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ON THE VETERINARIAN SERVICE AND VETERINARIAN INSPECTORATE

In pursuance of the articles 78 and 83 paragraph 1 of the Constitution, with a proposal of the Council of Ministers,

The ASSEMBLY

OF THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA

DECIDED:

CHAPTER I

GENERAL DISPOSITIONS

Article 1

This law regulates the organisation, the functioning and the financing of the veterinarian service and inspecting, as well as the rights and the tasks of the Veterinarian Administration.

Article 2

This law aims:

- a) to protect and improve the animals' health from the contagious diseases;
- b) to establish the respective procedures for monitoring, identification, diagnosing, preventing and treating the animal diseases;
- c) to protect the public health from the zoonotic diseases transmissible from the animals and their disease, from the residues that are harmful for the products to be used for public consumption;
- ç) to ensure the implementation of the sanitary-veterinarian measures for the products of animal origin, for the unprocessed materials, as well as for the animal food, pastures, and water;
- d) to protect the reproductive health of the animals, to ensure the increase of the productivity and breeding improvement;
- dh) to protect the environment from the infections, poisons, and the pollution with damaging consequences for people and animals;
- e) to establish the procedures for the training and the information in the veterinarian medicine for the veterinarian specialists, the owners, the custodians of the animals, and the public;
- ë) to protect the animals from the torture and to ensure their wellbeing;

f) to protect the fauna and the water culture.

Article 3

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CHAPTER II

THE RIGHTS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE STATE, THE OWNERS AND THE OTHER PERSONS

Article 4

1. The international obligations of the Republic of Albania, concerning the prevention and the elimination of the contagious diseases in animals, as well as the international trade of animals, the unprocessed materials, the products of animal origin, animal food, bio-preparations and veterinarian medicaments the vectors of contagious diseases shall be regulated in accordance with the internationally signed convents and agreements, where Albania is a party.

2. The Diplomatic missions of the Republic of Albania shall inform the Ministry of Food and Agriculture about the outburst of any focus of contagious diseases declared in the countries they are accredited.

Article 5

1. In accordance with specifications made in this law, the protection against the contagious disease in the animals is responsibility of the state and its organisms, the veterinarian service, the owners or custodians of the animals, of the products of animal origin, of the unprocessed materials and residues, the production and processing factories. It is also responsibility of the people involved in the treatments, transportation, and storage of the products of animal origin, the unprocessed materials, the residues, and products for animals.

2. The Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Veterinarian Directorate in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the veterinarian sectors in the districts, the veterinarian offices in the municipalities and townships, as well as the veterinarian services are responsible for the implementation of the veterinarian legislation.

Article 6

1. Every owner or custodian of animals has the right to liberally choose its veterinarian physician. The exclusions correlate to the cases related to the mandatory protection of animals against the contagious diseases.

2. Every owner or custodian of animals is obliged:
 - a) to protect the health of the animals;
 - b) to protect the health of people and animals from the zoonotic diseases;
 - c) to help during the inspection and sanitarian-veterinarian control, as well as to provide the veterinarian with materials concerning the examination and to take protection measures against animal contagious diseases established by this law;
 - ç) to inform the closest veterinarian in cases of risk for the health of animals and people;
 - d) to communicate to the veterinarian competent authority the data regarding the health of animals and the veterinarian measures and to allow these authorities to verify the credibility of these data;
 - dh) not to use, for the purposes of increasing the weight or reproduction of the animal, substances of hormonal content, established as such in the by-laws as well as any other substance that is dangerous for the health of people.
3. With a request of the state veterinarian, the owner or the custodian of animals is obliged to allow the control and the inspection of animals, the housing and the factories.
4. The owner or the custodian of the animal, which breeds animals, exercises the activity of production, processing, storage or marketing of the products of animal origin. He/she takes care of the breeding of the pests and wild animals and is obliged to register the animal, the factory, their equipment, as well as to inform within 10 days near the veterinarian office of the district about every changes performed.

