

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT
AMENDMENT BILL**

(As introduced)

(MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND LAND AFFAIRS)

[B 80—97]

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GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

- [] Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.
- Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.
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BILL

To amend the Livestock Improvement Act, 1977, so as to uniformly regulate the exportation of declared animals; to make provision for the approval of indigenous and locally produced breeds to be exported; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Substitution of section 17 of Act 25 of 1977, as amended by section 14 of Act 31 of 1984

1. Section 17 of the Livestock Improvement Act, 1977 (Act No. 25 of 1977), is hereby amended— 5

(a) by the substitution for subsection (1) of the following subsection:

“(1) No person shall export from the Republic any animal, semen, ova or eggs unless such exportation has been authorized by the registrar in writing; Provided that such written authorization shall only be issued 10
if—

[(a) shall not be required for the exportation of eggs (except the eggs of ostriches) not intended for breeding purposes] such animal, semen, ova or eggs meet the prescribed minimum standards and the prescribed requirements. 15

[(b) in the case of an ostrich or the eggs of ostriches, shall not be issued unless such ostrich or eggs have been sterilized.];”; and

(b) by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following subsection:

“(2) The provisions of section 16(2)(a), (3), (4)(a), (5), (6) and (7) shall *mutatis mutandis* apply with reference to an application for such 20
authorization.”.

Short title

2. This Act shall be called the Livestock Improvement Amendment Act, 1997.

**MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE LIVESTOCK
IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT BILL, 1997**

Section 17 of the Livestock Improvement Act, 1977 (Act No. 25 of 1977), regulates the exportation of any animal, semen, ova or eggs and in particular prohibits the exportation of fertile ostriches and fertile ostrich eggs.

The principal objects of the Bill are—

- (a) to authorise producers of ostriches to export fertile ostriches and fertile ostrich eggs subject to the prescribed minimum standards and requirements;
- (b) to safeguard the genetic quality of export ostriches and export ostrich eggs; and
- (c) to authorise the exportation of other indigenous breeds subject to the prescribed minimum standards and requirements.

Interested parties consulted

1. The South African Ostrich Producers Organisation
2. The South African Ostrich Breeders Association
3. Various ostrich marketing organisations
4. Numerous small producers of ostriches

In February 1997 a workshop involving all the stakeholders was held at Oudtshoorn.

In the opinion of the Department and the State Law Advisers this Bill should be dealt with in terms of section 75 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.