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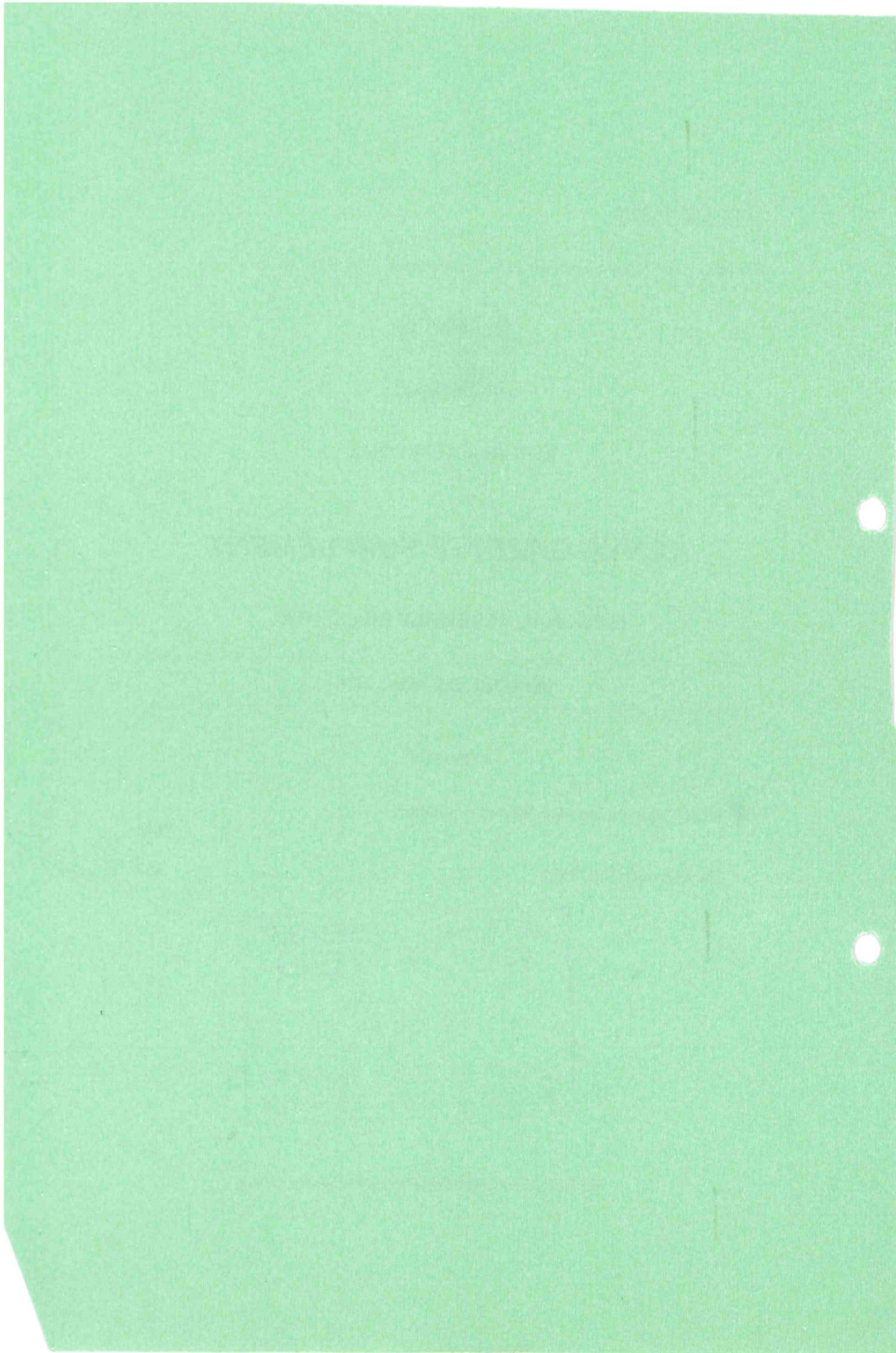
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THE LIVESTOCK BILL, 2026**A Bill for**

AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the development of the livestock sector; research and capacity building in the livestock sector; the establishment of livestock agencies and training agencies; and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Livestock Act, 2026. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
 - “animal” means any domestic or wild animal, and includes a bird, bee, fish or other aquatic animal;
 - “animal genetic resource” means animal species that is used or may be used for the production of food and agriculture, and the populations within each of them;
 - “animal science” includes the disciplines of animal production, range management or veterinary medicine;
 - “Authority” means the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority established under section 13;
 - “biological product” means a product derived from a living organism or a biotechnological process and is used to immunize animals or to prevent, diagnose or treat animal diseases;
 - “Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to livestock;
 - “Centre” means the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre established under section 54;
 - “companion animal” means an animal kept as a pet and includes a dog, cat or horse;
 - “compliance officer” means an officer appointed by the Authority in accordance with section 19(1) and includes a compliance officer appointed by a county government in accordance with Regulations made under this Act;
 - “Council” means the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council established under section 48;

“County Executive Committee Member” means the County Executive Committee Member for the time being responsible for livestock in a county;

“draught animal” means an animal used to draw a load and includes a camel, donkey, horse, mule or ox;

“emerging livestock” means non-traditional livestock consisting of animal species and includes quail, ostrich, guinea fowl and a farmed game animal or any other animal that the Cabinet Secretary may by notice in the Gazette declare as such;

“food safety” means the state of food of animal origin, intended for human or animal consumption, being free of biological, chemical or physical material harmful to health;

“inspector” means an officer appointed by the Authority in accordance with section 19(2) and includes an officer appointed by a county government as an inspector under regulations made pursuant to this Act;

“licence” means a licence issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act or regulations made thereunder;

“Institute” means the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Institute established under section 42;

“leather” means a hide or skin with or without hair or wool which still retains its original fibrous structure more or less intact, and which has been treated so as to be imputrescible even after exposure to water;

“Leather Authority” means the Kenya Leather Development Authority established under section 60;

“livestock” includes cattle, camel, sheep, goat, pig, poultry, lagomorphs, companion animals, draught animals, bees, any emerging livestock or any wild animal, bird or reptile in a state of captivity and includes their young ones;

“livestock agency” means the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority, the Kenya Livestock Research Organisation, the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Board, the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Institute, the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council, the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre or the Kenya Leather Development Authority established under this Act;

“livestock development” means action taken to enhance livestock productivity under this Act;

“livestock industry” means any activity that involves the production, processing, marketing or distribution of livestock and livestock products or services;

“livestock infrastructure” means structures and facilities serving the livestock economy and includes roads, holding grounds, water points, disease free zones, markets and livestock vehicles;

“livestock inputs” include farm machinery and equipment, feeds and feed supplements, water, land, labour, knowledge, fertiliser, veterinary medicines and vaccines;

“livestock product” means a carcass or any part of a carcass of livestock, and any product consisting of parts of, or derived from livestock, and includes hides and skins, wool, feather, meat, dairy products, poultry products, hive products and any other product from livestock that the Cabinet Secretary may by order in the Gazette, declare as such under section 114;

“livestock production” means the management and use of livestock resources to produce livestock for food, labour and raw material for industry;

“livestock resource” means the respective value chains contributing to specific livestock products;

“livestock sector” includes the meat industry, the dairy industry, the hides and skins, leather, wool and fur industry, the poultry industry, the pig industry, the apiculture industry, the camel industry, the small stock and any other livestock based value chain;

“Marketing Board” means the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Board established under section 35;

“media” means an environment conducive for the growth of microorganisms;

“Organisation” means the Kenya Livestock Research Organisation established under section 22;

“Principal Secretary” means the Principal Secretary in the State department responsible for livestock;

“processor” means a person who processes livestock products for value addition;

“producer” means a person who produces livestock products at primary level and excludes a processor;

“quality assurance” means the management processes focussed on ensuring that products and services meet set standards;

“rangeland” means a large unimproved or improved open land for keeping, rearing and grazing animals;

“service provider” means a person engaged in the provision of technical or support services to the livestock industry;

“strategic livestock feed reserve” means an animal feed of good quality whose availability in large quantities in the domestic market is important for food security and its reserve is established through either the provision of finance or the direct provision of the product;

“tsetse belt” means an area declared by the Council to be infested by tsetse; and

“value chain actor” means a person engaged in any activity required to bring livestock or livestock product to the final consumer as it passes through the different phases of production, processing and delivery.

3. The objects of this Act are to—

Objects of the Act.

- (a) co-ordinate the development of the sector;
 - (ab) regulate the unregulated industries in the sector;
- (b) provide mechanisms for the realization of the national food and nutrition security and food safety;
- (c) co-ordinate the provision of incentives to livestock farmers;
- (d) regulate the production, manufacturing and utilization of livestock inputs and livestock products;
- (e) facilitate market access of livestock, livestock inputs and products through the effective regulation and promotion of the value chains;

- (f) provide for the establishment of animal resource training institutions;
- (g) support a value chain approach to capacity building in the livestock sector;
- (h) provide for the establishment of livestock sector agencies for effective service delivery;
- (i) promote and lead research in the entire livestock sector;
- (j) set standards for livestock development;
- (k) facilitate intergovernmental relations in the livestock sector;
- (l) support interventions to mitigate disasters in the livestock sector; and
- (m) establish measures to enhance consumer protection and safety of foods of animal origin; and
- (n) guide livestock identification and traceability initiatives.

4. The guiding principles of this Act are—

Guiding principles.

- (a) effective, efficient and sustainable utilization of the livestock resource base to improve livelihoods, nutrition, food security and economic development;
- (b) promotion of an innovative, commercially oriented and modern livestock sector for global competitiveness through adoption of best practices;
- (c) sustenance of biodiversity and genetic diversity in livestock resources while ensuring sound environmental management for sustainability; and
- (d) returns on investment to livestock producers and commercial focus for livestock enterprise.

5. (1) This Act shall apply to—

Application.

- (a) livestock;
- (b) livestock inputs and livestock products;

- (c) the delivery of services within the livestock sector; and
- (d) value chain actors in the livestock sector.
- (2) This Act shall not apply to—
 - (a) the regulation of veterinary practice including veterinary medicines; and
 - (b) the regulation of the dairy industry regulated under the Dairy Industry Act.

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PART II: LIVESTOCK SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

6. (1) Subject to Article 186 of the Constitution and the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution, the roles of the national government and the county governments with regard to the livestock sector shall be as set out in the First Schedule.

Roles of the national government in the livestock sector.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Cabinet Secretary, shall lead the Principal Secretary and the technical departments, including veterinary services; livestock production and marketing; livestock policy research and regulations among other to facilitate the development of the sector through—

- (a) the provision of affordable and safe inputs in the livestock sector;
- (b) the establishment of strategic livestock feed reserves;
- (c) facilitating market access to livestock and livestock products;
- (d) ensuring product integrity of livestock products;
- (e) building the capacity of farmer associations, value chain actors and livestock-based cooperatives;
- (f) the development and implementation of national breeding and conservation programmes that are sustainable and environmental friendly for locally adapted livestock breeds;
- (g) developing and continuously updating livestock data repository for research and policy formulation;

- (h) developing strategies, plans and programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of rangeland resources;
- (i) establishing mechanisms for accessing, harvesting and storing water for livestock;
- (j) identification of research agenda, co-ordination and strengthening of livestock research;
- (k) developing strategies for the sustainable use of livestock holding grounds, animal genetics conservation farms and other livestock farms and facilities;
- (l) establishing mechanisms for the collection, processing and dissemination of livestock data including conducting surveys and census;
- (m) establishing programmes for the uptake of livestock insurance;
- (n) establishing mechanisms for the stabilization of the prices of livestock and livestock products;
- (o) carrying out emergency preparedness and disaster mitigation in the livestock sector;
- (p) supporting measures on safety of food of animal origin;
- (q) control and eradication of livestock diseases and pests;
- (r) protection of animals and their welfare;
- (s) set standards for livestock infrastructure including design and construction of livestock structures; and
- (t) monitor the utilization of imported and local animal genetic resources intended for breed improvement.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary, county executive committee member responsible for livestock and county chief officer responsible for livestock may —

- (a) mobilize resources and provide incentives including grants to farmer associations and value chain actors;

- (b) link small scale livestock farmers with off takers, postharvest storage providers, processors, livestock farmer associations and small and medium enterprises;
- (c) encourage registration of livestock farmers; and
- (d) establish mechanisms for engaging and supporting the private sector within the livestock sector, as appropriate.

7. Every county executive committee member responsible for livestock, county chief officer responsible for livestock and relevant technical departments in a county shall—

Roles of county governments.