CHAPTER III

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE VETERINARIAN SERVICE

Article 7

1. The veterinarian service in the Republic of Albania shall perform the veterinarian activity with a double function of service and inspection related to:
 - a) the health of animals;
 - b) the wellbeing of the animals;
 - c) the controlling of the veterinarian medicinal products;
 - ç) the international relationship in the veterinarian area.
2. The veterinarian services shall be performed by the state and private veterinarian service, based on the definitions of this law.

Article 8

1. The national veterinarian service shall be organized as unique system, which covers all the territory of the Republic of Albania. It shall be organized and shall function within the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, in level of district, municipality, and township.

2. The national veterinarian service shall integrate in the system also the other institutions that exercise veterinarian activity, including the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Public Order. The veterinarian offices in these ministries are obliged to provide monthly official information, as well as any other information required by the Veterinarian Directorate at the Ministry of Food and Public Order related to the problematic and the veterinarian situation.

3. The national veterinarian service shall be member part of the international and regional veterinarian service. It shall also collaborate with the homolog parts of the European Union and other countries, with the International Office of Epizooties and other international organisms in the respective area, such as FAO and OBSH as well as with all the countries with which it has bilateral agreements.

Article 9

1. The Veterinarian Directorate at the Ministry of Food and Agriculture is the central competent authority that covers the veterinarian activity in the national level.

2. The veterinarian sector in the district is a component part of the Regional Directorate of Food and Agriculture, which covers the regional veterinarian activities. The veterinarian sector includes:

- a) the inspectors for the animal health, for the identification, for the epidemiology and reproduction;
- b) the inspectors of the veterinarian public service;
- c) the inspectors of the veterinarian inspections in the frontier points;
- ç) the laboratory veterinarian service.

3. The local veterinarian office covers the veterinarian activity in municipalities and townships, based on the definitions of this law and the law no. 8652, date 31.7.2000 "On the organization and functioning of the local government" and is in technical sub-ordinance of the veterinarian sector of the district.

4. The veterinarian private service is composed by:

- a) the private veterinarians that have contracts with the state;
- b) the freelance veterinarians, the veterinarian clinics, the veterinarian laboratories, the artificial insemination stations and the veterinarian hospitals;
- c) the veterinarians that work in the farms, factories of water animals and accumulation processing of the products of animal origin.

Article 10

1. The Director of the Veterinarian Directorate at the Ministry of Food and Agriculture is also the National Veterinarian Chief Inspector in the Republic of Albania. The veterinarian specialists of this directorate at the Ministry of Food and Agriculture are also veterinarian inspectors.

2. The veterinarian sector supervisor for the district is also the national veterinarian chief inspector for the district. The national veterinarian specialists in municipalities and townships are in his/her technical sub-ordinance and veterinarian inspectors.

CHAPTER IV

THE COMPETENCES OF THE VETERINARIAN ADMINISTRATION AND THE COLLABORATION WITH THE POLICE

Article 11

The Veterinarian Directorate at the Ministry of Food and Agriculture has the following competencies:

- a) it compiles the veterinarian politics, the programs for the prevention, control and elimination until the eradication of the contagious diseases in animals;
- b) it compiles the strategies of short, medium, and long terms concerning the veterinarian activities;
- c) it proposes the enhancement of the veterinarian legislation, by approximating and adopting it with the European Union legislation;
- ç) it monitors, together and in collaboration with the Institute of Veterinarian Research, in accordance with the obligations established by OIE, the epizootic situation of the contagious diseases in animals within the territory of the Republic of Albania and outside it, and it informs for this purpose the veterinarian service and the centres of animal breeding;
- d) it adopts the programs, it coordinates the work and establishes the necessary measures for the implementation of the programs related to the controlling and the prevention of the diffusion of the contagious diseases in animals;
- dh) it stipulates monthly reports regarding the welfare of the contagious diseases of the animals in the country, it informs the interested parties within the country regarding the contagious diseases situation and regarding the measures taken, and presents the respective rapport to OIE;
- e) it supervises the reinforcement of the veterinarian laws and by-laws;
- ë) it supervises the administrative activity for the reinforcement of this law and of the other regulations related to the veterinarian activity;
- f) it manages the financial means for the protection of the animal health, public health, and specialist trainings;
- g) it keeps an annual mandatory reserve of financial means for vaccines and bio-products in necessary and emergent cases for fighting the contagious diseases in animals and the zoo-noses.

