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A LAW TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE ISSUE OF
CERTIFICATES OF OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS.

1949 Cap. 41.

[1st October, 1947.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Animals Certificates Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

“ animal ” means any horse, mule, donkey, camel, sheep, goat, swine, ox or any other neat cattle whatsoever but does not include the unweaned offspring of any such animal ;

“ certificate of ownership ” means a certificate issued under the provisions of section 3 of this Law ;

“ quarter ” means quarter of a town or of a village.

Certificate of ownership.

3. (1) The mukhtar of every village or quarter shall, upon the demand of any person residing within the village or quarter and upon payment of the prescribed fee, issue to such person a certificate of ownership of any animal which such mukhtar knows to belong, or is shown to his satisfaction that it belongs to such person.

First Schedule.

(2) A certificate of ownership shall be in the form and

shall contain the particulars set out in the First Schedule to this Law. First
Schedule.

(3) Upon proof to the satisfaction of the mukhtar of the village or quarter who had issued a certificate of ownership that such certificate has been lost or destroyed, such mukhtar may, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue another such certificate to the person entitled thereto marking the same as a true copy of the original, and such copy shall be valid and effective for all the purposes of this Law.

4. Notwithstanding anything in any other Law contained, no person shall— Possession,
etc. of
animal
without
certificate
of ownership
prohibited.

(a) have in his possession any animal without having a certificate of ownership in respect thereof ;

(b) buy any animal, unless—

(i) the seller produces to him the certificate of ownership in respect of such animal ; or

(ii) the seller, if he is not himself the owner of the animal, produces to such person the certificate of ownership in respect of such animal and satisfies him that he has authority to sell the animal.

5. (1) Upon the sale of an animal, the seller shall deliver to the mukhtar of the village or quarter within whose area the sale takes place the certificate of ownership in respect of such animal and thereupon such mukhtar shall issue a certificate of ownership for such animal in the name of the buyer recording also thereon in the " Remarks " column in such certificate the seller's name and address, the number of his certificate and the place at which it was issued. Seller's
certificate
of ownership
to be
delivered
before issue
of new
certificate.

(2) Upon the issue of a certificate of ownership in the name of the buyer as in subsection (1) provided, the mukhtar shall—

- (a) if all the animals mentioned in the seller's certificate of ownership have been sold, forthwith destroy the seller's certificate ;
- (b) if part only of the animals mentioned in the seller's certificate of ownership has been sold, return to the seller his certificate of ownership after recording thereon in the " Remarks " column in such certificate the animals sold.

Penalty.

6. Any person who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of section 4 or 5 of this Law shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and the Court may, in addition to any punishment, order that any animal in respect of which the offence has been committed, being the property of the person convicted, shall be forfeited.

Sales of animals in contravention of section 4 or 5 void.

7. Irrespective of any proceedings which may be had or taken, a sale of any animal in contravention of the provisions of section 4 or 5 of this Law shall be void and of no effect.

Fees.
Second
Schedule.

8. The fees set out in the Second Schedule to this Law shall be payable in respect of the matters therein set out to the mukhtar issuing the certificate of ownership.

Saving.

9. Any certificate issued under the provisions of any of the Laws repealed by this Law,* in force on the date of the coming into operation of this Law, shall be deemed to have been issued under the provisions of this Law.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Section 3.)

THE ANIMALS CERTIFICATES LAW.

Certificate of Ownership.

No.

Village/Quarter

Name and address of owner.	Kind and sex of animal.	Colour and marks.	Age.	Remarks.	
				Particulars of transaction.	Date and initials of mukhtar.

Dated

(Signature)
Mukhtar of

Village/Quarter.

* For footnote see page opposite.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Section 8.)

FEES.

1. (a) For each horse, mule, donkey, camel, ox or any other kind of neat cattle, up to ten 25 *mils.*
 (b) For each of the animals in paragraph (a) of this item after the first ten in respect of the same transaction 10 *mils.*
2. (a) For each animal other than those enumerated in item 1 of this Schedule, up to ten 5 *mils.*
 (b) For each of the animals in paragraph (a) of this item after the first ten in respect of the same transaction 3 *mils.*
3. For each copy of any certificate of ownership, same fees as for the original.

* The following Laws were repealed by this Law:—

Law.	Extent of repeal.
1. The Instruction or Law as to the measures proper to be taken and carried out for the prevention of theft of oxen, buffaloes, asses and other gregarious animals contained on the 742nd page of the first volume of the Destour (referred to in item (44) in the Fourth Schedule to the Courts of Justice Laws, 1935 to 1947).	1. The whole.
2. The Cattle Certificate Law, 1889 (9 of 1889).	2. The whole.
3. The Village Authorities Laws, 1931 to (No. 2) 1937.	3. Paragraph III of Part I of the First Schedule (as set out in Law 12 of 1937).