- (a) provide livestock extension services along the entire livestock value chain;
- (b) facilitate access to affordable credit and livestock insurance;
- (c) in collaboration with the national government, enforce standards and regulations on livestock inputs and livestock products;
- (d) implement standards on pasture, water management and conservation of natural resources;
- (e) construct markets and value addition infrastructure for livestock and livestock products;
- (f) monitor compliance with standards on the design and construction of animal structures within the county;
- (g) collect and collate county specific livestock data and submit the data to the national government; and
- (h) in collaboration with the national government, put in place emergency measures to mitigate disasters affecting livestock.

8. There is established a Fund to be known as the Livestock Sector Transformation Fund.

Establishment of Livestock Sector Transformation Fund.
Object of the Fund.

9. The objects of the Fund shall be to—

- (a) facilitate the implementation of strategic programmes and the mitigating disasters in the livestock sector;
- (b) stabilise the prices of livestock products;
- (c) facilitate value addition, agro-processing, livestock trade financing and resilience building in the livestock sector ;and
- (d) support the development and improvement livestock sector value chains in the country.

10. (1) The Fund shall consist of—

Sources of Fund.

- (a) monies appropriated by the National Assembly;
- (b) monies paid as levies, licence fees and commissions under this Act;
- (c) monies received by the Fund as grants, donations or gifts;
- (d) income generated by investments made by the Fund;
- (e) interest accruing to the Fund;
- (f) any other funds from lawful sources approved by the National Treasury.

11. The administrator of the Fund shall be the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock.

Administration of the Fund.

12. Subject to the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012, the Cabinet Secretary may, by regulations, provide for operationalization of the Fund and anything incidental to or connected therewith.

Operationalization of the Fund.

PART III—THE LIVESTOCK INPUTS AND PRODUCTS REGULATORY AUTHORITY

13. (1) There is established an authority to be known as the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority.

Establishment of the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority.

(2) The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall in its corporate name be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) doing or performing all such other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act or any written law, which may be lawfully done by a body corporate.

(3) The Authority shall be the successor to the National Livestock Development and Promotion Service established under the National Livestock Development and Promotion Service Order and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act.

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(4) The headquarters of the Authority shall be in Nairobi.

14. (1) The management of the Authority shall vest in a board which shall comprise—

Composition of the board of the Authority.

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to livestock or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Director of Veterinary Services;
- (d) the Director of Livestock Production;
- (e) one county executive committee member responsible for matters relating to livestock nominated by the Council of Governors;
- (f) three professionals with knowledge and experience in animal science, not being public officers nominated by professional associations in the livestock sector;
- (g) one person, being a livestock producer, nominated by a livestock farmers' Organisation; and
- (h) the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

(2) In appointing members of the board under this section, the appointing authority shall observe the

principles of gender and regional balance, diversity of the livestock sector and have due regard to the principle of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall, by notice in the Gazette, appoint the members under subsection (1) (e), (f) and (g).

(4) The chairperson and the members appointed under subsection (1) (e), (f) and (g) shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

15. (1) A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the board of the Authority if the person —

Qualifications for appointment to the Board of the Authority.

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in a livestock related field from a university recognized in Kenya; and
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience in matters relating to livestock.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as a member of the board under section 14(1) (f) if the person —

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya; and
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience in animal sciences.

16. (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Authority who shall be appointed by the board of the Authority through a competitive recruitment process.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority.

(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority if the person —

- (a) is a Kenyan citizen;
- (b) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences or an equivalent qualification from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) holds a master's degree in a relevant field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (d) has at least ten years' professional experience in the livestock sector, five of which shall be in a senior management position; and

- (e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority shall be an ex-officio member of the board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the board.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

17. (1) The functions of the Authority shall be to—

Functions of the
Authority.

- (a) regulate the processing, manufacture, importation, exportation and distribution for sale of animal feedstuff;
- (b) regulate the utilization of imported and local animal genetic resources intended for breed improvement;
- (c) regulate imported and locally manufactured equipment used in the livestock sector;
- (d) regulate production inputs, processing equipment and hive productions;
- (e) maintain a national database for livestock value chain actors including breeders, breeder associations, animal feeds dealers, beekeepers and other livestock input and livestock products service providers;
- (f) collaborate with other government agencies in the enforcement of standards through inspections;
- (g) license dealers in livestock inputs and livestock products;
- (h) regulate inputs and products for unregulated livestock industries including poultry, apiculture and pigs; and
- (i) perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by any other written law.

(2) The functions of the Authority under subsection (1) shall be performed in collaboration with the county governments.

18. (1) The board shall have all the powers necessary for the performance of the functions of the Authority.

Powers of the board of the Authority.

(2) Despite the generality of subsection (1), the board may—

- (a) establish such units as it deems necessary for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Part;
- (b) establish such facilities and systems in furtherance of the functions of the Authority;
- (c) compel the production of any information required for the performance of its functions;
- (d) open such banking accounts or special accounts as it may consider necessary;
- (e) borrow money, mortgage or charge any of its assets with the consent of the Cabinet Secretary;
- (f) invest its money in approved securities or other income generating activities as the Cabinet Secretary responsible for finance may approve;
- (g) establish special reserves as it considers necessary or expedient for any purpose contemplated by this Part;
- (h) hire staff as appropriate for the better carrying out of its functions;
- (i) manage and utilize the resources of the Authority in accordance with the provisions of this Act and in a manner, which in the opinion of the board, promote the best interests of the livestock sector; and
- (j) ensure effective communication with stakeholders.

19. (1) The Authority may, by notice in the *Gazette*, appoint duly qualified persons, whether by name or by office, to be compliance officers of the Authority, for such jurisdictional units as may be specified in the notice of appointment.

Appointment of livestock inputs and products inspectors.

(2) Each County Government shall nominate a duly qualified person to be appointed as an inspector by the Authority for purposes of subsection (1).

(3) The functions of a compliance officer and an inspector shall be to—

- (a) monitor compliance with this Act and Regulations made thereunder; and
- (b) undertake inspections and submit reports thereof to the Authority.

(4) Each compliance officer and inspector appointed under this section shall be issued with an identification certificate in the prescribed form, attesting to the appointment and, on entering any place, the compliance officer or inspector shall produce the identification certificate to the person in charge of that place.

20. (1) A compliance officer and an inspector may, at any hour reasonable for the proper performance of his or her duty—

Powers of
compliance officers
and inspectors.

- (a) enter any premises where he or she believes any article to which this Act applies is prepared, preserved, packaged, stored or conveyed, examine any such article and take samples thereof, and examine anything that he or she believes is used or capable of being used for such preparation, preservation, packaging, storing or conveying;
- (b) open and examine any receptacle or package which he or she believes contains any article to which this Act applies;
- (c) examine any books, documents, or other records found in any place mentioned in paragraph (a) that he or she believes contain any information relevant to the enforcement of this Act with respect to any article to which this Act applies and make copies thereof or take extracts therefrom;
- (d) direct that any part of premises which he or he has power to enter, or anything in such premises, shall be left undisturbed for so long as is reasonably necessary for the purpose of any test or inspection; or
- (e) seize and detain for such time as may be necessary any article in relation to which he or she believes any provision of this Act has been contravened.

(2) Where the place referred to in subsection (1)(a) is a dwelling-house, the compliance officer or inspector may

not enter that dwelling-house without the consent of the occupant except under the authority of a warrant issued by a magistrate or a judge.

(3) The owner or a person in charge of any place which is to be inspected or a person found at that place shall accord the compliance officer or inspector all reasonable assistance to enable the compliance officer or inspector to carry out the necessary duties under this Act and shall furnish the compliance officer or inspector with any information that may reasonably be required with respect to the performance of the inspector's functions.

(4) The compliance officer or inspector may, for the purpose of verifying compliance or preventing non-compliance with this Act, order a person to provide, on such date, time, place and manner specified by the inspector, any document, information or sample specified by the inspector.

(5) The compliance officer or inspector may submit any article seized by him or any sample taken by him or her to a designated laboratory for analysis.

(6) A person who —

- (a) hinders or obstructs a compliance officer or an inspector in the exercise of his or her duties under this Act;
- (b) fails to comply with a lawful order made by an inspector in accordance with this Act;
- (c) refuses entry to a compliance officer or an inspector upon any land or into any premises or vessel which the compliance officer or inspector is empowered to enter under this Act;
- (d) impersonates compliance officer or an inspector;
- (e) refuses access to a compliance officer or an inspector to records or documents kept pursuant to the provisions of this Act;
- (f) misleads or gives wrongful information to compliance officer or an inspector under this Act;
- (g) removes, alters or interferes in any way with articles seized under this Act without the authority of a compliance officer or an inspector,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both.

21. (1) The Authority may, by notice in the *Gazette*, designate laboratories for respective tests.

Designation of laboratories.

(2) Where samples are submitted to a designated laboratory for analysis, the analyst shall as soon as practicable analyse the sample and issue a certificate of analysis specifying the result of the analysis.

(3) A certificate of analysis issued under this Act shall be in the prescribed form.

(4) Where any method is prescribed for the analysis of any article to which this Act applies, the analyst shall in the certificate of analysis declare that he has followed the prescribed method.

(5) A person who causes or permits any copy of a certificate of analysis obtained under this Act to be used in any advertisement commits an offence.

PART IV — THE KENYA LIVESTOCK RESEARCH ORGANISATION

22. (1) There is established an Organisation to be known as the Kenya Livestock Research Organisation.

Establishment of the Kenya Livestock Research Organisation.

(2) The Organisation shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) doing or performing all other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act or any written law, which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

(3) The headquarters of the Organisation shall be in Nairobi.

23. (1) The management of the Organisation shall vest in a board which shall consist of—

Board of the
Organisation.

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to livestock or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary for the time being responsible for finance or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the Secretary to the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) the Director of Livestock Policy and Research or a representative appointed in writing;
- (f) four persons appointed by the Cabinet Secretary as follows—
 - (i) one person who represents the interest of livestock farmers nominated by a registered farmer organisation;
 - (ii) one person who represents the interest of universities that conduct livestock training;
 - (iii) two persons who represent the private sector in the livestock sector nominated by a national organisation representing livestock value chain actors; and
- (g) the Director General.

(2) In appointing members of the board under this section, the appointing authority shall observe the principles of gender and regional balance and have due regard to the principle of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall, by notice in the *Gazette*, appoint the members under subsection (1) (f).

(4) The chairperson and the members appointed under subsection (1) (f), shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

24. The chairperson and members appointed under section 23 (1) (f) shall—

Qualifications of Chairperson and members of the board of the Organisation.

- (a) hold a master's degree in a livestock related field; and
- (b) have ten years professional experience in matters relating to livestock.

25. The functions of the Organisation shall be to —

Functions of the Organisation.

- (a) conduct and co-ordinate livestock research in line with relevant policies;
- (b) advise on, and develop appropriate systems to promote balanced, diversified and sustainable livestock development through adaptive and investigative research;
- (c) develop improved livestock production technologies and establish adequate feedback systems;
- (d) organize, design and carry out on-station and on-farm research in accordance with relevant policies and such research priorities as may be determined by the board;
- (e) address, through research, identified constraints in livestock production and the processing, marketing and utilization of livestock input and products;
- (f) conduct research on livestock diseases and pests to ensure control of emerging and re-emerging disease pathogens;
- (g) conduct research based on the national livestock research agenda;
- (h) lead research on safety of foods of animal origin;
- (i) collaborate with the extension and education services and other Organisations and institutions including schools, technical institutions and universities, public or private, to disseminate research results and technologies;
- (j) collaborate with regional and international livestock research institutions to ensure the

introduction, evaluation and use of improved technology of potential benefit to the country;

- (k) in association with stakeholders, conduct annual reviews of research results and modify research programmes as appropriate;
- (l) promote and conduct demand-driven participatory research, planning and priority setting; and
- (m) perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by any other written law.

26. The functions of the board of the Organisation shall be to—

Functions of the board of the Organisation.

- (a) advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters of policy relating to livestock research;
- (b) oversee the co-ordination of the operations of the Organisation;
- (c) ensure that the activities of the Organisation are consistent with the policy and objectives of the Government, and the national priorities relating to livestock and livestock research;
- (d) approve, oversee and evaluate on a continuing basis the programmes being implemented by the Organisation;
- (e) direct strategic research and policy and prioritise the research agenda;
- (f) develop an economical, efficient and cost-effective internal management structure;
- (g) approve strategic plans and annual plans of the Organisation; and
- (h) perform such other functions as may be necessary for the execution of the functions of the Organisation under this Act.

27. The Board of the Organisation shall have the powers necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act and subject to the provisions of this Act, the board shall have the power to—

Powers of the board of the Organisation.