Article 12

1. The State Police are obliged to provide the necessary help to the structures of the service and Veterinarian Inspectorate every time it is needed, for the reinforcement of this law.

2. When during their work, the State Police and the Municipality Police discover that the owner and the custodian of the animals does not possess a veterinarian certificate for the animals and products of animals origin during the transportation, it blocks them immediately and informs the Veterinarian Inspectorate.

Article 13

When the State Police and the Municipality Police discover that the measures concerning the environment protection, in accordance with this law, have not been reinforced, they shall inform the closest veterinarian inspectorate.

Article 14

In the infected areas, with the request of the veterinarian inspector, the State Police and the Municipality Police shall forbid the marketing of the animals and shall block the movement of the animals and of the product of animal origin.

Article 15

1. The frontier police shall forbid the illegal transition or transportation of the loadings outside the established frontier passing points.

2. The loading may be redirected to a frontier passing point in the cases when the driver due to the lack of knowledge or for any other reason has directed the transporting vehicle to the frontier passing points that are not inspection passing points.

3. The loading described in the paragraph 2 of this article shall be treated based on the international agreements.

Article 16

The State Police shall help the veterinarian services to performance their duties during the accidents of the transportation of the animals, of the products of animal origin, unprocessed materials, and residues.

CHAPTER V

THE COMPETENCIES OF THE VETERINARIAN INSPECTORATE

Article 17

1. The veterinarian inspectors perform the veterinarian inspection.
2. The veterinarian inspectors shall be provided with the “Official identity card”, given by the Minister of Food and Agriculture.
3. The veterinarian inspector:
 - a) controls the reinforcement of the veterinarian law and by-laws in the veterinarian area;
 - b) controls the epizootic situation of the contagious diseases in animals and the diffusion of the zoonotic diseases with the purpose of the public health protection;
 - c) controls the marketing of the animals, the products and sub-products of animal origin in markets, the storage areas, the refrigerating premises and the stores for selling them;
 - ç) controls the marketing of the medicinal products, the narcotics and other pharmacologic products used in the veterinarian medicine and blocks them in the cases when they do not fulfil the standards;
 - d) controls the sanitarian-veterinarian situation of the products of animal origin;
 - dh) controls the health conditions of the animals and their reproductive ability, the marketing and the storage of the animals’ sperm, ovules, embryos, eggs for reproduction, and bee queen;
 - e) controls and take the necessary measures for protecting the animals from the tortures;
 - ë) controls the animals, the products of animal origin and unprocessed materials, the additives, the products for animals, the water and the residues concerning their hygienic purity;
 - f) blocks the productions, the marketing and the usage of the products for animals and the water products in the cases when these contain pathogenic agents or substances that damage the health of animals and of people;
 - g) blocks the marketing of the fur of the animals slaughtered without the veterinarian control or that origin from sick animals, for which it is not been issued a veterinarian certificate for the purity of their origin area, or when in the storage areas, these furs have not been isolated from the controlled ones;
 - gj) blocks the usage of the transportation means that do not fulfil the requirements established concerning the transportation of animals, products of animal origin, unprocessed materials, products for animals, the water used by animals and the residues;
 - h) blocks the usage of the animal houses and farms for animal breeding, the stations and points for loading, reloading, and unloading of animals, in these do not fulfil the established requirements;
 - i) blocks the slaughtering of the animals, the collection and processing of the products of animal origin if the established requirements are not fulfilled;
 - j) blocks the release of the veterinarian certificate in cases of existence of the focuses of contagious diseases or in cases of doubts for contagious diseases;
 - k) confiscates and destroys the unprocessed materials, inappropriate from the sanitarian-veterinarian point of view, the products of animal origin, the products for animals, and the veterinarian medical products;
 - l) orders the conditional consumption of the unprocessed materials, the products of animal origin, the products for animals or the processing of the above-mentioned products for other purposes;

