage, transportation and marketing of objects subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body;
- Development and approval of the manner of transportation (movement) of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body;
- Veterinary-sanitary examination of products and raw materials of animal and plant origin to ensure the state control over quality and their safety;
- Organization of testing and control over veterinary drugs, feed and feed additives, their registration testing as well as maintenance of State Register of Veterinary Drugs;
- Development, approval and submission of target-oriented programs to prevent and liquidate the infectious animal diseases;
- Maintenance and carrying out epizootic monitoring of animal diseases, including wild animals;
- Maintenance of state procurement, transportation (delivery) and use of veterinary drugs in a manner provided for in the normative legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Development and submission of republican programs aimed at training of veterinary specialists, production of medicines for diagnosis, preventive measures and treatment of animals, organization of scientific research of veterinary related problems;
- Monitoring the compliance of veterinary related normative and legal acts by local executive authorities and public officers, enterprises, agencies, other organizations and economic entities irrespective of their subordination and types of ownership, public associations, international organizations, citizens of the Republic of Tajikistan, foreign citizens and person without citizenship, owners of animals, products and raw materials of animal and plant origin;
- Organization of implementation of veterinary-instructive work among the population;

- Participation in state commissions regarding acceptance of livestock facilities and organizations for manufacturing, procurement (slaughter) of animals, processing of products and raw materials of animal origin;
- Organization of implementation and control over identification and registration of domestic animals, pets, products and raw materials of animal origin, including movement of animals;
- Presentation of the Republic of Tajikistan with veterinary related international organizations in a manner provided for in the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan as well as organization of the cooperation with them;
- Providing binding instructions on carrying out anti-epizootic and veterinary-sanitary measures to all entities subject to control of the state veterinary inspection irrespective of the type of ownership;
- Taking measures, if there are infectious diseases, aimed at elimination of animals, extermination or decontamination of products and raw materials of animal origin, special processing or utilization and determination of compensation procedure for damages incurred by the owner at the expense of state budget or insurance companies;
- Prohibition of sale of products of animal origin, as well as processing of raw materials of animal and plant origin not meeting veterinary and sanitary requirements, protective means, diagnosis and treatment of animals and additives that do not meet the quality requirements until the situation is corrected, as well as filing complaints related to violation to court;
- In case of incompliance of microorganism with its passport, storage procedure of microorganisms in veterinary laboratories, scientific-research institutes and enterprises to process the products and raw materials of animal origin, suspension of their use and filing of a complaint to court;
- In case of violation of veterinary legislation, issuing of instructions, order and making the appropriate decision;
- Taking measures aimed at minimization, interruption or termination of the activity of enterprises, agencies, organizations and other entities being under control of the state veterinary inspection, in case of infringement of veterinary-sanitary norms and rules which may threaten human life and health or cause other grave consequences and filing of a complaint to court;
- Establishment of a procedure of maintenance (annulment) of quarantine within the territory of the Republic of Tajikistan, relevant territories, districts, cities, economic entities and entities carrying out other activities as well as establishment of crossing points through state border of the Republic of Tajikistan, determination of conditions for the implementation of quarantine and other restrictive veterinary-sanitary measures and the list of infectious animal diseases for which quarantine is carried out and disposal of animals and (or) seizure of products of animal origin, in a manner provided for by the authorized body and by other normative and legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Appointment and termination of appointment of heads of the organizations subordinated to the authorized veterinary body in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Imposing of administrative penalties;
- Exercising of other powers provided for in normative and legal acts of the Republic of Tajikistan.

CHAPTER 2. STATE VETERINARY REGULATION

Article 5. Basic Principles of the State Veterinary Related Policy

1. Veterinary related state policy shall be implemented by the authorized body of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Veterinary related state policy shall be based on the following principles:
 - Ensuring the independence of state veterinary supervision;
 - Mandatory implementation of normative and legal acts adopted by the authorized body of the Republic of Tajikistan by all state bodies, enterprises, agencies, organizations irrespective of their administrative subordination and type of ownership as well as by all executive officers, citizens and persons without citizenship;
 - Ensuring state veterinary supervision of production, storage, processing and sale of objects subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body;
 - Ensuring state veterinary supervision of transportation of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body by road, air, railway transport;
 - Support of measures for promotion of state and private sector veterinary services;
 - Provide the authorized veterinary body with required financial resources;
 - Observance of unity of interests of the state, legal entities and natural persons in the veterinary area;
 - Determination of conditions for compensation of value of animals, products and raw materials of animal origin constituting danger to human and animal health exempted and eliminated by the state veterinary inspection bodies in a manner provided by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan;
 - Approval, upon submission by the authorized body, of the list of infectious animal diseases, preventive measures, diagnosis and liquidation of which is carried out at the expense of republican budget;
 - Coordination of veterinary related activities of local executive government authorities and self-government bodies of communities and settlements;
 - State support of scientific research and development of new methods for diagnosis, preventive measures and treatment of animal disease;
 - Ensuring transparency in the process of development, adoption and application of veterinary-sanitary measures;
 - Development of international veterinary related cooperation.

