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THE ANIMALS PROTECTION (DOCKING OF TAILS)
REGULATIONS 1972

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 20th day of March 1972

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. J. R. MARSHALL PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Animals Protection Act 1960, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Animals Protection (Docking of Tails) Regulations 1972.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Docking of tails of cows and calves—The method of docking the tails of cows and calves described in the Schedule to these regulations shall, for the purposes of paragraph (mb) of section 3 of the Animals Protection Act 1960, be an approved method of docking the tails of cows and calves.

SCHEDULE

APPROVED METHOD OF DOCKING TAILS OF COWS AND CALVES

1. A rubber ring shall be applied to the body of the vertebrae between the joints of the tail at a point not less than 2 in. below the lower tip of the vulva in a cow and not less than 1 in. below the lower tip of the vulva in a calf.

2. The tail shall then either—

- (a) Be left to drop off of its own accord; or
- (b) Not less than 7 days after the application of the rubber ring, be severed by the use of a sharp instrument at a point below where the rubber ring has been applied and in such a manner as not to cause discomfort to the animal.

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations prescribe an approved method of docking the tails of cows and calves. Except where such a method is used, the docking of the tails of bovine animals is required by section 3 (mb) of the Animals Protection Act 1960 to be carried out by or under the supervision of a veterinary surgeon or veterinary practitioner.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Agriculture.