

**Reprint**  
**as at 22 December 2005**

**Animals Protection (Docking of  
Tails) Regulations 1972**

(SR 1972/45)

Animals Protection (Docking of Tails) Regulations 1972: revoked, on  
22 December 2005, by notification in the *Gazette* 2005, p 5363.

Arthur Porritt, Governor-General

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.

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989  
have been made in this eprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this eprint, together  
with other explanatory material about this eprint.

**These regulations are administered by the Department of Agriculture.**

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#### 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

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A rubber ring shall be applied to the body of the vertebrae between the joints of the tail at a point not less than 5 cm below the lower tip of the vulva in a cow and not less than 2.5 cm below the lower tip of the vulva in a calf.

Schedule: amended, on 30 January 1976, by regulation 2 of the Animals Protection (Docking of Tails) Regulations 1972, Amendment No 1 (SR 1976/10) by substituting the expressions "5 cm" and "2.5 cm" for the expressions "2" in and "1 in" respectively.

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The tail shall then either

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- (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.

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### **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.

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**Notes****1 General**

This is an eprint of the Animals Protection (Docking of Tails) Regulations 1972. The eprint incorporates all the amendments to the regulations as at 22 December 2005. The list of amendments at the end of these notes specifies all the amendments incorporated into this eprint since 22 December 2005.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the eprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order.

**2 About this eprint**

This eprint has not been officialised. For more information about eprints and officialisation, please *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/eprints/>.

**3 List of amendments incorporated in this eprint  
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