Article 6. Development and Adoption of Veterinary-Sanitary Measures

1. Veterinary-sanitary measures shall be adopted and developed based:
 - To the extent required for protection of life and health of humans and animals;
 - Taking into account scientific principles and available scientific data, international standards, guidelines and recommendations;
 - On the assessment of risk to human and animal life and health realized in accordance with strategies of sectoral international organizations;
 - On the avoidance of arbitrary and unjustified discrimination among countries with identical and similar conditions, including discrimination among local zonal territories and animal production sectors and zonal territories and animal production sectors of other countries;

2. When assessing the threat to human and animal life and health in the process of development and adoption of veterinary-sanitary measures, the authorized body shall take into account the following:
 - Scientific data, manufacturing process and methods of supervisory control, selection and testing of samples, the existence of specific diseases, availability of zones (districts) free from infectious diseases or zones (districts) with low level of spread of infectious diseases, relevant conditions of environment, quarantine and other measures;
 - Economic indicators, including termination of losses in production and trade in case of penetration (occurrence), rooting and spread of infectious disease;
 - Costs for carrying out control and liquidation of infectious disease;
 - Effectiveness and cost of other approaches aimed at risk minimization;
3. Upon availability of satisfactory scientific evidences for objective evaluation of the threat or in case of emergency circumstances, the authorized body shall have the right to take interim veterinary-sanitary measures based on the available data, including data of sectoral international organizations and information on veterinary-sanitary measures in other countries.
4. Veterinary-sanitary measures taken shall be in compliance with veterinary-sanitary conditions of a region in which goods subject to veterinary-sanitary examination had been manufactured or a region for which such goods are intended. In the course of evaluation of veterinary-sanitary conditions, the authorized body shall also take into account animal health status in the Republic of Tajikistan.

- Set a deadline for submission of opinions and carry out consultations upon request of interested parties;
2. Notification on goods subject to such measure with the rationale for its application shall be submitted at least 75 days prior to beginning of its application.

Article 8. Providing the Information

The authorized body shall, through single data center, provide the information, documents and data in accordance with international legal acts related to the following:

- Proposed and adopted veterinary-sanitary measures;
- Measures of control, inspection and certification of products and quarantine procedures;
- Procedures for assessment risk and methods of determination of appropriate level of animal health protection in the Republic of Tajikistan;
- Membership and participation in international and regional meetings, animal health protection system, existence and content of bilateral and multilateral agreements and contracts;

Article 9. Equivalence of Veterinary-Sanitary Measures

1. Veterinary-sanitary measures approved in other country shall be considered as equivalent to measures applied in the Republic of Tajikistan if the authorized body establishes that measures applied in another country ensure the protection of human and animal life and health equal to that required in the Republic of Tajikistan or higher.
2. Decree on recognition of equivalency of veterinary-sanitary measures shall be published.

Article 10. Quality Standards of Veterinary Activities, Works and Services

1. Quality standards of veterinary activities (works and services) shall be established in a manner provided by the authorized body as well international standards recognized by Tajikistan and shall be binding on veterinary agencies, natural persons and legal entities carrying out veterinary related entrepreneurial activity throughout the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Non-compliance with republican quality standards of veterinary activities (works, services) by entities carrying out veterinary activity may serve as a ground for bringing to administrative and criminal responsibility, termination of their activity or revocation of veterinary activity licenses in a manner established by the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.
3. Control over compliance with republican quality standards of veterinary activities (works and services) shall be carried out by the state authorized veterinary body of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 11. Departmental Veterinary-Sanitary Services

1. Ministries, agencies, enterprises, institutions and other organizations whose activity is connected with animal management and breeding, storage and sale of their products, feed and drugs intended for diagnostics, preventive measures and treatment of animals may

maintain manufacturing veterinary services their own expense w

- Control over keeping veterinary records and accounting and their submission in a manner provided for in the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 14. Principles of the State Veterinary Supervision and Control