- ll) orders the elimination of the deficiencies on the production and the marketing of animals, products of animal origin, unprocessed materials, the products for animals and medicinal products;
- m) suspends the farms and the installations for breeding, producing and marketing of animals, products of animal origin and industry, marketing and other purposes when these do not fulfil the sanitarian-veterinarian criteria, in accordance with the respective laws and by-laws;
- n) takes samples and sends them to the Institute of Veterinarian Researches or to the regional laboratories in order to perform bacteriologic, chemical analysis and tests for the residues of harmful substances and environment polluters;
- nj) supervises the marketing and the usage of the disinfection materials against parasites, insects, and gnawers established by this law;
- o) controls the books in the production and processing centres, the registers for the examination results, and other documents of the physic and juristic persons related to the implementation of the veterinarian medicine regulations as well as the regulations related to the marketing of the veterinarian medicines;
- p) suspends the movement of animals, products of animal origin, products for animals, medicinal products, animal sperm, ovules, embryos, animal residues when these constitute a violation of the law;
- q) orders the elimination of the deficiencies in the technical organisation of the documentation;
- r) orders the blocking of the unlicensed veterinarian activity or the activities with deficiencies in the documentation.

Article 18

In the frontier inspection point, the veterinarian inspector has the duty:

- a) to perform the sanitarian-veterinarian inspection as well as the physical inspection of the loadings for export, import and transit together with the accompanying documents;
- b) to take samples of products of animal origin, unprocessed materials, residues and products for animals for laboratory analysis, when this is necessary;
- c) to register the loadings of imports, exports and transits that pass through the frontier passing point, based on the definitions of the regulation prepared by the Minister of Food and Agriculture;
- ç) to supervise the disinfection and the hygienic-sanitarian conditions of the transportation vehicles and the custom storage areas;
- d) to perform all the other operations foreseen by this law as well as the by-laws that aim its implementation.

Article 19

1. In the frontier inspection point, the veterinarian inspector is part of the custom practice group which takes the first contact with the vehicles and the merchandise that pass the frontier and has the right to block the export, the import and the transit of the loadings mentioned in this law, when:

- a) during the inspection it has been discovered that the loading has been contaminated, there are doubts that it is contaminated, and when the loading's origin is from the contaminated areas and damages or jeopardizes the health of people and animals;
- b) the loading has not been accompanied by an international sanitarian-veterinarian certificate and other accompanying documents, in accordance with the respective laws and by-laws;
- c) the products of animal origin intended for public consumption are polluted with radioactive, microbiologic substances or with chemical residues besides the allowed norms.

2. Besides of what is foreseen in paragraph 1 of this article, the veterinarian inspector orders:

- a) the storage of the loadings in a registered warehouse in the cases when the health conditions of the loading shall be examined;
- b) other measures for keeping the animals, based on this law and in accordance with the international treaties concerning the protection of the animal health;
- c) the pest control of the transporting vehicles, the equipment, and the other installations used during the processing of the loadings;
- ç) the elimination of the irregularities during the marketing of the loadings in the veterinarian inspection frontier point.

CHAPTER VI

THE ACTIVITY, THE RIGHTS AND THE DUTIES OF THE CHAMBER OF THE VETERINARIAN PHYSICIANS

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CHAPTER XI

**THE SANITARIAN-VETERINARIAN MEASURES CONCERNING THE
PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF THE PRODUCTS OF
ANIMAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC AND ANIMAL CONSUMPTION**

Article 45

1. The competent veterinarian authority in the district, municipality, and township controls the sanitarian-veterinarian conditions in the slaughtering houses, in the meat processing factories, in the refrigerators, in the processing centres for the products and sub-products of animal origin and their marketing, in the factories of water and water-culture products, and gives the permission for their creation and functioning. They have

the competence to suspend up to the closure of this activity when they ascertain impingements of this law.

2. The sanitarian-veterinarian inspection and control is mandatory for the one-hoofed, two-hoofed, poultries, and warrens before the slaughtering, as well as the meat of the one-hoofed, two-hoofed, poultries, warrens and hunting animals, fishes, milk and its by-products and eggs, meat products, honey, mussels, shell fishes, frogs for public consumption before their placement into the market.

3. The sanitarian-veterinarian inspection and control is also mandatory for the factories and equipments for slaughtering of the animals established in paragraph 2, for the factories and equipments for the treatment and the processing of the meat, fish, mussels, frogs, milk, honey, eggs, for the factories and equipments for their storage, for the unprocessed materials, for the additives used for treatment, storage and processing of the products of animal origin in these factories and the transport vehicles.

