

STOCK DISEASES (REGULATIONS).

No. 54 of 1974.

AN ACT to amend the Stock Diseases (Regulations)
Act, 1968-1969.

[Assented to 3rd December, 1974.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Stock Diseases (Regulations) Act Amendment Act, 1974.* Short title and citation.

(2) In this Act the Stock Diseases (Regulations) Act, 1968-1969, is referred to as the principal Act. Act No. 66 of 1968 as amended by Act No. 30 of 1969.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Stock Diseases (Regulations) Act, 1968-1974.

Section 12A
added.

2. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 12 a new section, to stand as section 12A, as follows—

Where im-
mediate des-
truction is
essential.

12A. (1) Notwithstanding that the Governor has not declared a state of emergency as provided by section 12, where the Chief Inspector of Stock is of the opinion that an animal is affected with—

- (a) foot and mouth disease;
- (b) vesicular stomatitis;
- (c) vesicular exanthema;
- (d) rinderpest;
- (e) swine fever;
- (f) African swine fever;
- (g) bluetongue;
- (h) Newcastle disease; or
- (i) fowl plague,

and that the immediate destruction of that animal is essential to prevent the spread of the disease, the Chief Inspector of Stock may, by notice in writing given to the person apparently having charge of that animal for the time being, order the destruction of that animal.

(2) Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of an order made under this section commits an offence.

Penalty: One thousand dollars or imprisonment for six months.

(3) The provisions of section 14 as to compensation shall apply in relation to the destruction of an animal under this section, as if that animal had been yielded up pursuant to a requisition of the Minister given or made as provided by regulations under this Part.