

PUNJAB PROHIBITION OF COW SLAUGHTER ACT, 1955

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2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant Definitions. in the subject "beef" means flesh of cow in any form but (a) to include Calf or cow contained in sealed containers and imported into 11 Union Territory of Chandigarh] (h) beef-products include extraction from beef' includes a bull, bullock, ox, heifer (c) ' 'Cow or calf (d) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act (e) "slaughter" means killing by any method whatsoever and includes maiming and inflicting of physical injury which in the ordinary course will cause death (f) "Government " means the 2[Central Government ; and (g) "uneconomic cow" includes stray, unprotected, infirm, disabled, diseased or barren cow. 1956] 102 of 3. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or any usage or custom to the contrary, no person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered or offer or cause to be offered for slaughter any cow in any place in the Union Territory of Chandigarh] Provided that killing of a cow by accident or in self defence will not be considered as slaughter under the Act. 1 Substituted for the "Punjab" by the Punjab Reorganisation (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968. Scanned with OKEN Scanner 1956 : 1'b. Act xvj 381 SLAUGHTER 4. (1) Nothing in section 3 shall apply to the Exception. slaughter of a cow— (a) whose suffering is such as to render its destruction desirable according to the certificate of the Veterinary Officer of the area or such other Officer of the Animal Husbandry Department as may be prescribed ; or (b) which is suffering from any contagious or infectious disease notified as such by the Government or (c) which is subjected to experimentation in the interest of medical and public health research by a certified medical practitioner of the Animal Husbandry Department. (2) Where it is intended to slaughter a cow for the reasons specified in clause (a) or clause (b) of sub-section (1) it shall be incumbent for a person doing so to obtain the prior permission in writing of the Veterinary Officer of the area or such other Officer of the Animal Husbandry Department as may be prescribed

5. Except as herein excepted and notwithstanding Prohibition of sale anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, no person shall sell or offer for sale or cause to be sold beef or beef products in any form except for such medicinal purposes as may be prescribed

6. There shall be established by the Government Establishment of institutions. or by any local authority, when so directed by the Government, institutions for the reception, maintenance and care of uneconomic cows

7. The ILCentral Government] or the local authority, Levy of if so authorised, may levy such fees as may be prescribed of fees.for care and maintenance of uneconomic cows in the institution. 1Substituted for the words "State Goveemmenl " by the Punjab Reorganisa- tion (Chandigarh) (Adaptation of Laws on State and Concurrent Subjects) Order, 1968, Scanned with OKEN Scanner Penalty. 382 PROHIBITION OF COW SLAUGHTER [1956 Pb ct 8. (1) Wltocvor coni ravencs or at (enil)ts to con travcne or abets the contravention of (he provisions of section 3 or 5 shall bc guilty or an offence punishable term VNwhich extend to two years or with fine which may extend to one (2) Whoever tails (o lodge the information in the Inanner and within (hc tillie stated in sub-section (2) of section 4 shall be guilty of an offence punishable with sitnple itnprisonlnent for a term which may extend to one year or fine which niay extend to two hundred rupees or with both. (3) In any trial for an. offence punishable under Burden of proof. sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) the burden of proving that the slaughtered cow belonged to the class specified in clause (a) or (b) of sub-sec(ion (1) of section 4 shall be on the accused

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Offences to be cognisable and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, an offence punishable non•bailable.under sub-section (1) of section 8 shall be cognisable and non-bailable. IO. (1) The 1[Central Government] •may make rules Power to make Riles. for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act. (2) Without prejudice to (he generality of foregoing powers, such rules may provide for— (a) (he conditions and the circumstances under which cows may bé slaughtered under sub-section (1) of section 4 (h) the manner in which diseases shall be notified under sub-section (1) (b) of section 4 (c) (he nunner in which permission shall be obtained under sub-section (2) of section (d) the form and contents of the certificate JSubstituied for the svor(ts "State Govejument" by the Punjab Reorgani, sation (Chândigarh) (Adaptation of Law on State and Concurrent Subjects) Orde(- 1968. Scanned with OKEN Scanne 1956 Pb. Act X V] PROHIBITION OF COW SLAUGHTER 383 mentioned in sub-clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 4 and the authorities competent to grant it (e) the manner in which and conditions under which beef or beef products are to be sold under section 5 (f) the matters relating to the establishment, main- tenance, management, supervision and control of institutions referred to in sec- tion 6 (g) the duties of any officer or authority having jurisdiction under this Act, the procedure to be followed by such officer or autho- rity ; and (h) the matters which are to be and may be pres- cribed. Scanned with OKEN Scanner o: