

# A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK (PROTECTION, CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT E.T.C) BUREAU FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION, TRACEABILITY REGISTRATION, CATTLE RUSTLING CONTROL AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

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[ ] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

### PART I - PRELIMINARY

1. This Bill may be cited as the National Livestock (Protection, Control and Management, Etc) Bureau Bill, 2017.

Short title

### 2. In this Bill-

Interpretation

"Animal" means all vertebrate and invertebrate animals other than human beings;

"abattoir" means slaughter house where animals are slaughtered;

"anti-cattle rustling task force" means a combined team of the security agencies charged with the task of combating cattle rustling in their respective jurisdictions;

"branding" means making any permanent mark, or representation on livestock in conformity with the law;

"brand mark" means any letter, character, sign or symbol or any combination of these used or intended to be used for marking of livestock;

"Bureau" means the National Livestock Bureau established by this Bill;

"cattle" means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers, calves, sheep, goats and camels;

"cattle rustling" means the stealing or planning, organizing, attempting, aiding or abating the stealing of livestock by any person whether committed

1 to increase community involvement and support for the work of the  
2 Bureau;

3 (s) encourage and facilitate the formation of inter-state boarder  
4 Committees with focus on movement of livestock;

5 (t) designate centres for the recovery of livestock in Nigeria; and

6 (u) establish contact group with pastoral and other affected  
7 communities for continuous interaction and provision of technical  
8 assistance.

9 8. Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Bureau shall have power  
10 by regulations to:

11 (a) proclaim and declare the livestock identification, registration and  
12 traceability system;

13 (b) determine the types of livestock identification devices;

14 (c) provide the species, breeds, sex, age and types of animals to be  
15 identified and registered;

16 (d) specify the method and location of applying livestock  
17 identification devices;

18 (e) determine brand and marking system;

19 (f) prescribe the procedure for the importation or manufacture of  
20 livestock identification devices; and

21 (g) prescribe anything which in this Bill is required or authorized to be  
22 prescribed.

#### 23 PART IV - DIRECTOR GENERAL AND STAFF OF THE BUREAU

24 9.-(1) There shall be a Director-General of the Bureau who shall be  
25 appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;

26 (2) The Director -General shall be the Chief Executive and  
27 Accounting Officer of the Bureau and shall be responsible for the day  
28 execution of the Bureau's policies and the administration of its day-to-day  
29 business.

30 (3) The Bureau may appoint a Secretary who shall not be a member of

the Bureau and who shall:

(a) keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Bureau;

(b) perform such other duties as the Bureau or, as the case may be, the Director-General may from time to time require him to perform.

10.-(1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Bureau shall appoint such other employees as may be necessary for carrying out its functions under this Bill.

Staff of the  
Bureau

(2) The Bureau shall, with the approval of the Minister determine the terms and conditions of service of employees of the Bureau as to their remuneration and allowances.

(3) Services under the Bureau shall be approved service for the purpose of pensions whether contributory or not; and accordingly employees, shall be entitled to pension and other retirement benefits.

#### PART V - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

11.-(1) The Bureau shall maintain a fund which shall consist of:

(a) Such moneys as be appropriated to it under the Appropriation Act;

(b) Such moneys as may from time to time be provided by the Federal Government by way of loan or grant and;

(c) Such moneys as the Bureau may receive in the cause of its operations or in relation to the exercise of its function

12. The Bureau shall apply the proceeds of the fund established by subsection(1) of this section to defray the cost of administration of the Bureau and any other Expenses incurred by the Bureau.

Expenditure of  
the Bureau

13. The Bureau shall submit to the Minister not later than 31st October in each Financial Year an estimate of its expenditure and income during the next succeeding financial year.

Annual Estimates

Annual report 1 **14.** The Bureau shall prepare and submit to the minister not later than  
2 30th June in each year, a report of its activities during the preceding year,  
3 of the Bureau for that year accompanied by a copy of the  
4 Auditor's report thereon.

5 PART VI - ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONAL OFFICES OF THE BUREAU, STATE  
6 LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT BOARDS, ETC

Establishment of zones and zonal offices second schedule

7                    15.-(1). For the purpose of the variety and effective performance of

8                    its functions, the Bureau shall divide Nigeria into six Zones as set out in the

9                    Second schedule to the Bill.

(2) There shall be established for each zone an Office to be known as the Livestock Bureau Zonal Office:

12           **16.-(1)** Subject to the provisions of this Bill, each Zonal Office shall  
13 perform the functions and serve the powers to:

14 (a) supervise, livestock identification, registration and traceability in  
15 the Zone;

16 (b) registered establishments and premises;

17 (c) collect and store livestock records;

18 (d) supervise the application or use of identification services;

(e) maintain a register or computerized database of establishments and premises and identified livestock and livestock products for this purpose of monitoring livestock movement slaughter or trade;

22 (f) remit ad share records with its Registry;

23 (g) liaise and cooperate with the livestock management boards of the  
24 states in the zone;

25 (h) perform such other functions as the Bureau may from time to time  
26 delegate or assign to it; and

27 (i) coordinate the establishment of Anti-cattle Rustling Task Force in  
28 the zone.

29 (2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, any officer of the Zonal  
30 Office so designated, shall have power to enter into and inspect livestock in any

1 establishment or premises for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the  
2 Provision of this Act.

3 17.-(1) There shall be for each Zone an officer of the Bureau to be Appointment of  
4 known as Bureau Officer who shall be appointed by the Bureau. Zonal Officers

5 (2) The Zonal Bureau Officer shall:

6 (a) Be The Chief Executive of the Zonal Office in matters within  
7 his competence and Authority;

8 (b) carry out any direction given to him by the Director-General;  
9 and

10 (c) be responsible for the execution of the policies and decisions of the  
11 Bureau.

12 18.-(1) Each of the Zones mentioned in Sub-section(1) of Section  
13 15 shall have a Zonal Livestock Management committee for the purpose  
14 effective performance of the functions of the Zonal Bureau Office.

15 (2) The Zonal Livestock Management Committee shall consist of  
16 Zonal Bureau Officer who shall be the Chairman and the following other  
17 members, that is to say:

18 (a) the Commissioner in charge of livestock in each State within  
19 the Zone;

20 (b) one traditional ruler from each state within the Zone to be  
21 appointed in rotation by the Commissioner in charge of Chieftaincy Affairs  
22 in each such state; and

23 (c) At least one representative of cattle rearers association in the  
24 Zone.

25 (3) The functions of the Zonal Livestock Management  
26 Committees shall include:

27 (a) the Coordination of the execution of livestock Identification,  
28 registration and traceability system at the Zonal level;

29 (b) advising the Zonal Bureau Office on various aspects of the

- 1        functions of the Bureau for the effective performance of such functions in the
- 2        Zone;
- 3                (c) conducting enlightenment and sensitization programme, and
- 4        activities in the various aspects of functions of the Bureau;
- 5        (d) liaising with factoral communities in the Zone;
- 6                (e) Coordinating and supervising the working of inter-state Boarder
- 7        Committees on monitoring livestock movements; and
- 8                (f) any other activity that may enhance the effective Management,
- 9        control and protection of livestock in the Zone.

State livestock  
Boards

10                **19.-(1)** There shall be for each State of the Federation a body to be  
11        known as the State Livestock Management Board:

12                (2) The establishment, composition, structure and functions of the  
13        State Livestock Management Board shall be in accordance with the Laws  
14        enacted by the House of Assembly of each State.

#### PART VII - MISCELLANEOUS

Duty to register

16                **20.-(1)** After the commencement of this Bill, any person who owns or  
17        operates an establishment or a premises shall register such establishment or  
18        premises as the case may be.

19                (2) The owner of a livestock shall register or cause to be registered  
20        such livestock with the Zonal office having jurisdiction in the area in which  
21        such livestock is found.

Duty to identify  
livestock

22                (3) The owner of livestock shall identify his livestock with any  
23        identification devices recognized or prescribed by the Bureau.

24                (4) Notwithstanding anything in this section, the owner of livestock's  
25        shall obtain livestock identification devices from the Zonal office in the area  
26        where his livestock is kept, found or reared.

Duty to keep  
record

27                **21.-(1)** A person who deals in livestock as a livestock producer,  
28        processor, trader, tag manufacturer, auctioneer, abattoir, transporter or  
29        veterinarian shall collect, keep and maintain the record of livestock or products  
30        for purposes of livestock traceability.