- (a) protect, manage, control and administer the assets of the Organisation in such manner and for such

purposes as best promotes the purpose for which the Organisation is established;

- (b) receive gifts, grants, donations or endowments made to the Organisation and make disbursement therefrom;
- (c) establish specialized livestock research institutes;
- (d) open such bank accounts as may be necessary for the funds of the Organisation, into which all moneys received by the Organisation shall be paid in the first instance and out of which all payments made by the Organisation shall be made;
- (e) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for the reserves of the Organisation;
- (f) award researchers for innovations, discoveries and improvements which have significant social-economic impact; and
- (g) subject to the approval of the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance, invest any of the Organisation's funds not immediately required for the purposes of this Act, as it may determine.

28. (1) There shall be a Director-General of the Organisation who shall be competitively recruited by the Board.

The Director-General of the Organisation.

(2) The Director-General shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Organisation and shall be appointed on such terms and conditions of service as the board shall, with approval of the Cabinet Secretary and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

(3) The Director-General shall be an ex officio member of the board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the board.

(4) A person qualifies for appointment as the Director-General of the Organisation if the person —

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from a university recognized in Kenya;

- (c) holds a doctorate degree in a livestock related field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (d) has at least fifteen years' experience in matters relating to research, five of which shall be at senior management level;
- (e) has published at least ten scientific papers in reputable peer reviewed journals; and
- (f) meets the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution.

(5) The Director-General shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

29. (1) The research institutes set out in the Second Schedule which were established under the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation Act shall continue to operate as if they had been established under this Act.

Research institutes.
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(2) The Cabinet Secretary may, on the recommendation of the Board of the Organisation, by notice in the *Gazette*, establish such other research institutes as the Cabinet Secretary may consider necessary for the performance of the Organisation's functions under this Act.

(3) Each research institute may establish such centres as it may consider necessary for the performance of the Organisation's functions under this Act.

30. (1) Each research institute shall be semi-autonomous in its operations, implementation of its programmes and the allocation and management of its resources.

Operations of
research institutes.

(2) The annual programmes and budget of a research institute shall be as approved by the board.

(3) The board may request a research institute advisory committee appointed under this Act or any other person or body as the board considers appropriate to manage on behalf of the Organisation the property of the research institute.

31. (1) The management of a research institute shall vest in a research institute advisory committee, which shall be headed by the director of the relevant institute, constituted by the Board for each research institute established under section 30.

Research institute advisory committees.

(2) The board shall competitively recruit and appoint such number of persons with such knowledge and experience as it shall consider necessary for the performance of the functions of the advisory committee.

(3) The members of the research institute advisory committee shall be appointed on such terms and conditions as the board with approval of the Cabinet Secretary shall consider appropriate.

(4) The board may co-opt into the membership of a research institute advisory committee, such other persons whose knowledge and skills are necessary for the performance of the functions of the committee.

32. The functions of a research institute advisory committee shall be to oversee the management of the research institute and shall—

Functions of a research institute advisory committee.

- (a) make recommendations to the board on strategic and policy issues related to agricultural research and research programme infrastructure;
- (b) oversee the implementation of policies and programmes of the research institute and recommendations of the programme review committee;
- (c) report to the board on the status of programmes and projects undertaken by the research institute and make recommendations on the improvements that may be undertaken;
- (d) make recommendations to the board on mechanisms for partnering and integrating basic and translational research programmes and for the adoption of research findings within the livestock sector;
- (e) evaluate and make recommendations to the board on areas of strategic investment and collaborations with other research institutes, research centres,

organisations or individuals undertaking livestock research;

- (f) review annually, the operations, administrative organisation and budgets of the research institute in relation to the programmes and initiatives undertaken by the research institute;
- (g) provide a forum for feedback through which individuals undertaking research can submit their proposals and recommendations to the research institute; and
- (h) perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the board.

33. (1) There shall be appointed a Director for each research institute.

Appointment of
research institute
directors.

(2) The Director of a research institute shall —

- (a) be competitively recruited and appointed by the board;
- (b) be appointed on such terms and conditions of service as the board shall, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine;
- (c) hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years; and
- (d) be responsible to the Director- General for all the activities of the research institute.

(3) A person qualifies for appointment as a director of a research institute if that person —

- (a) is a Kenyan citizen;
- (b) holds a bachelor's degree in animal science;
- (c) holds a doctorate degree in a relevant field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (d) has at least ten years' professional experience, five of which shall be in a senior management position;
- (e) has published at least five scientific papers in reputable peer reviewed journals; and

- (f) meets the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution.

34. The Organisation shall collaborate with the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation and shall, in relation to the Commission, be responsible for research in the livestock sector.

Collaboration with the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation.

PART V—THE LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS MARKETING BOARD

35. (1) There is established a board to be known as the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Board.

Establishment of the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Board.

(2) The Marketing Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) doing or performing all other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act, which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

(3) The headquarters of the Marketing Board shall be in Nairobi.

36. (1) The Marketing Board shall comprise—

Composition of the Marketing Board.

- (a) a chairperson, appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary in the state department responsible for livestock or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary in the state department responsible for finance or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the Director of Livestock Production;
- (e) one County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to livestock nominated by the Council of Governors;

- (f) one person to represent livestock marketers, traders and marketing or trading associations;
- (g) two persons representing livestock producers and livestock-based cooperatives from two different livestock value chains;
- (h) two persons representing livestock processors from two different value chains; and
- (i) the Chief Executive Officer.

(2) In nominating members of the Marketing Board for appointment under this section, the nominating authorities shall take into account the principles of gender equity, regional balance, and have due regard to the principle of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary shall, by notice in the *Gazette*, appoint the members under subsection (1) (e), (f), (g) and (h).

(4) The chairperson and the members appointed under subsection (1) (e), (f), (g) and (h) shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

37. A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the Marketing Board if the person —

Qualifications for appointment to the Marketing Board.

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree from a university recognized in Kenya; and
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience in the livestock sector of which —
 - (i) at least five shall have been in Kenya; and
 - (ii) more than five years shall have been in the private sector as part of at least one livestock producer, marketer, trader or processor.

38. The functions of the Marketing Board shall be to —

Functions of the Marketing Board.

- (a) advise the National and County governments on marketing needs of livestock and livestock products;

- (b) establish and implement standards and quality assurance, including industry standards for exports, and prescribe and apply certifications in respect of livestock husbandry practices, and comply with international best practices in respect of meat testing standards;
- (c) collaborate with relevant government agencies to support compliance with quarantine and disease control procedures and implement disease-prevention measures and disease-free zones;
- (d) collaborate with relevant government agencies to promote trade and the branding of meat produced in Kenya including by participating in international and domestic trade fairs and supporting agreements in respect of access to new markets;
- (e) support the establishment and deployment of a livestock identification and traceability system;
- (f) provide market intelligence relating to the sector including by participating in national data collection and analysis platforms linked to a livestock identification and traceability system and other sources;
- (g) collaborate with banking and financial institutions to support export financing and sector financing including by helping to mobilise an export financing facility;
- (h) support rehabilitation of and investments in shared enabling infrastructure including livestock export processing zones, port facilities and cold storage facilities; and
- (i) support partnerships with county governments including through public private partnerships and direct investments in infrastructure to support livestock development.

39. The Marketing Board shall have all the powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act and in particular, but despite the generality of the foregoing, the Marketing Board shall have the power to—

Powers of the
Marketing Board.

- (a) manage, control and administer its assets in such a manner and for such purpose as best promotes the purpose for which the Marketing Board is established;
- (b) open such bank accounts for its funds as may be necessary;
- (c) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure and for the activities of the Marketing Board;
- (d) raise funds for its operations through the imposition of fees as may be approved by the Board or from development partners as may be approved by the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to finance;
- (e) subject to approval of the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance, invest any of the funds of the Marketing Board not immediately required for the purposes of this Act, as it may determine;
- (f) receive gifts, grants, donations or endowments made to the Marketing Board and make disbursements therefrom; and
- (g) enter into association with such other bodies or Organisations within or outside Kenya as it may consider appropriate and in furtherance of the purposes for which the Marketing Board is established.

40. (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Marketing Board who shall be competitively recruited by the Board.

The Chief
Executive Officer of
the Marketing
Board.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer shall be appointed on such terms and conditions of service as the Board shall determine.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer shall be an *ex officio* member of the board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the board.

(4) A person qualifies for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Marketing Board if that person —

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) holds a master's degree in a livestock related field, marketing, business or any other relevant field;
- (d) has at least ten years' experience in the livestock sector preferably with a marketing bias, five of which must have been at a senior management position; and
- (e) meets the requirements of chapter six of the Constitution.

(5) The Chief Executive Officer shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

41. (1) The Marketing Board shall publish and publicize all important information within its mandate affecting the livestock sector.

Information management.

(2) Any person may request for information from the Marketing Board and such request for information—

- (a) shall be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer;
- (b) may be subject to the payment of the prescribed fee; and
- (c) may be subject to confidentiality requirements of the Marketing Board.

PART VI—THE KENYA VETERINARY VACCINES INSTITUTE

42. (1) There is established an institute to be known as the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Institute.

Establishment of the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Institute.

(2) The Institute shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of movable and immovable property;

- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) doing or performing all such other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act, which may be lawfully done by a body corporate.

(3) The Institute shall be the successor to the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute established in accordance with the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute Order and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act.

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(4) The headquarters of the Institute shall be in Nairobi.

43. (1) The management of the Institute shall be vested in a board which shall consist of—

Composition of the board of the Institute.

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for livestock or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to finance or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the Director of Veterinary Services or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) the Director General of the Kenya Livestock Research Organisation or a representative designated in writing;
- (f) one County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to livestock nominated by the Council of Governors;
- (g) one person nominated by a livestock vaccine distribution value chain Organisation;
- (h) one person nominated by a livestock breeders' association;
- (i) one person being a livestock farmer nominated by a livestock farmers' Organisation; and
- (j) the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute.

(2) In appointing the chairperson or members of the board under subsection (1) (a), (f), (g), (h) and (i), the appointing authority shall adhere to the principles of gender, regional and ethnic balance, and shall have due regard to the principle of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

44. (1) A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the board of the Institute if that person—

Qualifications for appointment to the board of the Institute.

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience in matters relating to livestock; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as a member of the board of the Institute under section 43 (1) (g) if that person—

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least five years' professional experience in matters related to vaccines and their use; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

45. (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Institute who shall be appointed by the board through a competitive recruitment process.

Chief Executive Officer of the Institute.

(2) A person shall be qualified for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute if the person—

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) holds a master's degree in a relevant field;
- (c) has at least ten years' professional experience five of which should be at a senior management position; and
- (d) satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Institute shall be an ex-officio member of the board and shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the board.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Institute shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

46. The functions of the Institute shall be to—

Functions of the
Institute.

- (a) produce safe, efficacious and affordable veterinary vaccines;
- (b) manufacture, market and distribute veterinary vaccines, locally, regionally and internationally;
- (c) undertake research, either alone or in collaboration with relevant research institutions, on new innovations in veterinary vaccines production;
- (d) develop and produce chemicals, media, reagents and biological products for use in the production of vaccines;
- (e) maintain a strategic vaccines reserve for the country;
- (f) serve as the custodian of master seeds for veterinary vaccines production in the country;
- (g) advise the Cabinet Secretary on all matters relating to veterinary vaccines; and
- (h) perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by any other written law.

47. The board of the Institute shall have all the powers necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act and subject to the provisions of this Act, the board shall have the power to—

Powers of the board
of the Institute.

- (a) enter into association with such other bodies or Organisations within or outside Kenya, as the board may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purposes for which the Institute is established;
- (b) appoint the chief executive officer and the senior management staff of the Institute in accordance with the existing government procedures;

- (c) source for funds for the Institute;
- (d) oversee the management, control and administration of land and assets of the Institute in such manner and for such purposes as best promotes the purpose for which the Institute is established;
- (e) establish administrative units for the Institute;
- (f) request, in writing, any person to furnish the Institute with such information or produce such documents or records as they may consider necessary for the performance of the functions of the Institute;
- (g) receive gifts, grants, donations or endowments made to the Institute and make disbursement therefrom;
- (h) open such bank accounts as may be necessary for the management of the funds of the Institute into which all moneys received by the Institute shall be paid in the first instance and out of which all payments made by the Institute shall be made;
- (i) invest any funds of the Institute not immediately required for its purposes; and
- (j) ensure effective communication with stakeholders.

PART VII—THE KENYA TSETSE AND TRYPANOSOMIASIS ERADICATION COUNCIL

48. (1) There is established a council to be known as the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council.

