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A LAW TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES OF OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS.

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[27th May, 1947.

Governor. DE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and D Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Animals Certificates Short title. Law, 1947.

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2. In this Law-

"animal" means any horse, mule, donkey, camel, sheep, goat, swine, ox or any other neat cattle whatsoever but does not include the unweaned offspring of any such animal:

"certificate of ownership" means a certificate issued

under the provisions of section 3 of this Law;

"quarter" means quarter of a town or of a village.

Certificate of ownership.

First

Schedule.

3.—(1) The mukhtar of every village or quarter shall, upon the demand of any person residing within the village or quarter and upon payment of the prescribed fee, issue to such person a certificate of ownership of any animal which such mukhtar knows to belong, or is shown to his satisfaction that it belongs, to such person.

(2) A certificate of ownership shall be in the form and shall contain the particulars set out in the First Schedule

to this Law.

(3) Upon proof to the satisfaction of the mukhtar of the village or quarter who had issued a certificate of ownership that such certificate has been lost or destroyed, such mukhtar may, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue another such certificate to the person entitled thereto marking the same as a true copy of the original, and such copy shall be valid and effective for all the purposes of this Law.

Possession, etc. of animal without certificate of ownership prohibited.

4. Notwithstanding anything in any other law contained, no person shall—

(a) have in his possession any animal without having a certificate of ownership in respect thereof;

(b) buy any animal, unless-

(i) the seller produces to him the certificate of ownership in respect of such animal; or

(ii) the seller, if he is not himself the owner of the animal, produces to such person the certificate of ownership in respect of such animal and satisfies him that he has authority to sell the animal.

Seller's certificate to be delivered before issue of new certificate.

5.—(1) Upon the sale of an animal, the seller shall deliver of ownership to the mukhtar of the village or quarter within whose area the sale takes place the certificate of ownership in respect of such animal and thereupon such mukhtar shall issue a certificate of ownership for such animal in the name of the buyer recording also thereon in the "Remarks" column in such certificate the seller's name and address, the number of his certificate and the place at which it was issued.

- (2) Upon the issue of a certificate of ownership in the name of the buyer as in sub-section (1) provided, the mukhtar shall-
 - (a) if all the animals mentioned in the seller's certifieate of ownership have been sold, forthwith destroy the seller's certificate;
 - (b) if part only of the animals mentioned in the seller's certificate of ownership has been sold, return to the seller his certificate of ownership after recording thereon in the "Remarks" column in such certificate the animals sold.
- 6. Any person who acts in contravention of any of the Penalty. provisions of section 4 or 5 of this Law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and the Court may, in addition to any punishment, order that any animal in respect of which the offence has been committed, being the property of the person convicted, shall be forfeited.

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7. Irrespectively of any proceedings which may be had sales of or taken, a sale of any animal in contravention of the animals in provisions of section 4 or 5 of this Law shall be void and tion of of no effect.

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8. The fees set out in the Second Schedule to this Law Fees. shall be payable in respect of the matters therein set out to the mukhtar issuing the certificate of ownership.

Second Schedule.

9. This Law shall come into operation on the 1st October, Date of 1947, and thereupon the Laws set out in the Third commence-Schedule to this Law shall be repealed to the extent and saving. therein specified:

ment, repeal Third Schedule.

Provided that-

- chedule to the Courts of Justice Laws. (a) with a view to bringing effectively this Law into operation on the date aforementioned, certificates of ownership may be issued under the provisions of section 3 of this Law, at any time after publication thereof in the Gazette, to take effect as from the 1st October, 1947;
 - (b) any certificate issued under the provisions of any of the Laws hereby repealed, in force on the date of the coming into operation of this Law, shall be deemed to have been issued under the provisions of this Law.

FIRST SCHEDULE (Section 3). THE ANIMALS CERTIFICATES LAW, 1947. Certificate of Ownership.

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R. E. TURNBULL, Colonial Secretary.

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