4. The sanitarian-veterinarian inspection of the animals for been slaughtered, as well as the inspection of the products of animal origin, mentioned in this article, for public consumption, shall be performed in the slaughtering houses and in the production-processing factories. The control and the surveillance of the products of animal origin shall be done in storage areas, in markets, as well as in other selling points.

5. At least 24 hours before starting the production, the owner or the custodian of the animals shall report to the competent veterinarian authority about the slaughtering of the animals or the production of the product, which is subject of the mandatory veterinarian control and inspection.

6. During the constrained slaughtering of one-hoofed and two-hoofed, it is mandatory to perform the inspection of their meat, which may be used for domestic usage of for feeding the animals.

7. The veterinarian inspection of sick one-hoofed and two-hoofed, before and after the slaughtering is mandatory when their meat may be used for public or animal consumption.

Article 46

1. When the veterinarian inspector, based on the sanitarian-veterinarian inspection and other researches, decides that a product of animal origin is clean for public consumption, then this product shall be certified, stamped and allowed for marketing, treatment and processing based on the respective recommendations.

2. When the veterinarian inspector, based on the inspection and other researches, decides that an unprocessed material or product of animal origin does not fulfil the sanitarian-veterinarian requirements for public consumption, the marketing of this unprocessed material or product of animal origin shall not be allowed and it shall be confiscated based on the respective regulations.

3. The products of animal origin placed in the market for public consumption without an inspection and sanitarian-veterinarian control or without a veterinarian certificate or stamp, are not appropriate and their usage for public consumption shall not be allowed.

4. All the hunting animals, intended for public consumption, shall be inspected by the veterinarian inspectors and shall be accompanied by the veterinarian certificate.

5. The owner or the custodian of animals for slaughtering and the processor or the handler, the transporter and the marketer of the products of animal origin and of the unprocessed materials, has the right to request the repetition of the tests when the first result of the tests has been positive. The test may be repeated only for the sample stored in the laboratories where the test was performed and not for a new sample.

Article 47

A veterinarian certificate shall accompany the sick animals, which are sent to the closest slaughtering house in order to be slaughtered. The final sanitarian-veterinarian inspection of these animals, as well as the assessment of the meat of the urgently slaughtered animals shall be performed in the slaughtering houses.

Article 48

1. The owner or the custodian of animals for production of milk or its products intended for public consumption shall register this activity at the veterinarian sector of the district.

2. The veterinarian sector of the district provides to the owner or the custodian of animals for milk production the permission for marketing the milk and its products for public consumption only when the sanitarian-veterinarian parameters are fulfilled and he/she is registered near the respective veterinarian office.

3. When the veterinarian sector of the district gets the conclusion that the established sanitarian-veterinarian parameters have not been fulfilled, it repeals the permission through a special order and blocks the marketing of the milk.

4. When the laboratory tests of the milk and its sub-products show microbic, toxicological, and radiobiological loads over the allowed norm, the veterinarian sector of the district shall disallow their marketing and their usage for public consumption.

Article 49

The veterinarian sector of the district shall inspect and control the living animals, the unprocessed materials, the products of animal origin and the food for animals, concerning the existence of all the residues of harmful influence in the health of animals and people, based on the National Residues Monitoring and the regulations of the Minister of Food and Agriculture. The tests for the residues shall be performed at the Institute of Veterinarian Researches and in the regional laboratories.

Article 50

1. The physic and juristic persons registered regarding the production and the marketing of animal food shall ensure the necessary sanitarian-veterinarian conditions during all the phases of their production, transportation and marketing.

2. The marketing of animal food that does not fulfil the necessary sanitarian-veterinarian conditions is not allowed.

3. The animal food is considered inappropriate in the following cases:

a) it contains pathogenic microorganisms, moulds or parasites that harm the animals' health;

b) it contains substances anabolisants, hormones, tyrostatics used for stimulation purposes;

c) it contains residues of pesticides, chlorine-organics, radioactive substances and other harmful substances that exceed the allowed level;

ç) they have been changed from the organoleptic point of view, have decomposed quantities, influence negatively in the reproduction and the health of the animals and their expiration date has already passed.