Establishment of the
Kenya Tsetse and
Trypanosomiasis
Eradication
Council.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and

- (d) performing all other functions for the proper performance of its functions under this Act or any written law, as may lawfully be done by a body corporate.

(3) The Council shall be the successor to the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council established in accordance with the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council Order, 2012 and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act.

(4) The headquarters of the Council shall be in Nairobi.

49. (1) The Council shall consist of —

Composition of the Council.

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary responsible for finance or a representative designated in writing;
- (d) the Director of Veterinary Services or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) the Director-General of the Kenya Wildlife Service or a representative designated in writing;
- (f) the Director-General for health or a representative designated in writing;
- (g) one County Executive Committee Member responsible for livestock from Tsetse infested counties, nominated by the Council of Governors;
- (h) one person nominated by an association representing the private sector Organisations involved in tsetse control;
- (i) one person being a livestock producer nominated by an association representing livestock producing communities in trypanosomiasis endemic areas; and
- (j) the Chief Executive Officer of the Council.

(2) The appointing authority shall, in appointing the members of the Council —

- (a) observe the principles of gender and regional balance, and shall have due regard to the principle of equal opportunities for persons with disabilities; and
- (b) ensure that the members of the Council are appointed at different times so that the respective expiry dates of their terms of office shall fall at different times.

(3) The chairperson and a member contemplated under subsection (1) (g), (h) or (i) shall be appointed by notice in the Gazette.

(4) The chairperson and the members appointed under subsection (1) (g), (h) and (i) shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

50. (1) A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the Council if that person—

Qualifications for appointment to the Council.

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience in matters relating to livestock; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as member of the Council under section 49 (1) (h) if that person —

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience in matters relating to tsetse control; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) A person qualifies for appointment as member of the Board under section 49 (1) (i) if that person —

- (a) is a livestock farmer within a tsetse belt;

- (b) holds a bachelor's degree; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter six of the Constitution.

51. The functions of the Council shall be to—

Functions of the
Council.

- (a) be the lead agency in tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication in Kenya;
- (b) enforce standards for tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication;
- (c) determine and advise the Cabinet Secretary on national policies, goals, priorities and strategies for tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication;
- (d) in consultation with the County Executive Committee Members responsible for livestock and other relevant bodies, co-ordinate and plan tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication programmes;
- (e) promote collaboration among stakeholders on tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication;
- (f) negotiate, source and mobilize resources for the eradication of tsetse and trypanosomiasis;
- (g) establish and maintain appropriate tsetse and trypanosomiasis knowledge, information and communication system and data base based on contemporary science and technology;
- (h) co-ordinate, guide and facilitate research and use of science and technology in the eradication of tsetse and trypanosomiasis;
- (i) develop a co-ordinated and efficient system-wide framework for planning, development and management of resources available for tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication activities;
- (j) facilitate the rehabilitation of areas that were previously infested by tsetse through sustainable land use planning and management;
- (k) promote public and private sector partnership for sustainable tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication;
- (l) in collaboration with county governments and other stakeholders, provide advisory and technical

services to community groups, individual farmers and institutions on the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication programmes; and

- (m) perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by any other written law.

52. In performing the functions set out under section 51, the Council shall have the power to—

Powers of the Council.

- (a) enter into association with such other bodies or Organisations within or outside Kenya, as the Council may consider desirable or appropriate and in furtherance of the purposes for which the Council is established;
- (b) ensure effective communication with stakeholders; and
- (c) declare an area to be within the tsetse belt or declare an area to no longer be within the tsetse belt.

53. (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Council who shall be appointed by the Council through a competitive recruitment process.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Council.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Council if the person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences or biological sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) holds a master's degree in a relevant field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (d) has ten years' professional experience, five of which shall be at a senior management level; and
- (e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Council shall hold office on such terms and conditions of employment as the Council may, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Council shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Council and shall have no right to vote.

(5) The Chief Executive Officer of the Council shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

PART VIII—THE KENYA ANIMAL GENETIC RESOURCES CENTRE

54. (1) There is established an institution to be known as the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre.

Establishment of the
Kenya Animal
Genetic Resources
Centre.

(2) The Centre shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall in its corporate name be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) entering into contracts;
- (c) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing movable and immovable property; and
- (d) doing or performing all such other things or acts for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act or any written law, as may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

(3) The Centre shall be the successor to the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre established in accordance with the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre Order, 2011 and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act.

(4) The headquarters of the Centre shall be in Nairobi.

55. (1) The management of the Centre shall vest in a board which shall consist of —

Composition of the
board of the Centre.

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock or a representative designated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary responsible for finance or a representative designated in writing;

- (d) the Director of Veterinary Services or a representative designated in writing;
- (e) one County Executive Committee Member responsible for livestock nominated by the Council of Governors;
- (f) four persons appointed by the Cabinet Secretary not being public officers comprising —
 - (i) one breeding expert nominated by a professional association;
 - (ii) two representatives of livestock farmers nominated by a livestock farmers' Organisation;
 - (iii) one artificial insemination practitioner nominated by an association representing artificial insemination practitioners; and
- (g) the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre.

(2) The chairperson and the members appointed under subsection (1) (e) and (f) shall serve for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years.

56. A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the Board of the Centre if that person—

Qualifications for appointment as the chairperson of the Centre.

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' professional experience; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

57. The functions of the Centre shall be to —

Functions of the Centre.

- (a) in collaboration with county governments and other institutions, undertake conservation of animal genetic resources;
- (b) establish and manage an animal genetic resources gene bank;
- (c) produce and distribute germplasm;
- (d) serve as a reference laboratory for genotyping and testing of semen, embryos and related animal germplasm;

- (e) in collaboration with other institutions, research on, develop, adopt and promote reproductive technologies for animal reproduction;
- (f) in collaboration with breed societies, individual farmers and breeding institutions, develop and implement animal breeding programmes;
- (g) undertake characterization, take inventory of and monitor trends and associated risks of animal genetic resources;
- (h) in collaboration with county governments and other institutions, establish and manage satellite centres for various livestock breeds; and
- (i) perform such other functions as may be conferred on it by any other written law.

58. The board of the Centre shall have powers to —

Powers of the board
of the Centre.

- (a) set and oversee the overall strategy of the Centre;
- (b) approve policies of the Centre;
- (c) ensure that the strategy is aligned with the purpose of the Centre and the legitimate interests and expectations of its stakeholders;
- (d) administer assets and funds of the Centre in such manner and for such purposes as shall promote the purpose for which the Centre is established;
- (e) receive gifts donations, grants or other monies and equipment on behalf of the Centre and make legitimate disbursement therefrom;
- (f) enter into association with other persons, bodies or organisations within or outside Kenya as the board may consider appropriate and in furtherance of the purpose for which the Centre is established;
- (g) apply for and hold intellectual property rights and enter into agreements or arrangements for their commercial exploitation or otherwise as the board may consider appropriate;
- (h) approve the organisational structure of the Centre;

- (i) approve the annual budget of the Centre;
- (j) monitor the Centre's performance and ensure sustainability;
- (k) enhance the corporate image of the Centre;
- (l) ensure availability of adequate resources for achievement of the Centre's objectives;
- (m) recruit the chief executive officer and approve the appointment of senior management staff of the Centre; and
- (n) ensure effective communication with stakeholders.

59. (1) There shall be a Chief Executive Officer of the Centre who shall be appointed by the board through a competitive recruitment process.

The Chief
Executive Officer of
the Centre.

(2) A person qualifies for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre if the person—

- (a) holds a bachelor's degree in animal sciences from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) holds a master's degree in a relevant field;
- (c) has at least ten years' professional experience five of which shall be at a senior management level; and
- (d) satisfies the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Centre shall hold office on such terms and conditions of employment as the board may, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary and the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Centre shall be an ex-officio member of the board and shall have no right to vote.

(5) The Chief Executive Officer of the Centre shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

PART IX—THE KENYA LEATHER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

60. (1) There is established an authority to be known as the Kenya Leather Development Authority.

Establishment of the
Kenya Leather
Development
Authority.

(2) The Leather Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) entering into contracts; and
- (d) performing all other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

(3) The Leather Authority shall be the successor to the Kenya Leather Development Council established under the Kenya Leather Development Council Order and existing immediately before the commencement of this Act.

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(4) The headquarters of the Leather Authority shall be in Nairobi.

61. The management of the Leather Authority shall be vested in a board which shall consist of—

Board of the
Leather Authority.

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to livestock;
- (c) the Principal Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance;
- (d) the Director of Veterinary Services;
- (e) four members who are not public servants appointed by the Cabinet Secretary as follows—
 - (i) three persons who have knowledge and experience in the leather industry; and
 - (ii) one person who is a finance expert; and

- (f) the Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority.

62. A person qualifies for appointment as the chairperson of the board of the Leather Authority if that person —

Qualifications of the chairperson of the Leather Authority.

- (a) holds a university degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' experience in the leather industry three of which shall be at senior management level; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

63. The functions of the Leather Authority shall be to —

Functions of the Leather Authority.

- (a) advise the Cabinet Secretary on matters relating to the utilization of leather and promotion of leather goods;
- (b) establish and promote the development of leather industrial parks;
- (c) support the development of small and medium enterprises in the leather industry;
- (d) in collaboration with other institutions, promote the adoption of new technologies in the leather industry through incubation;
- (e) regulate value chain actors involved in the manufacturing of leather goods;
- (f) collect, store, analyse and disseminate data on leather and leather goods;
- (g) promote and co-ordinate the marketing of leather and leather products;
- (h) conduct capacity building on the production of leather products;
- (i) provide inputs to manufacturers of leather products; and
- (j) perform any other function that may be conferred on it by any other written law.

- 64.** (1) The Board of the Leather Authority shall —
- Functions of the board of the Leather Authority.
- (a) ensure the proper and effective performance of the functions of the Leather Authority;
 - (b) recruit the chief executive officer and senior management staff of the Leather Authority;
 - (c) approve the policies of the Leather Authority;
 - (d) manage, control and administer the assets of the Leather Authority in a manner and for purposes that promote the objects of the Leather Authority;
 - (e) receive and manage any gifts, grants, donations or endowments made to the Leather Authority;
 - (f) determine the provisions to be made for capital and recurrent expenditure, and for the reserves of the Leather Authority;
 - (g) approve the annual budget of the Leather Authority;
 - (h) subject to the relevant provisions of the Public Finance Management Act and other relevant laws, open bank accounts for the funds of the Leather Authority;
 - (i) subject to the approval of the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance, invest any of the Leather Authority funds not immediately required for the purposes of this Act, as it may determine;
 - (j) in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine and specify the terms and conditions for the appointment and emoluments of the personnel of the Leather Authority;
 - (k) co-operate with other organisations undertaking functions similar to its own, whether within or outside Kenya as it may consider appropriate and in furtherance of the objects of the Leather Authority;
 - (l) provide for a staff superannuation scheme for the employees of the Leather Authority; and
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- (m) approve the borrowing of funds in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to finance.

65. (1) There shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority who shall be recruited by the board through a competitive recruitment process.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority.

(2) The Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority shall hold office on such terms and conditions of employment as the Board may determine.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority shall be an ex-officio member of the board and shall have no right to vote.

(4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority shall hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

66. A person qualifies for appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority if that person—

Qualifications of the Chief Executive Officer of the Leather Authority.

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) holds a bachelor's degree in a leather related field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) has at least ten years professional experience in the leather industry, five of which shall be at senior management level; and
- (d) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

PART X—GENERAL PROVISIONS ON LIVESTOCK AGENCIES

67. (1) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as a member of the Board of a livestock agency established under this Act if the person—

Disqualification from appointment to boards of livestock agencies.

- (a) is a State officer;
- (b) is a member of a governing body of a political party;
- (c) is an undischarged bankrupt; or

- (d) has been removed from public office for contravening the Constitution or any other law.

(2) Subsection (1) (a) shall not apply to a Principal Secretary or a County Executive Committee Member representing the Council of Governors.

68. The conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of a livestock agency shall be as set out in the Third Schedule but subject thereto, the livestock agency may regulate its own procedure.

Conduct of business and affairs of livestock agencies.

69. A livestock agency may by resolution, either generally or in any particular case, delegate to any committee, member of the livestock agency or employee the exercise of any of the powers or the performance of any of the functions of the livestock agency.

Delegation by the board.

70. The Chief Executive Officer of a livestock agency shall be responsible for—

Functions of the Chief Executive Officer.

