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AMENDMENT

TO ADD SECTION V-A TO THE "REGULATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF HOG CHOLERA AND THE PAYMENT OF INDEMNITY FOR SWINE INFECTED WITH OR EXPOSED TO HOG CHOLERA", APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1967, AS AMENDED

Section I.- Section V-A is hereby added to the "Regulation for the Eradication of Hog Cholera and the Payment of Indemnity for Swine Infected with or Exposed to Hog Cholera", approved by the Secretary of Agriculture on November 15, 1967, as amended, to read as follows:

"Section V-A.- Prohibition of the use of vaccines and of the antiserum, as well as of the introduction and handling of the hog cholera virus.

"According to the norms of the Federal-State Hog Cholera Eradication Program at present Puerto Rico is free of said disease. The use of vaccines and of antiserum against hog cholera constitute a hazard of reappearance of outbreaks, moreover, it interferes with the tracing of the origin of any new outbreak and the diagnosis of the disease. In addition, the use of vaccines against hog cholera, as well as the antiserum against said disease would be impractical, harmful and prejudicial for swine. For such reason, and with the purpose of avoiding the reinfestation of the hogs with hog cholera, the use of all type of vaccine, as well as the antiserum or any other biological product against said disease, is hereby prohibited in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Likewise, the use in hogs of the vaccine against viral bovine diarrhea (V.B.D.) is prohibited considering that said vaccine causes the formation of antibodies against hog cholera, interfering also with the tracing of the origin of any outbreak and the diagnosis of the disease.

"Likewise, the introduction, handling or use in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico of the hog cholera virus, whether for experimental or scientific purposes, is prohibited."

Section 2.- This amendment is promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture of Puerto Rico under the authority vested in him by Joint Resolution No. 32 of May 31, 1967, as amended (5LPRA 838c,sup). The same shall take effect thirty (30) days after filing in the Office of the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico the original and two copies of its Spanish and English texts, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 112, approved on June 30, 1957, as amended.

Approved on September 28, 1976, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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