

THE ANIMAL PESTS ACT.

[BURMA ACT IX, 1939.] (3rd May, 1939.)

1. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,— Definitions.

- (a) "animal" includes all members of the animal kingdom ;
- (b) "import" means to bring into the Union of Burma by sea, land or air, and
- (c) "disease" means any disease which may be communicated to man or animals.

2 (1) The President of the Union may, by notification, prohibit or regulate, subject to such restrictions and conditions as he may impose, the import into the Union of Burma or any part thereof of any animal or class or species of animal which may become a pest or which may be the means of introducing disease. Powers of the President to regulate or prohibit the import of animals

(2) A notification under this section may specify any animal or class or species of animal, either generally or in any particular manner, with reference to the country of origin or the route by or the conditions under which it is imported otherwise.

3. A notification under section 2 shall operate as if it had been issued under section 19 of the Sea Customs Act, and the officers of customs at every port shall have the same powers in respect of any animal, with regard to the importation of which such a notification has been issued, as they have for the time being in respect of any goods, the importation of which is prohibited or restricted by the law relating to sea customs, and the law for the time being in force relating to sea customs or any such goods shall apply accordingly. Operation of notification under section 2.

4. (1) The President of the Union may make rules for the detention, inspection, test, disinfection or destruction of any animal or class or species of animal in respect of which a notification has been issued under section 2, or of any animal which may have been in contact with or in proximity thereto, and for regulating the powers and duties of the officers who may be appointed in this behalf. Power to make rules and impose penalties.

(2) In making any rule under this section the President of the Union may direct that a breach thereof shall be punishable with fine, which may be extended to one thousand rupees.

5. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything in good faith done or intended to be done under this Act. Protection to persons acting under this Act.