1. Procedures of the state veterinary supervision and control shall be implemented:
 - Immediately, without any delay and discrimination with regard to imported goods relative to similar domestic products;
 - Only on the basis of facts and information, which are required for carrying out procedure;
 - Providing the applicant with the information about time limits for completion of the procedure, possible shortcomings of the application, stages and results of the proceedings;
 - Ensuring the protection of confidential information;
 - By taking samples only the amount necessary for carrying out control and certification procedures.
2. If changes in specification of products occur subsequent to the veterinary inspection and control, the procedure of inspection and control of the modified products shall be performed to only to the extent necessary to determine if the product meets the relevant requirements despite the changes.

Article 15. State Border and Transport State Veterinary Control

1. The state border and transport state veterinary control body shall be established and performed for the purpose of preventing the spread and introduction of animal infectious diseases, diseases common to animals and humans as well as products of animal and plant origin not meeting veterinary-sanitary requirements of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Work place of the state border and transport state veterinary control body shall be located at the customs zone.
3. Passage through the customs border of the Republic of Tajikistan of goods being subject to the state veterinary inspection body shall be permitted only upon checking the compliance of goods with supporting veterinary documents. In specific cases, the sample or the copy of goods shall be taken for laboratory tests.
4. Customs clearance of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body may be completed only upon the completion of such a control.
5. Import and transit of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection from other epizootic problem-free countries through the territory of the Republic shall be permitted in case of compliance with veterinary rules and requirements set by the authorized body.
6. Transport means entered into the Republic of Tajikistan from countries facing epizootic problems shall be subject to mandatory certification in accordance with the veterinary legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.
7. Veterinary inspectors of veterinary inspection posts shall wear special veterinary uniform when performing their duties at state border and transportation.
8. Natural persons and legal entities whose activities are connected with import (export and transit) of goods subject to control of the state veterinary inspection body shall reimburse for expenses associated with control of veterinary-sanitary examination and disinfection to departments, posts and other organizations and bodies of the state veterinary inspection at the state border and transportation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 21. Procedure for Performing Control over Activity of Veterinary-Related Economic Entities

Control over the activity of economic entities, irrespective of the form of ownership and departmental subordination, shall be carried out for the purpose of state control over compliance with veterinary legislation in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on Control over Activity of Economic Entities in the Republic of Tajikistan.

CHAPTER 4. VETERINARY FINANCING

Article 22. The Sources for Financing of the Veterinary and the Veterinary Supervision

Veterinary and veterinary supervision in the Republic of Tajikistan Financing shall be funded from the following sources:

- Budget funds of all levels;
- Target-oriented veterinary funds;
- Income from entrepreneurial activity of veterinary organizations;
- Financing of veterinary-related innovative projects by investors;
- Bank and other credits;
- Grant and humanitarian aid and charitable funds of natural persons and legal entities;
- Other sources not in violation of the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 23. Budget-related Financing of Veterinary of the Republic of Tajikistan

1. The authorized body and its lower organizational units shall be funded directly from the state budget.
2. Planning the expenditures for financing veterinary in the Republic of Tajikistan at the republic budget expense shall be implemented through the single normative financial costs to implement veterinary activity, which shall be established by the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and shall be available in the expenditure part of budget of all levels in a "Veterinary" section.

CHAPTER 5. VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS TO PREVENT ANIMAL DISEASES AND ENSURING SAFETY OF PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

Article 24. Veterinary-sanitary requirements to design and construction of facilities for production, processing and storage of products of animal origin.

1. The creation of more favorable conditions for storage of animals and production, in terms of veterinary-sanitary, quality and safety of products of animal origin shall be taken into account when designing and constructing livestock facilities, poultry farms, poultry factories, dairies, meat processing plants, fish farms and other facilities for production, processing and storage of products of animal origin, farm (farm) production, production cooperatives, joint stock companies, associations, organizations and personal subsidiary farms of the citizens. Veterinary rules shall be taken into consideration in the process of developing the design

standards for objects of veterinary inspection, resolving the issues concerning their location and establishment of veterinary-sanitary zones.

2. Provision of land for construction, approval of design standards and design documentation for construction, reconstruction of objects subject to control of veterinary-sanitary inspection as well as putting into operation of objects built and reconstructed shall be permitted only upon provision of veterinary-sanitary conclusions.

