

Federal Law number (42) on production, importation and Circulation of Seeds and Tubers

We, Zayed Bin Sultan AL Nahyan president of the United Arab Emirates, Pursuant to the provisions of the interim constitution.

And the Federal Law number (1) of the year 1972 on the terms of reference of the Ministries and powers vested upon the Ministers and the laws issued in amendment thereto,

And the Federal Law number (2) of the year 1974 on regulation the importation of seedlings and agricultural seeds as well as the laws issued in amendment thereto,

And the Federal Law number (4) of the year 1979 on the control of Deception and Fraud in the commercial transactions.

And the Federal Law number (5) of the year 1979 on the Agricultural Quarantine and the Laws issued in amendment thereto,

And the Federal Law number (3) of the year 1987 in the issuance of the penal Law.

And with regard to the submission of the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries as approved by the cabinet and endorsed by the Supreme Council.

Do hereby promulgate the following Law:

Article (1)

The following words and terms shall have the meaning hereby assigned to them unless the context otherwise requires:

State: Shall mean the United Arab Emirates.

Ministry: Shall mean Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Competent Department: Shall mean the Agricultural Affairs Sector at the Ministry or any structural unit stemming therefrom,

Competent Authority: Shall mean the authority concerned with regulating

Article (2)

The competent Department shall coordinate with the competent Authority to recommend the approved types and varieties of agricultural seeds and tubers, their specifications, methods used for their propagation production, importation, circulation, preparation, usage and their advertising.

The competent Department together with the competent authority shall specifically

determine the following:

1- The conditions and technical contracting measure of propagation and production of

agricultural seeds and tubers locally according to their types and varieties.

2- Areas of cultivation of agricultural seeds and tubers and their established conditions.

3- Specifications of packs of agricultural seeds and tubers, their stickers and the containing data.

4- Conditions and measures of examining of agricultural seeds and

reporting their validity, quality as well as the process of objection against the results of examinations and tests and the determination therein.

5- Specifications and conditions of garbling and preparing stations of seeds and tubers for circulation.

6- Precautionary measures shall be followed in regard to violated seeds and tubers to the provisions of this Law and the decisions implemented thereto.

Article (3)

It shall not be permissible to propagate, import or circulate seeds and tubers as stated in Article (2) of the present Law unless obtaining prior approval from the competent authority with the exception:

1- Agricultural seeds and tubers imported by universities and research centers for the

purpose of scientific and research on condition that these parties shall carry out safety

measures to avoid the circulation of these seeds and tubers in the country.

2- Agricultural seeds and tubers imported for re-export purpose on condition that they shall not cross the inlets of the country and they may be transferred from one terminal to another for re exportation after taking the necessary precautions in coordination between the customs authorities and the agricultural quarantine Department.

Article (4)

The Minister in accordance with the recommendation of the competent Department and in coordination with the competent authority may prohibit the propagation, production, exportation, importation or circulation of any type or variety of seeds and tubers permanently or temporarily as deem necessary to the public inserts.

Article (5)

Imported seeds and tubers or prepared for exportation shall be submit to the agricultural quarantine measures of inspection to make sure that they are free from diseases and pests and fulfill the specifications.

Article (6)

The Persons who are working in this country, and whose activities or part thereof fall under the provisions of this law, shall adapt their statuses with its provisions and decisions during a period of six months from the date of its enforcement, otherwise they shall be liable for penalties as stated thereof.

Article (7)

The employees assigned to follow up the implementation of the

provisions of this law, the decisions issued in execution thereof, and who have been selected by a decision from the minister of justice in agreement with the minister of agriculture and fisheries and the competent authority shall be deemed to be as judicial detection inspectors.

They are entitled to enter the places, which their activities are included within the

provisions of this law, except the places allocated for residency, to ensure implementing its provisions and the decisions issued in execution thereof, and control of the violations; and the local authorities shall provide the necessary

Facilities for those inspectors to carry out their mission.

Article (8)

Whoever contravenes any of the provisions of this Law shall be sentenced upon conviction to a fine of Dirham not less than five thousand (5000) dirham and shall not exceed fifty thousand dirham (50,000) in addition to confiscate the material in question.

Article (9)

The due fees shall be determined according to the provisions of this Law through a decision by the cabinet.

Article (10)

The Minister shall issue the By-Law and decisions necessary for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

Article (11)

The Law No. (2) of the year 1974 on regulation the importation of seedlings and agricultural seeds.

Article (12)

The present Law shall be published in the official Gazette and shall be enforced as from the date of its publishing.

Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates

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