4. Before that the animal food is placed into the market, the juristic and physic persons registered for marketing purposes shall perform the respective tests in the approved laboratories, in accordance with the respective by-laws.

5. The food to be used for animals, including the simple food of plant or animal origin or the composed foods with complements with medical or stimulating influence, locally produced or imported, are allowed to be placed into the market only if they are accompanied by the veterinarian certificate. This certificate shall be provided by the veterinarian sector of the district and shall include the test results and the standards approved for these products.

6. The Veterinarian Inspectorate performs the inspection and the sanitarian-veterinarian control of the products for animal use, as well as the factories for their production and storage for marketing purposes. It stops and suspends their use and their activity if they result infected and do not fulfil the sanitarian-veterinarian conditions.

Article 51

1. The animal slaughtering, the production of the products of animal origin and unprocessed materials for public consumption shall be allowed only in the slaughtering houses and in approved factories, which shall be created and shall function in accordance with the regulation of the Minister of Food and Agriculture and have received the veterinarian permission from the local competent authority.

2. The Veterinarian Administration, after releasing the permission, codify and register the inspected factory. Only in specific cases, one-hoofed and two-hoofed may be slaughtered outside the slaughtering houses in the approved slaughtering points and only under the veterinarian control.

Article 52

It is not allowed the export of the living animals, their products and sub-products, which have not been produced by the factories that are approved and certified for exporting by the veterinarian competent authority, in accordance with the requirements of this law.

Article 53

The animal breeding farms, the slaughterhouses, the incubators, the factories of production, processing, collection and production of the unprocessed materials, as well as all the products of animal origin, which export, shall be inspected by the Veterinarian Directorate, the Veterinarian Inspectorate, and by other authorized service structures.

Article 54

1. The physic or juristic persons that collect and trade animal furs and process them or not, when they come from the one-hoofed and two-hoofed animals slaughtered without the sanitarian-veterinarian control, as well as the unprocessed furs of these animals, are obliged to store them in separate premises isolated from the others.
2. The fur of bovines, sheep, and goats, established in paragraph 1 of this article, are not allowed to be marketed and processed without previously doing the analyses for the disease of burst at the Institute of Veterinarian Researches.
3. The physic or juristic person, based on the paragraph 1 of this article, shall document the origin of the furs purchased, receives the veterinarian certificate of origin and is obliged to have the results of the analyses for the disease of burst.
4. The centres and the factories of the collection and the processing of the furs are obliged to take appropriate measures in order to prevent pollution of the environment through the unloading, the residues, and the gasses that develop from the technologic process.

CHAPTER XII

THE VETERINARIAN MEASURES DURING THE ANIMAL REPRODUCTION

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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

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In specific cases, with the permission of the veterinarian inspector, the animal cadavers are buried or burned in locations that fulfil the veterinarian requirements and are established by the local government organisms.

CHAPTER XIV

**THE EXPENSES CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH**

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CHAPTER XV

THE INSTITUTE OF VETERINARIAN RESEARCHES AND THE NATIONAL LABORATORY FOR CONTROLLING OF THE VETERINARIAN BIO-PRODUCTS

Article 70

The Institute of Veterinarian Researches is the only national laboratory reference centre and part of the national veterinarian service network. The Institute of Veterinarian Researches exercises its activity in all the territory of the Republic of Albania.

Article 71

The Institute of Veterinarian Researches is a national institution and subordinate of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The Institute of Veterinarian Researches performs scientific research studies with expenses handled by the state, based on the respective by-laws. It also has independence in its financial activity for the services it performs.

Article 72

The assignments of the Institute of Veterinarian Researches include:

- a) monitoring the epizootic situation of the country for viral, bacterial, moulds, parasites, zoonotic diseases and poisonings;
- b) the diagnostic of the diseases and the establishment of the most effective schemes for fighting them;
- c) production of the veterinarian bio-preparations, such as vaccines, antigens, allergens, diagnostic materials, such as antigens, serums hiperimuns for usage during the diagnostic and the fighting of the diseases;
- ç) microbiologic, chemical, toxicological and radiobiological control of the alimentary products and sub-products of animal origin and the animal foods, locally produced or imported, as well as the intended for export;
- d) the control of the residues of the substances of anabolic influence, the unauthorized substances, the bio-preparations and the veterinarian medicaments in the living animals and poultry, as well as their products;
- dh) the qualification of the specialists for the regional veterinarian laboratories, the certification of the veterinarian pharmacists and their periodic training.