- (a) the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the livestock agency, subject to the direction of the board of the livestock agency;
- (b) formulation of the long-term strategies, budget and plans for adoption by the livestock agency;
- (c) administration, organisation and control of the staff of the livestock agency;
- (d) management of the funds, property and affairs of the livestock agency;
- (e) implementation of the policies and programmes of the livestock agency and reporting to the board of the livestock agency; and
- (f) the performance of any other duty necessary for the implementation of the functions of the livestock agency under this Act, as may be assigned by the board of the livestock agency.

71. The members of the board of a livestock agency shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as the Salaries and Remuneration Commission shall advise.

Remuneration of board members.

72. (1) A livestock agency may constitute such committees as may be necessary for the performance of its functions.

Committees of the board.

(2) In addition to the general governance committees, the livestock agency may establish thematic committees to address the specific industry sub-sectors.

(3) A committee shall be subject to the control of the board of the livestock agency and may be discharged or reconstituted at any time as the board may deem proper.

(4) The board of a livestock agency may, where it considers it appropriate, co-opt any person from outside the board with knowledge and expertise in specific areas to attend the deliberations of any of its committees.

(5) The decisions of a committee established under subsection (1) or (2) shall be ratified by the board of the livestock agency.

73. The chairperson or a member the board of a livestock agency, other than an ex-officio member, shall vacate office if the member —

Vacation of office.

- (a) resigns from office by serving the appointing authority with a written notice of resignation;
- (b) is unable to perform the functions of the office by reason of prolonged physical or mental incapacity;
- (c) is adjudged bankrupt by a court of competent jurisdiction;
- (d) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the board without the permission of the chairperson;
- (e) fails to declare his interest in any matter being considered or to be considered by the board;
- (f) is convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months without the option of a fine; or
- (g) violates Chapter Six of the Constitution.

74. A livestock agency may engage experts or consultants to assist in the discharge of the functions of the livestock agency.

Engagement of experts or consultants.

75. (1) The common seal of a livestock agency shall be kept in the custody of the Chief Executive Officer of the respective livestock agency and shall not be used except on the order of the Board.

Common seal.

(2) The affixing of the common seal of the livestock agency shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer.

(3) The livestock agency shall in the absence of either the chairperson or the Chief Executive Officer, in any particular matter, nominate one member of the livestock agency to authenticate the seal of the livestock agency on behalf of either the chairperson or the Chief Executive Officer.

(4) The common seal of a livestock agency, when affixed to a document and duly authenticated, shall be judicially and officially noticed and unless the contrary is proved, any necessary order or authorization by the livestock agency under this section shall be presumed to have been duly given.

76. The Chief Executive Officer of a livestock agency may be removed from office for —

Removal of the
Chief Executive
Officer.

- (a) inability to perform the functions of the office arising out of physical or mental incapacity;
- (b) gross misconduct;
- (c) incompetence;
- (d) violation of the Constitution; or
- (e) any other ground that would justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of service or other written law.

77. (1) A member of the board of a livestock agency or any officer, employee or agent of a livestock agency shall not be liable for any act done by that person or omitted to be done or ordered to be done by that person in discharge of the person's duties if done in good faith for the purpose of executing the powers, functions or duties of the livestock agency.

Personal liability.

(2) Despite subsection (1), a livestock agency shall not be relieved of the liability to pay compensation or damages to a person for an injury to him, his property or any of his interests caused by the exercise of the powers conferred on the respective livestock agency by this Act or by any other written law.

78. (1) A livestock agency may establish such county offices as are appropriate for the implementation of its functions.

Establishment of county offices and collaboration with counties.

(2) A livestock agency shall —

- (a) facilitate the effective implementation of this Act in collaboration with county governments;
- (b) ensure that appropriate capacity building is undertaken for purposes of regulating the relevant aspects of the livestock sector in the counties; and
- (c) upon request by a county government, advise on any matter in respect to regulation of the livestock sector.

79. (1) A livestock agency may appoint such officers and staff as are necessary for the proper and efficient discharge of the functions of the livestock agency under this Act.

Staff of the livestock agencies.

(2) The staff of a livestock agency shall consist of —

- (a) the Chief Executive Officer who shall be the head of the secretariat; and
- (b) such other persons as the board of a livestock agency shall determine for the proper performance of the functions of the secretariat under this Act.

(3) The staff appointed under subsection (1) shall serve on such terms and conditions as the board may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

(4) The persons appointed under subsection (1) (b) shall possess such knowledge and experience as shall be determined by the board.

80. (1) A member or employee of a livestock agency who has an interest in a matter for consideration by the livestock agency shall disclose, in writing, the nature of that interest and shall not participate in any deliberations of the livestock agency relating to that matter.

Disclosure of interest.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member or employee of a livestock agency shall not transact any business or trade with the livestock agency.

(4) A member or employee of a livestock agency who contravenes subsection (1) or (3) commits an offence.

PART XI—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

81. The funds of a livestock agency shall consist of—

Funds of livestock agencies.

- (a) monies allocated and appropriated by the National Assembly for purposes of the livestock agencies;
- (b) any grants, loans, gifts, donations or other endowments given from any source approved by the National Treasury; and
- (c) such funds as may vest in or accrue to the livestock agency in the performance of its functions or exercise of its powers under this Act or under any other written law.

82. The financial year of a livestock agency shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth June in each year.

Financial year.

83. (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, a livestock agency shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure for that year.

Annual estimates.

(2) The annual estimates shall make provision for all the estimated expenditure of the livestock agency for the financial year and in particular, the estimates shall provide for—

- (a) the payment of the salaries, allowances and other charges in respect of the staff;
- (b) the payment of pensions, gratuities and other charges in respect of the staff;
- (c) the proper maintenance of the buildings and grounds;
- (d) the maintenance, repair and replacement of the equipment and other property; and
- (e) the creation of reserve funds to meet future or contingent liabilities in respect of retirement benefits, insurance or replacement of buildings or equipment, or in respect of any other matters.

(3) The annual estimates shall be approved by the board of the livestock agency before the commencement of the financial year to which they relate, and shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval, and after the Cabinet Secretary has given approval, the livestock agency shall not increase any sum provided in the estimates without the written consent of the Cabinet Secretary.

(4) Expenditure shall not be incurred for the purposes of a livestock agency except in accordance with the annual estimates approved under subsection (3), or in pursuance of an authorization of the respective to livestock agency given with the prior approval of the Cabinet Secretary.

84. (1) A livestock agency shall cause to be kept all proper books and records of accounts of the income, expenditure, assets and liabilities of the livestock agency.

Accounts, audit and annual reports.

(2) The livestock agency shall cause its accounts to be prepared and be reported in accordance with the Public Audit Act.

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PART XII— KENYA SCHOOL OF ANIMAL RESOURCES AND INDUSTRY

85. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“Academic Council” means the Academic Council of the School established under section 100;

“Animal resources and industry” includes animal health, animal science, veterinary medicine, livestock management, range management, dairy science, meat science, beekeeping, aquaculture, and all related disciplines;

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the School established under section 89;

“Centre of excellence” means a constituent training institute recognized for specialized expertise and high standards in a specific area of animal resources and industry;

“Constituent training institute” means a training institute established or deemed to be established under section 97 as part of the School;

“Director-General” means the Director-General of the School appointed under section 94;

“Graduate” means a person upon whom a diploma or certificate or degree has been conferred by the School;

“KESARI” means the Kenya School of Animal Resources and Industry established under section 86; and

“School” means the Kenya School of Animal Resources and Industry established under section 86.

86. (1) There is established a School to be known as the Kenya School of Animal Resources and Industry, in this Act referred to as “KESARI”.

Establishment of the
Kenya School of
Animal Resources
and Industry.

(2) The School shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging or disposing of both movable and immovable property;
- (c) borrowing and lending money;
- (d) charging for services offered, with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary;
- (e) entering into contracts; and
- (f) doing or performing such other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions which may lawfully be done by a body corporate.

(3) The School shall be the successor to the following institutions, which shall be constituent training institutes of the School as provided under section 97—

- (a) Animal Health and Industry Training Institute, Kabete;
- (b) Animal Health and Industry Training Institute, Ndomba;
- (c) Animal Health and Industry Training Institute, Nyahururu;

- (d) Dairy Training Institute, Naivasha;
- (e) Meat Training Institute, Athi River;
- (f) Livestock Training Institute, Wajir;
- (g) National Beekeeping Institute, Lenana;
- (h) National Rabbit Conservation and Training Institute, Ngong;
- (i) Regional Pastoral Training Centre, Narok;
- (j) Mobile Pastoral Training Centre, Isiolo;
- (k) Livestock Training Institute, Mogotio;
- (l) Livestock Training Institute, Awendo; and
- (m) Livestock Training Institute, Kitui.

(4) Subject to this Act, all rights, duties, obligations, assets and liabilities of the institutions specified in subsection (3) existing at the commencement of this Act shall be automatically and fully transferred to the School, and any reference to the said institutions in any contract or document shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be a reference to the School established under section 86 (1).

(5) The headquarters of the School shall be at Kabete, in the Capital City of Nairobi.

87. (1) The School shall —

Functions of the
School.

- (a) serve as a centre of excellence for teaching, training, scholarship, innovation and research in animal resources and industry and related disciplines;
- (b) develop and review curricula for training in animal resources and industry;
- (c) admit students for animal resources and industry training;
- (d) assess and conduct examinations in animal resources and industry;
- (e) award certificates, diplomas and such other qualifications in animal resources and industry as the Academic Council may, from time to time, recommend and the Board approve;

- (f) provide and advance education and training to appropriately qualified candidates, leading to the award of certificates, diplomas, and such other qualifications as the Academic Council may, from time to time, prescribe subject to Board approval;
- (g) conduct examinations for such academic awards as the Academic Council may prescribe, subject to Board approval;
- (h) implement government policy on animal resources and industry training and any other training approved by relevant regulatory bodies;
- (i) ensure the highest standards in animal resources and industry training and competency development;
- (j) recommend to, and advise the Government on the development of relevant legislation, policies and strategies to facilitate successful implementation of animal resources and industry education and training;
- (k) establish and maintain centres of excellence in animal resources and industry education and training based on national and international standards in animal resources and industry development;
- (l) partner with other institutions locally and internationally in furtherance of animal resources and industry education, training, research and development;
- (m) promote continuous professional development for practitioners in animal resources and industry;
- (n) develop linkages and collaborations with institutions of learning, professional organizations, private sector, research institutions and other similar institutions globally;
- (o) conduct consultancy and advisory services designed to inform public policy, promote national development and standards of competence in animal resources and industry;

- (p) generate income through training, consultancy, research and other services for the sustainability of the School;
- (q) ensure that each constituent training institute maintains its specialized mandate, heritage and status as a centre of excellence in its specific area of expertise; and
- (r) perform any other functions necessary or incidental to achieving the aims and objectives of the School.

(2) For the better carrying out of the functions and objects of the School and the recommendation of the academic Council, the Board of Directors may establish faculties and departments of the school.

(3) The School may, in collaboration with a university recognized in Kenya, offer programmes leading to the award of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in technical and vocational education and training in animal sciences and related fields.

(4) Admission to the School as candidates for diplomas, certificates or other awards shall be open to all persons accepted as being qualified by the Academic Board, without distinction of race, tribe, place of origin or residence or other local connections, political opinion, colour, creed or sex; and no barrier based on any such distinction shall be imposed upon any person as a condition of his becoming, or continuing to be a lecturer, graduate, or student of the School, or of his holding office in the School, nor shall any preference be given to, or advantage be withheld from, any person on the grounds of any such distinction.

88. The members of the School shall be—

Membership of the
School.

- (a) the Director General;
- (b) the Deputy Directors-General;
- (c) the Director of each Constituent Institute;
- (d) the Deputy directors of each Constituent Training Institute
- (e) the members of the Board of Directors;

- (f) the Registrar of the School
- (g) the members of the Academic Council;
- (h) the lecturers and tutors;
- (i) the librarian;
- (j) the students;
- (k) such other members of the staff of the School or any other body formally admitted into association with the School as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

89. (1) There shall be a Board of Directors of the School, which shall be the apex organ responsible for the governance, policy direction, and oversight of the Constituent Training Institute.

The Board of
Directors of the
School.

(2) The Board shall consist of—

- (a) a non-executive chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock or a representative nominated in writing;
- (c) the Principal Secretary responsible for the National Treasury or a representative nominated in writing;
- (d) the National Head of Veterinary Services or a representative nominated in writing;
- (e) the National Head of Livestock Production or a representative nominated in writing;
- (f) one person, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary from the animal resource industry;
- (g) two independent members appointed by the Cabinet Secretary, taking into consideration gender balance, regional balance, and skills mix; and
- (h) one person with knowledge and expertise in finance or audit, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary; and
- (i) the Director-General of the School, who shall be an *ex-officio* member and Secretary to the Board.