Article 25. Veterinary-sanitary Requirements to Keeping, Feeding and Watering of Animals, their Transportation or Driving

1. Feed, water and feed additives shall be safe for animal health and shall not contain animal growth-promoting stimulators, including hormonal and other substances harmful for animals, environment and human exceeding the maximum permissible level.
2. Veterinary-sanitary safety and (or) harmlessness standards for feed and feed additives and procedure of its certification shall be set by veterinary rules. Safety and (or) harmlessness standards for feed and feed additives shall not differ from relevant rules set by international standards and normative documents set by veterinary organizations the member of which is the Republic of Tajikistan.
3. Production and use of feed and feed additives for commercial purposes based on its intended purpose shall be permitted upon acquisition of a certificate issued by the authorized body.
4. Feed and feed additives not meeting veterinary-sanitary requirements (not certified) shall be removed from production and use based on the decision of the authorized body or shall be used, by its owners, in accordance with the veterinary-sanitary conclusion.
5. Transportation and movement of animals shall be permitted only upon acquisition of veterinary supporting documents, with compliance of veterinary-sanitary requirements set to prevent occurrence and spread of diseases, through the routes agreed with competent authority. Transportation and movement (export) of animals from the territories of regions and cities infected by animal diseases shall be prohibited.

Article 26. Veterinary-Sanitary Requirements to Carry out Slaughter of Animals, Production, Processing, Storage, Transportation, Marketing of Meat, Meat Products, Milk and Dairy Products, Fish, Eggs, Caviar and Raw Materials of Animal Origin.

1. Natural persons and legal entities engaged in slaughter of animals, production, processing, storage, transportation and marketing of meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, fish, eggs, caviar and raw materials of animal origin shall carry out their activity on the basis of the veterinary-sanitary certification of their working conditions;
2. Veterinary-sanitary certification of working conditions shall be performed by the authorized body.
3. Natural persons and legal entities - the owners or responsible persons of public catering facilities shall be responsible for ensuring veterinary-sanitary related conditions for storage, production, processing of meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, fish and fish products and eggs.

Article 27. Veterinary-Sanitary Requirements for Marketing of Animals, Products of Animal and Plant Origin in Trade Outlets

1. In the process of marketing the animals, products of animal and plant origin for the purpose of preventing the occurrence and spread of diseases common to animals and humans

4. Each animal shall, from the date of its birth, have individual personal passport, which will accompany it up to the moment of its death (slaughter), which shall be subsequently filed in an archive in a set manner. The following parameters identifying an animal shall be described in passport: its individual (personal) number, color, sex, date of birth, breed. Also, the passport shall indicate: name of an animal, last name, first name, patronymic or name of its owner, address of animal owner, date of transfer (sale) of an animal from one owner to another, numbers of act of sale and animal insurance act. All veterinary processing of the animals i.e. types of veterinary processing, date of performing reaction of an animal to processing, signature of veterinary specialist i.e. person by whom the processing had been carried out shall be indicated in passport.
5. Animal stamping shall allow determining its breed, place of birth as well as for carrying out control over transportation (movement) of animals by the state veterinary inspection bodies, its production and raw material, filling out tally sheets and reports.

CHAPTER 6. ENSURING PROTECTION FROM DANGEROUS ANIMAL DISEASES, FOOD POISONING COMMON TO ANIMALS AND HUMANS

Article 30. Liquidation of Epizootic Sources and Elimination of Threat of Occurrence and Spread of Infectious Animal Diseases

1. For the purpose of liquidation of epizootic sources of highly dangerous animal diseases and elimination of threat of occurrence and spread of these diseases, the introduction of quarantine, seizure of animals, conducting other veterinary-sanitary restrictive measures shall be possible in accordance with the decision of local executive government bodies on the basis of proposals and instructions of the authorized bodies.

Article 31. Obligations of Natural Persons, Legal Entities and Officers of the Authorized Body to Liquidate Epizootic Sources of Highly Dangerous Animal Diseases

1. Natural persons and legal entities are the owners of animals and products of animal origin for the purpose of liquidation of epizootic sources of infectious animal diseases that shall be responsible for the following:
 - Fulfill the requirements of this Law as well as of decrees, instructions and veterinary-sanitary conclusions of the state veterinary inspectors;
 - Carry out the established and additional veterinary-sanitary measures, including disinfection, desinsection and deratization;
 - Exterminate or transfer the animals having infectious diseases to industrial processing plants to be subject to special treatment.
2. The officers of the authorized body shall be responsible to take special anti-epizootic measures, provided for in this Law, to ensure the liquidation of epizootic sources of infectious diseases.