Article 73

The Institute of Veterinarian Researches functions based on the internationally known norms and standards. It compiles, approves and distributes the respective analytical techniques and methods in the area of its legal activity. It collaborates with analogue institutions, scientific research centers, and other international organisms, as well as with other reference institutes within the country.

Article 74

The regional veterinarian laboratories are administratively subordinates of the Institute of Veterinarian Researches. The regional veterinarian laboratories shall be located near the Directorate of Food and Agriculture in the district and shall exercise their activity for diagnosing and controlling the diseases of animals and poultry, as well as the controlling of the products of animal origin and animal food. These laboratories shall fulfil the tasks delegated to them by the Institute of Veterinarian Researches for following the epizootic situation of the district. They shall support the regional veterinarian service for stipulating and implementing the programs for monitoring and eliminating the diseases, for minimizing and eliminating the risks for people.

Article 75

The Institute of Veterinarian Researches certifies all the private veterinarian laboratories and the laboratories of the private subjects.

Article 76

1. The National Laboratory for the Veterinarian Control shall be created and shall function as a subordinate of the Veterinarian Directorate. It controls the bio-preparations and the veterinarian medicaments imported or locally produced.
2. The bio-preparations include the vaccines, serums, diagnostics, shams and the components for their production. They shall be produced from the authorized institution from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and shall be used after being controlled by the National Laboratory of the Veterinarian Control.

Article 77

The import, export and the marketing of the bio-preparations, medicaments and of the biologic products for animals is allowed only in accordance with the article 40 paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and articles 76 paragraph 2 of this law.

Article 78

1. The Commission for Controlling the Bio-products and the Veterinarian Medicaments shall be created with an order from the Minister of Food and Agriculture near the Veterinarian Directorate.
2. The members of the Commission for Controlling the Bio-products and the Veterinarian Medicaments include:
 - a) the Director of the Veterinarian Directorate near the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, who is the Chairman of the Commission;
 - b) the Director of the Institute of Veterinarian Researches;
 - c) the Manager of the National Laboratory of the Veterinarian Control;
 - ç) the Manager of the Department of the Bacteriology and Parasitological;
 - d) the Manager of the Department of Virology;
 - dh) a specialist from the Veterinarian Directorate.

CHAPTER XVI

ULTIMATE DISPOSITIONS

Article 79

Not to be translated

Article 80

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Article 81

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Article 82

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Article 83

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Article 84

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Article 85

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Article 86

For the reinforcement of this law, the Minister of Food and Agriculture:

- a) issues by-laws for regulating the veterinarian activity, by adopting and approximating them with the legislation of the European Union;
- b) contributes in the realisation of the veterinarian practices by subscribing the international veterinarian agreements;
- c) stipulates, in collaborations with the Ministry of Health, the preventive short and long-term measures for protecting people's health against the zoonoses;
- ç) decides about the creation, the composition, and functioning of a common commission of experts for the zoonoses, as a consulting authority, with a common regulation with the Ministry of Health.

Article 87

The Minister of Food and Agriculture, through a specific regulation, establishes the sanitarian-veterinarian conditions to be applied in the premises and the equipments for manipulating the post mortem animal cadavers. He/she also establishes the sanitarian-veterinarian conditions to be applied in the factories for collecting the confiscated, the animal residues, and the medicines of the invalid veterinarian bio-preparations, as well as the methods for processing and liquidating them.

Article 88

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Finances are in charge of preparing the respective by-laws in accordance with the articles 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28, 30, 37, 38, 42, 43, 49, 51, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 65, 68, 76 and 78 of this law.

Article 89

The Law no.7674, data 23.2.1993 “On the Veterinarian service and Veterinarian Inspectorate”, with its respective changes, shall be repealed.

Article 90

This law enters into power 15 days after its publication in the Official Journal.

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