(4) A person is qualified for appointment under subsection (2) (a) if that person —

- (a) has a degree from a university recognized in Kenya in veterinary medicine, animal science, animal health, or range management;
- (b) has at least fifteen years' experience in a relevant field, five of which must be in a senior management position;
- (c) has demonstrated leadership and management capability; and
- (d) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(5) A person is qualified for appointment under subsection (2) (f), (g) or (h) if that person —

- (a) is a holder of at least a bachelor's degree from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (b) has at least ten years' experience in the relevant field, three of which must be in a senior position;
- (c) has demonstrated competence and integrity in their professional practice; and
- (d) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

(5) The appointment of the chairperson and members of the Board appointed shall be by notice in the *Gazette*.

(6) A member of the Board appointed under subsection (2) (a), (f), (g) and (h) shall serve for a term of three years, renewable once for a further term of three years upon satisfactory performance.

(7) The Board may co-opt any person to assist in its meetings in consideration of a matter under discussion, but such person shall not have voting rights.

(8) A member of the Board shall be paid such allowances as the Cabinet Secretary may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.

90. The Board shall —

Functions of the Board.

- (a) provide strategic leadership, policy direction and oversight to the School;
- (b) approve the strategic plan, annual work plans and budgets of the School;
- (c) approve and support the implementation of policies that facilitate the development and effective operation of the School;
- (d) competitively search, vet and submit the names of at least three nominees to the Cabinet Secretary for appointment to the position of Director-General;
- (e) appoint deputy directors-general, directors of constituent training institutes, and such other senior staff as may be necessary;
- (f) approve academic programmes, curricula and standards for the School and constituent training institutes on the recommendation of the Academic Council;
- (g) approve the award of certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic awards to successful candidates on the recommendation of the Academic Council;
- (h) analyze trends in livestock development, animal resources and industry and related fields to inform learning and development programmes of the School;
- (i) promote linkages and collaborations with local and international institutions for knowledge and experience sharing;
- (j) monitor and evaluate the performance of the School and its constituent training institutes;
- (k) ensure effective utilization of resources and financial sustainability of the School;
- (l) approve fees and charges for services offered by the School;
- (m) administer the property and funds of the School in such manner and for such purposes as shall promote the functions of the School;

- (n) receive, on behalf of the School, grants-in-aid, gifts, donations, fees, subscriptions or other monies;
- (o) establish such committees as may be necessary for the effective discharge of its functions;
- (p) ensure maintenance of each constituent training institute's specialized mandate, heritage and status as a centre of excellence; and
- (q) perform such other functions as are necessary or incidental to achieving the objectives of the School.

91. (1) The Board shall meet at least four times in every financial year and not more than four months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting.

Meetings of the Board.

(2) The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board, but in the absence of the chairperson, the members present shall elect one member from among themselves to preside at that meeting.

(3) The quorum for the conduct of business at a meeting of the Board shall be two-thirds of the members.

(4) A decision of the Board on any question shall be by a majority of votes of the members present and voting, and in the case of an equality of votes, the chairperson or the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(5) Except as provided in this section, the Board may regulate its own procedure.

92. (1) The office of the chairperson or a member shall become vacant if the holder—

Vacancy in the Board.

- (a) dies;
- (b) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable cause;
- (c) resigns from office by notice in writing addressed to the appointing authority;
- (d) is unable to perform the functions of the office arising out of physical or mental infirmity;

- (e) is negligent or incompetent in the performance of their functions;
- (f) is adjudged or otherwise declared bankrupt by a competent court;
- (g) violates Chapter Six of the Constitution;
- (h) is convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months; or
- (i) contravenes the provisions of section 87.

(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board under subsection (1), the appointing authority shall appoint a new member in accordance with the provisions of this Act within sixty days.

(3) An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced, and the new member shall be eligible for reappointment.

93. (1) If a member of the Board is directly or indirectly interested in any contract, proposed contract or other matter before the Board and is present at a meeting of the Board at which the contract, proposed contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, the member shall, at the meeting and as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement of the meeting, disclose that interest and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any questions with respect to the contract or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter.

Disclosure of
interest.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under this section shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the Board who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or to both.

94. (1) There shall be a Director-General of the School who shall be—

The Director-
General.

- (a) appointed by the Cabinet Secretary on the recommendation of the Board following a competitive recruitment process; and
- (b) the chief executive officer of the School.

(2) A person is qualified to be appointed as Director-General if that person —

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) possesses a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine, animal sciences or range management from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) possesses a Master of Science degree with specialization in any discipline within the fields of veterinary sciences, animal sciences, or range management from a university recognized in Kenya.
- (d) has served in a training, teaching, or management capacity for at least ten years within any of the predecessor institutions specified in section 86 (3) or any of the constituent training institutes of the School, of which at least five (5) years must have been at a senior management level;
- (e) has demonstrated leadership, management and administrative capability; and
- (f) meets the requirements of leadership and integrity under Chapter Six of the Constitution;

(3) The Director-General shall hold office for a term of five years or until attainment of the age of sixty years, whichever occurs first, and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of five years or until attainment of the age of sixty years, whichever occurs first.

(4) The Director-General may resign from office by giving one month's notice in writing to the Board.

(5) The Director-General may be removed from office by the Cabinet Secretary, on the recommendation of the Board, for —

- (a) inability to perform the functions of the office arising from physical or mental incapacity;

- (b) gross misconduct or 924ulfil924vior;
- (c) incompetence or neglect of duty;
- (d) violation of the Constitution or any other law;
- (e) bankruptcy; or
- (f) any other ground that would justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of service.

95. (1) The Director-General shall be responsible to the Board for—

Functions of the
Director-General.

- (a) the day-to-day management and administration of the School and its constituent training institutes;
- (b) implementing the decisions, policies, programmes, and objectives of the Board;
- (c) managing the funds, property, and affairs of the School and its constituent training institutes;
- (d) coordinating the activities of the constituent training institutes to ensure alignment with the School's mandate;
- (e) ensuring quality assurance and maintenance of standards across all programmes and training institutes;
- (f) managing and providing strategic leadership to the staff of the School and constituent training institutes;
- (g) fostering linkages, partnerships and collaborations with relevant institutions locally and internationally;
- (h) preparing the strategic plan, annual work plans, budgets and audited accounts of the School for approval by the Board;
- (i) preparing a comprehensive annual report on the functions and performance of the School and submitting it to the Board for approval;
- (j) ensuring that each constituent training institute maintains its specialized mandate, heritage and status as a centre of excellence;
- (k) promoting research, innovation and consultancy services in the School;

(l) chairing the Academic Council and coordinating all academic matters of the School; and

(m) performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Board or prescribed by this Act.

(2) In the performance of functions under this section, the Director-General shall be the accounting officer of the School and shall be responsible for the proper management and control of the finances and resources of the School.

(3) The Director-General shall be the Secretary to the Board and shall, on the advice of the chairperson, convene meetings of the Board.

(4) Notwithstanding section 94(1)(a), where at the commencement of this Act or at any time when the Council has not been constituted or is unable to perform its functions, the Cabinet Secretary may appoint a Director-General in accordance with the qualifications specified in section 94 (2).

(5) A Director-General appointed by the Cabinet Secretary under subsection (1) shall serve for a term of five years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of five years, on such terms and conditions as the Cabinet Secretary may determine.

(6) Upon constitution of the Council, a Director-General appointed under this section shall continue to serve for the remainder of their term as if appointed under section 94, and the Council shall have no power to vary, review or terminate such appointment before the expiry of the term except on the grounds specified in section 94 (5).

(7) For purposes of section 94 (3), the term of a Director-General appointed under this section shall commence from the date of their appointment by the Cabinet Secretary.

96. (1) There shall be deputy directors-general of the School as follows—

Deputy Directors-General.

(a) Deputy Director-General, Administration, Finance and Planning;

(b) Deputy Director-General, Academic Affairs;

(c) Deputy Director-General, Research, Innovation and Collaboration; and

(d) Deputy Director-General, Student Affairs.

(2) The deputy directors-general shall be appointed by the Board through a competitive recruitment process.

(3) A person is qualified to be appointed as a deputy director-general if that person —

(a) is a citizen of Kenya;

(b) possesses a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine, animal sciences, animal health, range management or a related field from a university recognized in Kenya;

(c) possesses a master's degree in veterinary medicine, animal sciences, animal health, range management, or a related field from a university recognized in Kenya;

(d) has at least ten years' experience in a relevant field, three of which must be at a senior management level;

(e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and

(f) satisfies any other requirements as the Board may prescribe.

(4) The deputy directors-general shall hold office for a term of five years or until attainment of the age of sixty years, whichever occurs first, and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of five years or until attainment of the age of sixty years, whichever occurs first.

(5) The deputy directors-general shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned by the Board or delegated by the Director-General, and shall act under the general direction of the Director-General.

(6) The functions of the deputy directors-general shall be as follows —

(a) The Deputy Director-General, Administration, Finance and Planning shall be responsible for —

- (i) financial management and planning;
 - (ii) human resource management and administration;
 - (iii) strategic planning and performance management;
 - (iv) procurement and supply chain management;
 - (v) infrastructure development and maintenance;
 - (vi) farm development and management; and
 - (vii) general administrative services;
- (b) The Deputy Director-General, Academic Affairs shall be responsible for—
- (i) curriculum development and review;
 - (ii) quality assurance and academic standards;
 - (iii) examinations and certification;
 - (iv) admission and student registration;
 - (v) coordination of teaching and learning activities;
 - (vi) academic staff development; and
 - (vii) serving as Secretary to the Academic Council;
- (c) The Deputy Director-General, Research, Innovation and Collaboration shall be responsible for—
- (i) research policy and coordination;
 - (ii) innovation and technology transfer;
 - (iii) partnerships and collaborations;
 - (iv) consultancy services;
 - (v) knowledge management and dissemination; and
 - (vi) linkages with industry and development partners; and

(d) The Deputy Director-General, Student Affairs shall be responsible for—

- (i) student welfare and guidance;
- (ii) student discipline and conduct;
- (iii) career guidance and counseling;
- (iv) sports, culture and recreation;
- (v) student accommodation and catering services; and
- (vi) student leadership and organization.

97. (1) The following livestock training institutes shall be constituent training institutes of the School and shall be deemed to have been established under this Act—

Constituent
Training Institutes.

- (a) Animal Health and Industry Training Institute, Kabete;
- (b) Animal Health and Industry Training Institute, Ndomba;
- (c) Animal Health and Industry Training Institute, Nyahururu;
- (d) Dairy Training Institute, Naivasha;
- (e) Meat Training Institute, Athi River;
- (f) Livestock Training Institute, Wajir;
- (g) National Beekeeping Institute, Lenana;
- (h) National Rabbit Conservation and Training Institute, Ngong;
- (i) Regional Pastoral Training Centre, Narok;
- (j) Mobile Pastoral Training Centre, Isiolo;
- (k) Livestock Training Institute, Mogotio;
- (l) Livestock Training Institute, Awendo; and
- (m) Livestock Training Institute, Kitui.

(2) Each constituent training institute shall be a centre of excellence specializing in specific areas of animal resources and industry as determined by the Board.

(3) The Cabinet Secretary may, on the advice of the Board and by notice in the Gazette, establish additional constituent training institutes as may be necessary to fulfil the mandate of the School.

(4) Each constituent training institute established under this section shall maintain its specialized mandate, heritage and identity while operating under the overall governance framework of the School.

98. (1) Each constituent training institute shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the Board through a competitive recruitment process.

Directors of
Constituent
Training Institutes.

(2) A person is qualified to be appointed as a Director of a constituent training institute if that person—

- (a) is a citizen of Kenya;
- (b) possesses a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine, animal sciences, animal health, range management or a related field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (c) possesses a master's degree in veterinary medicine, animal sciences, animal health, range management, or a related field from a university recognized in Kenya;
- (d) has at least ten years' experience in animal sciences education, training or management, three of which must be at a senior management level;
- (e) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and

(3) A Director of a constituent training institute shall hold office until the attainment of the age of sixty years.

(4) The Director of a constituent training institute shall be responsible to the Director-General for—

- (a) the day-to-day management and administration of the training institute;
- (b) implementing the policies, programmes and objectives of the School at the training institute level;

- (c) managing the funds, property and affairs of the training institute;
- (d) ensuring quality and standards of training at the training institute;
- (e) managing the staff of the training institute;
- (f) maintaining the specialized mandate, heritage and centre of excellence status of the training institute;
- (g) preparing annual work plans and budgets for the training institute;
- (h) preparing reports on the performance and activities of the training institute;
- (i) implementing decisions of the Academic Council at the training institute level; and
- (j) performing such other duties as may be assigned by the Director-General or the Board.