Article 32. Veterinary-Sanitary Examination of Products of Animal Origin

1. Meat, milk, eggs, fish, products of beekeeping and other products of animal origin shall be subject to veterinary-sanitary examination for the purpose of determining the quality, establishing veterinary-sanitary safety and appropriateness of these products as foodstuffs. Veterinary-sanitary examination of products of animal origin shall be carried out by laboratories of the authorized body. Such laboratories shall be responsible for quality and objectivity of the examination in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.
2. Products of animal origin, found to be dangerous as foodstuffs based on the results of veterinary-sanitary examination, shall, in accordance with the veterinary-sanitary conclusion, be subject to neutralization (decontamination) based on industrial conditions, and shall be subject to processing or destruction by the owners in order not to harm to humans, animals and the environment.
3. The marketing of foodstuffs of animal origin that were not subject to veterinary-sanitary examination shall be prohibited in accordance with established manner.

Article 33. Certification of Products of Animal Origin

Industrial products of animal origin, the good quality and veterinary-sanitary safety of which is established based on the results of veterinary-sanitary examination and certified in an appropriate manner, officially approved by veterinary-sanitary conclusion, shall be subject to certification in accordance with the procedure established by law.

Article 34. Interaction of Departmental Veterinary-Sanitary Agencies, Public Officers, Agencies of the Authorized Body, Sanitary-Epidemiological State Bodies and Emergency and Civil Defense Agencies

Departmental veterinary-sanitary bodies, public officers, agencies of the authorized body of the Republic of Tajikistan, the authorized body for sanitary-epidemiological inspection and emergency and civil defense agency shall, upon, within their competences, continuous

interaction related to organization and management of activities aimed at protection of the population from diseases and food poisoning common to animals and humans.

Article 35. Rights and Obligations of Natural Persons and Legal Entities when Carrying Out Diagnostics and Immunoprophylaxis

1. When carrying out activities of diagnostics and immunoprophylaxis natural persons and legal entities shall have the following rights:
 - To select government and non-government veterinary organizations or natural persons or legal entities carrying out entrepreneurial veterinary related activity;
 - To conduct the fee-based diagnostics and preventive vaccination measures against animal diseases included in the list of diseases, diagnostics and specific preventive measures of which is to be carried out at the expense of the state budget for all legal entities and natural persons.
2. In the process of conducting immunoprophylaxis natural persons and legal entities shall be responsible for meeting requirements of veterinary inspectors aimed at compulsory vaccination against animal diseases as necessitated by epizootic indications.
3. With regard to animals whose owners did not meet the requirements of veterinary inspectors to subject these animals to compulsory vaccination referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, their marketing, transportation or moving, slaughter and processing for meat and meat products, marketing (sale) of meat and meat products without fulfillment of veterinary-sanitary restrictions set by veterinary legislation shall not be permitted. Owners of the animals failing to meet this requirement, shall be liable in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.
4. When making animal insurance agreements insurance companies shall include the

Article 40. Veterinary Related Production Activity

1. Veterinary related production activity shall mean the activity aimed at production of drugs intended for diagnostics, preventive measures and treatment of animals, production of veterinary and veterinary-zootechnical items and veterinary equipment.
2. Management of production and purchased drugs intended for diagnostics, preventive measures and treatment of animals as well as production of veterinary and veterinary-zootechnical items and veterinary equipment shall be fulfilled in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 41. State Support of Veterinary Related Production Activity

For the purpose of ensuring the zootic welfare in the Republic of Tajikistan the state support of veterinary industry and production of drugs intended for diagnostics, preventive measures and treatment of animals shall be fulfilled within the framework of budget financing by attracting grants of international organizations and special funds rendering services.

CHAPTER 8. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 42. Settlement of Disputes Related to Veterinary Related Activity

Disputes arising from veterinary related activity shall be settled before the court in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 43. Liability for Violations of this Law

Natural persons and legal entities shall be liable for violations of this Law in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Article 44. Repeal of the Veterinary Law of the Republic of Tajikistan

The Veterinary Law of the Republic of Tajikistan of December 28 2003 (Akhbori Majlisi Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, 2003., No.12, article 701; 2005., No.12, article 632; 2007, No.7, article 688) shall cease to be effective.

Article 45. The manner of Entering Into Force of this Law

This Law shall enter into force upon its official publication.

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