99. (1) Each constituent training institute shall have such deputy directors as the Board may determine, including at minimum—

Deputy Directors of
Constituent
Training Institutes.

- (a) a Deputy Director, Academic Affairs; and
- (b) a Deputy Director, Administration.

(2) Deputy directors of constituent training institutes shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Director-General.

(3) The qualifications, terms of service and functions of deputy directors of constituent training institutes shall be as prescribed by the Board.

100. (1) There shall be an Academic Council of the School which shall be responsible for all academic matters of the School and its constituent training institutes.

Academic Council.

(2) The Academic Council shall consist of—

- (a) the Director-General, who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) all deputy directors-general;
- (c) all directors of constituent training institutes;

- (d) the Registrar of the School;
 - (e) one head of the faculties of the School appointed by the Board;
 - (f) two members of the academic staff of the School, not being members of the Academic Council under any other provisions of this subsection, elected by the School Staff Association; and
 - (g) two student members elected by the student body of the School, except that the student members shall not be entitled to attend deliberations of the Academic Council on matters which are considered by the Director General to be confidential and which relate to examinations, the general discipline of students and other related matters.
 - (h) one head of academic departments from constituent training institutes as determined by the Director-General; and
- (3) The Deputy Director-General, Academic Affairs, shall be the secretary.
- (4) The Academic Council may co-opt such other members as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions, but co-opted members shall not have voting rights.
- (5) The Academic Council shall meet at least three times in every academic year and as often as may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions.
- (6) The quorum for a meeting of the Academic Council shall be two-thirds of the members.
- (7) A decision of the Academic Council shall be by a majority of votes of the members present and voting, and in case of an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.
- (8) Subject to this Act, the Academic Council may regulate its own procedure.

101. The Academic Council shall —

Functions of the
Academic Council.

- (a) develop and review academic policies, standards and quality assurance frameworks for the School and all constituent training institutes;

- (b) develop and review curricula and programmes for all courses offered by the School and constituent training institutes;
- (c) recommend to the Board for approval, academic programmes, curricula and standards;
- (d) harmonize academic standards and practices across all constituent training institutes;
- (e) determine entry requirements for training programmes;
- (f) establish guidelines for examinations, assessment and certification;
- (g) approve examination results and determine students who have attained the prescribed standards;
- (h) recommend to the Board persons eligible for the award of certificates, diplomas, degrees and other academic awards;
- (i) identify and recommend internal and external examiners for appointment;
- (j) promote research, innovation and scholarly activities across the School and constituent training institutes;
- (k) foster academic linkages and collaborations with other institutions locally and internationally;
- (l) advise the Board on academic matters and resource requirements;
- (m) monitor and evaluate the academic performance of all constituent training institutes;
- (n) determine criteria for accreditation and quality assurance of programmes;
- (o) ensure maintenance of specialized academic programmes and centre of excellence status across all constituent training institutes;
- (p) establish academic committees as may be necessary for the effective discharge of its functions; and

- (q) perform such other academic functions as may be assigned by the Board or prescribed by this Act.

102. (1) The Academic Council shall be subordinate to the Board and shall operate within the policy framework established by the Board.

Relationship
between Board and
Academic Council.

(2) The Board shall not initiate any action in regard to academic programmes, curricula, standards, examinations or awards except upon receipt of a recommendation from the Academic Council.

(3) The Board may refer any recommendation from the Academic Council back to the Council for further consideration with reasons, but shall not amend or vary such recommendation without further reference to the Academic Council.

(4) The Academic Council shall submit regular reports to the Board on academic matters, including—

- (a) student enrollment and performance;
- (b) programme reviews and developments;
- (c) examination results and award recommendations;
- (d) quality assurance activities; and
- (e) any other academic matters as the Board may require.

103. (1) The Academic Council may establish such committees as may be necessary for the effective discharge of its functions, including but not limited to—

Academic
committees.

- (a) curriculum development committees;
- (b) examinations and assessment committees;
- (c) quality assurance committees;
- (d) research and innovation committees;
- (e) student admissions committees; and
- (f) any other committees as may be necessary.

(2) The composition, terms of reference and procedures of committees established under subsection (1) shall be determined by the Academic Council.

(3) A committee established under subsection (1) may include persons who are not members of the Academic Council where such persons have relevant expertise.

104. (1) The School and constituent training institutes may employ such professional, technical, administrative and support staff as the Board may consider necessary for the discharge of their functions under this Act.

Staff of the School.

(2) The terms and conditions of service of staff shall be determined by the Board in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

(3) The Board shall, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine the remuneration and benefits payable to staff of the School.

(4) All appointments to the School shall be made through open, transparent and competitive processes in accordance with the values and principles of public service under Articles 10 and 232 of the Constitution.

(5) Staff appointed to the School shall be deemed to be public officers for purposes of the Public Service Commission Act and other applicable laws.

105. (1) The Public Service Commission may, upon request by the Board, second to the School such number of public officers as may be necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the School.

Secondment of public officers.

(2) A public officer seconded to the School shall, during the period of secondment, be deemed to be an officer of the School and shall be subject only to the direction and control of the Board.

(3) The terms and conditions of secondment shall be as agreed between the School and the Public Service Commission.

106. (1) The Board shall establish a staff disciplinary committee to hear and determine disciplinary cases against staff of the School.

Staff discipline.

(2) The staff disciplinary committee shall consist of such members and shall have such powers and functions as the Board may determine.

(3) The Board may make regulations prescribing the disciplinary procedure to be followed in dealing with staff misconduct.

107. (1) The funds of the School shall consist of—

Funds of the
School.

- (a) monies appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the School;
- (b) fees, levies and charges for services rendered by the School;
- (c) any assets, liabilities, rights and privileges transferred from the predecessor institutions;
- (d) income generated from training, research, consultancy and other services;
- (e) grants, donations, bequests and endowments;
- (f) loans and borrowings approved by the Cabinet Secretary with the concurrence of the National Treasury; and
- (g) any other monies that may accrue to or be vested in the School from any other source.

(2) The School may accept grants, donations and gifts upon such terms and conditions as the Board may approve, provided that such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with the functions of the School.

108. The financial year of the School shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year.

Financial year.

109. (1) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Director-General shall prepare and submit to the Board estimates of revenue and expenditure of the School for the ensuing financial year.

Annual estimates.

(2) The Board shall review the estimates and, with or without amendments, approve them and submit them to the Cabinet Secretary for consideration and approval.

(3) No expenditure shall be incurred from the funds of the School except in accordance with the approved estimates or a supplementary budget approved by the Board.

110. (1) The School shall keep proper books and records of accounts of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities.

Accounts and audit.

(2) Within three months after the end of each financial year, the School shall submit to the Auditor-General accounts for audit in accordance with the Public Audit Act.

(3) The Director-General shall ensure that the School submits quarterly financial reports to the Board for review and monitoring.

111. The Board may invest any funds of the School not immediately required for the purposes of the School in such manner as the Board may determine, with the approval of the National Treasury.

Investment of funds.

PART XIII—BEEKEEPING

112. The Cabinet Secretary may, in consultation with the Council of Governors, make Regulations for the—

Regulations in respect of beekeeping.

- (a) registration of bee value chain actors;
- (b) standards of bee keeping equipment, beehive products and service provision;
- (c) disposal of bees, bee products and equipment; and
- (d) disposal of bees, honeycombs and beehives; and
- (e) quality assurance of bee products.

PART XIV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

113. A person who commits an offence under this Act for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both.

General penalty.

PART XV—PROVISIONS ON DELEGATED POWERS

114. (1) The Cabinet Secretary may, in consultation with the Council of Governors, make Regulations generally for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act.

Regulations.

(2) Despite the generality of the foregoing, the Cabinet Secretary may make regulations providing for—

- (a) the declaration of particular animals to be livestock for purposes of this Act;
- (b) the declaration of particular products to be livestock products;
- (c) the regulation of livestock inputs and products;
- (d) the marketing of livestock and livestock products;
- (e) the standards on animal husbandry in respect to the livestock sector;
- (f) mechanisms of supporting development in the livestock sector including mobilizing investment;
- (g) the provision of credit, farm inputs and other incentives to livestock and livestock products;
- (h) mechanisms for tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication;
- (i) standards for production of livestock and livestock inputs;
- (j) the production, processing, distribution, regulation and marketing of bee and bee products;
- (k) standards for the establishment of strategic livestock feed reserves;
- (l) the powers and duties of compliance officers of the livestock agencies and other persons appointed to exercise powers and perform duties under the livestock agencies;
- (m) imposition of levies, fees or charges for purposes of this Act;
- (n) the licensing of animal feeds service providers;
- (o) mechanisms for coordination of the livestock sector between National and county governments;
- (p) the forms of application, and of licenses, marks, registers and all documents to be used for the purpose of this Act;
- (q) the examination, inspection, analysis and testing of livestock products, inputs, equipment and how the samples of such products or inputs may be taken;

- (r) the handling of complaints on the quality of livestock products or inputs;
- (s) the appointment of inspectors, as appropriate, for better implementation of this Act;
- (t) the establishment of livestock sector training institutions; and
- (u) anything which is required to be prescribed under this Act.

PART XVI—TRANSITIONAL AND REPEAL PROVISIONS

115. In this Part—

Interpretation of Part.

“appointed day” means the day on which this Act comes into force;

“former agency” means any livestock agency established by a revoked legal notice, existing immediately before the appointed day and includes—

- (a) the National Livestock Development and Promotion Service;
- (b) the Kenya Leather Development Council;
- (c) the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute;
- (d) the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council;
- (e) the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre; and
- (f) the research institutes set out in the Second Schedule which immediately before the commencement of this Act were established under the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation Act.

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116. The Legal Notices specified in the Fourth Schedule are revoked.

Revocation of Legal Notices.

117. Notwithstanding section 106, any person who, at the commencement of this Act, is a member of staff of a former agency shall, on the appointed day, become a member of staff of the respective livestock agency on the same or improved terms and conditions of service as may

Staff of former agencies.

be specified by the livestock agency, unless such person retires on the basis of abolition of office as determined by the respective livestock agency.

118. (1) Where on the appointed day —

Disciplinary proceedings.

- (a) any disciplinary proceedings against any member of staff of a former agency is in the course of being heard or instituted, or has been heard or investigated by the former agency but no order or decision has been made thereon, the respective livestock agency shall carry on and complete the hearing or investigation and make an order or render a decision, as the case may be; and
- (b) any member of staff is on interdiction or suspension, the respective livestock agency shall deal with that member of staff in such manner as it deems appropriate having regard to the offence committed by the member of staff, including the conclusion of disciplinary proceedings that have been commenced against that member of staff.

(2) Where on the appointed day, any penalty, other than dismissal, has been imposed on any member of staff of a former agency pursuant to disciplinary proceedings and the penalty has not been, or remains to be, served by such member of staff, the member of staff shall upon transfer to the respective livestock agency, serve or continue to serve such penalty to its completion as if it had been imposed by the respective livestock agency.

119. Any reference in any written law or in any document or instrument to a former agency shall, on and after the appointed day, be construed to be a reference to the respective livestock agency.

Reference to former agency.

120. (1) All the funds, assets and other property, both movable and immovable, which immediately before the appointed day were vested in a former agency shall, by virtue of this paragraph, vest in the respective livestock agency.

Assets and liabilities.

(2) All rights, powers and liabilities which immediately before the appointed day were vested in, imposed on or enforceable against a former agency shall be

vested in, imposed on or enforceable against the respective livestock agency.

121. Any proceedings taken by or against a former agency immediately before the commencement of this Act may be continued by or against it by the respective livestock agency established under this Act.

Proceedings.

122. Every agreement, deed, bond or other instrument to which a former agency was a party or which affected the former agency and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations thereunder could be assigned, shall have effect as if the respective livestock agency was a party thereto or affected thereby instead of the former agency and as if for every reference, whether express or implied, therein to the former agency there were substituted in respect of anything to be done on or after the appointed day.

Agreements. Deeds.

123. Any licence or permit issued by a former agency and in force immediately before the commencement of this Act shall remain in force for the unexpired period and shall be deemed to have been granted or issued under the provisions of this Act.

Licences and permits.

124. The administrative decisions made by a former agency or by the Cabinet Secretary which are in force immediately before the appointed day shall, on or after the appointed day, have force as if they were directions made by the respective livestock agency or the Cabinet Secretary under this Act.

Administrative decisions.

125. The laws specified in the Fifth Schedule are amended in the manner specified in that Schedule.

Consequential amendments.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

s. 6(1)

**FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN
THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR**

**PART I—FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN
THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR**

1. Developing the livestock policy and the veterinary policy and overseeing the implementation of those policies.
2. Domestication and implementation of the international protocols & treaties for livestock sector governance.
3. Regulating and promoting international trade in livestock and livestock products.
4. Undertaking livestock and livestock products identification and traceability in collaboration with the county livestock departments.
5. Developing and implementing livestock sector programmes and interventions that go beyond specific county boundaries and have an impact on the national economy.
6. Collecting and managing national livestock sector statistics and data in collaboration with other agencies and the county governments.
7. Protecting intellectual property rights in livestock resources.
8. Consumer protection and ensuring safety of food of animal origin.
9. Development and implementation of training standards middle level livestock training institutions in collaboration with other agencies.
10. Undertaking, coordinating and overseeing livestock sector research.
11. Advising on appropriate land use for the development of livestock resources.
12. Protection of the livestock resources with a view to establishing a durable and sustainable system of development and utilization.
13. Disaster management in the livestock sector.
14. Capacity building to the livestock sector value chains and providing technical assistance to the county livestock departments.
15. Promoting public and private sector investments in the livestock sector.

PART II—FUNCTIONS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENTS IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

1. Implementing the livestock policy and the veterinary policy.
2. County livestock sector interventions including —
 - (a) supporting animal husbandry through extension services and provision of inputs;
 - (b) development and maintenance of livestock sale yards;
 - (c) development, maintenance and provision of food safety services in county abattoirs; and
 - (d) ensuring control of animal disease including county livestock movement;
3. Delivery of county specific veterinary services.
4. Animal control and welfare, including —
 - (a) licensing of dogs; and
 - (b) providing facilities for the accommodation, care and burial of animals.
5. Regulation of County livestock trade including issuing of trade licences.
6. Development of livestock markets.
7. Planning and development of the county livestock resources, including livestock data and statistics and county livestock land use.
8. Implementing County disaster management initiatives in the livestock sector.
9. Ensuring public participation in the governance of the livestock sector programmes at the local level.

SECOND SCHEDULE**s. 29(1)**

S/No.	Name of Institute	Centre
1.	Arid and Rangelands Research Institute	Rangeland Research Centre, Kiboko Rangeland Research Centre, Mariakani Rangeland Research Centre, Bachuma Apiculture Research Centre, Perkerra
2.	Beef Research Institute	Beef Research Centre, Garissa Beef Research Centre, Marsabit Beef Research Centre, Lanet Beef Research Centre, Lodwar
3.	Dairy Research Institute	Dairy Research Centre, Naivasha Dairy Research Centre, Ol Joro Orok Dairy Research Centre, Msabaha
4.	Non-Ruminant Research Institute	Non-Ruminant Research Centre, Kakamega Non-Ruminant Research Centre, Naivasha
5.	Veterinary Research Institute	Veterinary Research Centre, Muguga North Trypanosomiasis Research Centre, Muguga Trypanosomiasis Research Centre, Alupe Veterinary Research Centre, Transmara

THIRD SCHEDULE**s. 68****PROVISIONS AS TO THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND
AFFAIRS OF THE BOARDS OF LIVESTOCK AGENCIES****1. Meetings.**

(1) Every board of a livestock agency shall meet not less than four times in every financial year and not more than four months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and the date of the next meeting.

(2) Notwithstanding sub paragraph (1), the chairperson may, and upon requisition in writing by at least five members shall, convene a special meeting of the board at any time for the transaction of the business of the board.

(3) Unless three quarters of the total members of the board otherwise agree, at least fourteen days' written notice of every meeting of the board shall be given to every member of the board.

(4) The quorum for the conduct of the business of the board shall be half of the total members including the chairperson or the person presiding.

(5) The members present shall elect one of their number to preside whenever the chairperson is absent, and the person so elected shall have all the powers of the chairperson with respect to that meeting and the business transacted thereat.

(6) Unless a unanimous decision is reached, a decision on any matter before the board shall be by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting, and in case of an equality of votes, the chairperson or the person presiding shall have a casting vote.

(7) Subject to subparagraph (6), no proceedings of the board shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy among the members thereof.

(8) Subject to the provisions of this Schedule, the board may determine its own procedure and the procedure for any committee of the Board and for the attendance of other persons at its meetings and may make standing orders in respect thereof.

2. Committees of the Board.

(1) The board of a livestock agency may establish such committees as it may deem appropriate to perform such functions and responsibilities as it may determine.

(2) The board of a livestock agency shall appoint the chairperson of a committee established under subparagraph (1) from amongst its members.

(3) The board of a livestock agency may where it deems appropriate, co-opt any person to attend the deliberations of any of its committees.

(4) All decisions by the committees appointed under subsection (1) shall be ratified by the board of a livestock agency.

3. Disclosure of interest.

(1) A member who has an interest in any contract, or other matter present at a meeting shall at the meeting and as soon as reasonably practicable after the commencement, disclose the fact thereof and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any questions with respect to the contract or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under subparagraph (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the Board who contravenes subparagraph (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand shillings.

4. Contracts and instruments.

Any contract or instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal may be entered into or executed on behalf of the board by any person generally or specially authorized by the board for that purpose.

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1. The National Livestock Development and Promotion Service Order (Sub. Leg.)
2. The Kenya Leather Development Council Order (Sub. Leg.)
3. The Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre Order (Sub. Leg.)
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FIFTH SCHEDULE

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<i>Written law</i>	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Amendment</i>
The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Act (Cap. 319).	Long title	Delete the words “and Livestock”
	s. 1	Delete the words “and livestock”
	s. 3(1)	Delete the words “and livestock”
	s. 5(1)(a)	Delete the word “livestock”
	s. 5(1)(b)	Delete the words “and animal diseases”
	s. 6(1)(f)	Delete
	s.6(3)(b)(ii)	Delete
	s. 14(1)	Delete the words “Deputy Director-General of livestock”
	s.16	Delete the words “livestock or”
	s. 16(b)	Delete the words “animal or”
	s.32(2)(b)	Delete the word “livestock”
	s.32(2)(c)	Delete the word “livestock”
	s. 38(2)	Delete and substitute therefor the following— “(2) the Deputy Director-General crops;”
	Second Schedule	Delete paragraph (b), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p)
	Third Schedule	Delete paragraph (d)
	s. 39(2)(b)	Delete
The Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Para-professionals Act (Cap. 366).	s. 39(2)(c)	Delete
	s. 39(2)(d)	Delete
	s. 39(2)(e)	Delete

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Statement of objects and reasons

The principal object of the Bill is to provide for the development and regulation of livestock and livestock products, research and capacity building in the livestock sector and the establishment of livestock agencies.

Part I of the Bill deals with preliminary provisions including the short title, interpretation of the main terms used in the Bill, the application and objects of the Bill. It also provides for the roles of the national and county governments in the livestock sector.

PART II of the Bill provides for the roles of the national and county governments in the livestock sector development. Clause 8 establishes the Livestock Sector Transformation Fund whose objective is to facilitate implementation of strategic programs and mitigate disaster, stabilize prices for livestock produce, facilitate agro-processing, livestock trade financing and support the development and improvement of the livestock sector value chains.

Part III of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Livestock Inputs and Products Regulatory Authority. Clause 17 stipulates the functions of the Authority which include regulating the processing, manufacture, importation, exportation, distribution and sale of animal feedstuff, genetic resources, livestock inputs, livestock products, undertaking capacity building in the livestock sector and setting standards for the delivery of extension services. Clause 19 provides for the appointment of inspectors for purposes of enforcing the mandate of the Authority. Clause 21 provides for the designation of laboratories and the appointment of analysts that may perform tests.

Part IV of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Kenya Livestock Research Organisation. It consolidates the livestock research institutions in the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation to provide an agency that will primarily focus on livestock research. Clause 25 provides for the functions of the Organisation which include conducting and coordinating livestock research in line with relevant policies and developing improved livestock production technologies. Clause 29 provides for the establishment of research institutes which shall be semi-autonomous in their operations, implementation of programmes and the allocation and management of resources. Clause 31 vests the management of a research institute in a research institute advisory committee. Clause 33 provides for the appointment of a director for each research institute.

Part V of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Livestock and Livestock Products Marketing Board. Clause 38 stipulates the functions of the Marketing Board which include advising the national government and county governments on matters relating to production and marketing of livestock and livestock products, promoting trade in livestock and livestock products, mobilizing and coordinating resources for investment in and promotion of marketing of livestock and livestock products, identifying market needs and trends in the livestock sector and advising livestock stakeholders accordingly, providing market intelligence on the supply of and demand for livestock and livestock products, supporting the development and rehabilitation of livestock markets' infrastructure, collecting, collating and disseminating data on livestock, establishing strategic business partnerships, providing mechanisms for price stabilization of livestock and livestock products and conducting research on value addition and marketing of livestock and livestock products.

Part VI of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Institute. Clause 46 provides for the functions of the Institute which include manufacturing, marketing and distributing veterinary vaccines, undertaking research, developing and producing products for use in the production of vaccines, maintaining a strategic vaccines reserve for the country and serving as the custodian of master seeds for veterinary vaccines production in the country.

Part VII of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Kenya Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Council. Clause 51 outlines the functions of the Council which include being the lead agency on tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication in Kenya, enforcing standards for tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication, mobilizing resources for the eradication of tsetse and trypanosomiasis, rehabilitation of tsetse infested areas and promoting public and private sector partnership for sustainable tsetse and trypanosomiasis eradication.

Part VIII of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Kenya Animal Genetic Resources Centre. Clause 57 provides for the functions of the Centre which include conservation of animal genetic resources, establishing and managing an animal genetic resources gene bank, producing and distributing germplasm, serving as a reference laboratory for testing of semen, embryos, genotyping and related animal germplasm, undertaking research and developing and implementing animal breeding programmes,

Part IX provides for the establishment of the Kenya Leather Development Authority. Clause 63 provides for the functions of the Leather Authority which include advising the Cabinet Secretary on

matters relating to the utilization of leather and promotion of leather goods, establishing and promoting the development of leather industrial parks, supporting the development of small and medium enterprises in the leather industry, promoting the adoption of new technologies in the leather industry through incubation, regulating value chain actors involved in the manufacturing of leather goods, collecting and analysing data on leather and leather goods, promoting and coordinating the marketing of leather and leather products, conducting capacity building on the production of leather products and providing inputs to manufacturers of leather products.

Part X of the Bill contains the general provisions on livestock agencies established in the Bill. It provides for disqualification from appointment to boards of livestock agencies, the conduct of business and affairs of livestock agencies, delegation by the board, functions of the Chief Executive Officer, remuneration of board members, committees of the board, vacation of office, engagement of experts or consultants, the common seal of a livestock agency, removal of the Chief Executive Officer, establishment of county offices and collaboration with counties, staff of the livestock agencies and disclosure of interest by members or employees of livestock agencies.

Part XI of the Bill contains the financial provisions for the Livestock Agencies. Clause 81 outlines the monies that shall constitute the funds of the livestock agencies. Clause 82 provides for the financial year of the livestock agencies and clause 83 provides for the preparation of annual estimates of the livestock agencies before the end of each financial year. Clause 84 provides for the keeping of accounts preparation of annual reports and auditing of livestock agencies.

Part XII of the Bill provides for the establishment of the Kenya School of Animal Resources and Industry. Clause 89 provides for the establishment of the Board of Directors of the School as the apex body responsible for governance. The Academic Council shall exercise oversight over the examinations offered by the respective training institutions and provide quality assurance for the academic programmes offered by the training institutions.

Part XIII of the Bill regulates beekeeping and bee products. It provides for the registration of beekeepers, imposes restrictions on setting up hives, the disposal of bees, honeycombs and hives and the importation of bees.

Part XIV contains miscellaneous provisions. It provides for the general penalty for offences committed under the Act.

Part XV of the Bill provides for the powers of the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations.

Part XVI provides for the transitional and savings provisions in respect to the former livestock agencies established under statutory instruments that the Bill seeks to revoke.

Statement on the delegation of legislative powers and limitation of fundamental rights and freedoms

Clause 114 of the Bill delegate legislative powers to the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to livestock for the purposes set out in the respective clauses. The Bill does not limit fundamental rights and freedoms.

Statement on whether the Bill concerns county governments

This Bill concerns county governments in terms of Article 110(1) (a) of the

Constitution as it affects the functions and powers of county governments as set out in paragraph 1 of Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution.

Statement as to whether the Bill is a money Bill within the meaning of Article 114 of the Constitution

The enactment of this Bill shall occasion additional expenditure of public funds.

Dated the 14th April, 2026.

KIMANI ICHUNG'WAH,
Leader of the Majority Party.