1 (2) Subject to the provisions of the subsection (1), the records  
2 collected shall include the livestock:

3 (a) species;

4 (b) identification type and number;

5 (c) sex;

6 (d) colour;

7 (e) breed; and

8 (f) any other information as deemed necessary for livestock  
9 identification and traceability.

10 22.-(1) A person operating a veterinary laboratory shall collect and  
11 keep records of national livestock identification particulars on the livestock  
12 or the sample collected for diagnosis and analysis.

Veterinary  
traceability

13 (2) The particulars collected pursuant to subsection(1) shall be  
14 remitted to the Registry within 180 days of collecting them.

15 23.-(1) A person shall not cause livestock to be marketed  
16 or slaughtered in an abattoir whether for trade or export unless the livestock  
17 is accompanied by the required documentation under this Act.

Documentation

18 (2) All livestock imported into or exported outside Nigeria shall be  
19 registered at the point of such import or export and their particulars be  
20 submitted to the Registry.

21 24. Any person who wilfully fails or neglects to perform the duties  
22 imposed on him under this part, commits an offence and on conviction shall  
23 be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand naira or to a term of  
24 imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

Offences

25 PART VIII - TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

26 25.-(1) Subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Bill, all staff of  
27 the Livestock Department of the Ministry shall be transferred to the Bureau  
28 within 180 days from the date on which the Bureau is constituted.

29 (2) The transfer effected in pursuance of subsection (1) shall not  
30 operate to the disadvantage of the staff affected as to their status, position,

1 grade level, seniority or remuneration whatsoever.

2 (3) All pending and future matters relating to the appointment,  
3 confirmation, promotion, discipline, posting transfer or retirement of the staff  
4 to which this section applies shall, after the commencement of this Bill be  
5 transferred and taken over by the Bureau.

Transfer of  
assets

6 26. After the commencement of this Bill, all facilities, buildings,  
7 equipments, vehicles and other moveable and immoveable property held by  
8 the Livestock Department of the Ministry anywhere in Nigeria, shall vest in the  
9 Bureau:

10 Provided that the Bureau shall not be held liable for any obligation subsisting  
11 against the Livestock Department of the Ministry prior to the date of vesting  
12 under this section.

Cessation of  
services

13 27. Notwithstanding of the provisions of any other Law in force  
14 where an agency, body or organization of the Federal Government is or has  
15 been carrying out functions which are vested in the Bureau under this Bill, the  
16 agency, body or organization shall from the date this Bill comes into operation,  
17 cease to carry out those services and where the agency, body or organization is  
18 or has been carrying out those functions pursuant to the provisions of any  
19 enactment, that enactment is hereby repealed.

Commencement  
of certain  
provisions

20 28. For the purpose for making necessary organizational  
21 arrangements for the takeoff of the Bureau, the provisions relating to  
22 registration of livestock shall not be enforced during the initial one year of the  
23 commencement of this Bill.

## 24 SCHEDULES

### 25 FIRST SCHEDULE

#### 26 *Section 3 (3)*

### 27 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BUREAU

28 1. At any meeting of the Bureau, the Chairman shall preside and in his  
29 absence, such member of the Bureau as the other members may appoint from  
30 among themselves for that purpose.



2. The quorum for the meeting of the Bureau shall be one-third of the members of the Bureau.

3. The Bureau shall have power to regulate its own proceedings and may make standing orders for that purpose and subject to such standing orders, the Bureau may function despite any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member.

4. The Bureau may appoint such number of Committees to carry out such function of general or special nature as the Bureau may determine; but no decisions or recommendations of any committee shall have effect unless accepted or approved by the Bureau.

5. The Bureau may co-opt persons who are not members of the Bureau to any meeting of the Bureau or any of its committees and such persons may take part in the deliberations of the Bureau or any committee but shall not be entitled to vote.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

## Section 14 (2)

## ZONAL OFFICES

(a North-West Zone consisting of the following states:

Jigawa, Katsina, Kano, Kaduna, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara (with Headquarters at Katsina).

(b) North-East Zone consisting of the following states:

Bornu, Adamawa, Taraba, Bauchi, Gombe and Yobe (with Headquarters at Yola).

(c) North-Central Zone consisting of the following states:

Niger, Nasarawa, Kwara, Benue, Plateau and Kogi (with Headquarters at Lafia).

(d) South-West Zone consisting of the following states:

Lagos, Ogun, Osun, Ondo, Ekiti and Oyo (with Headquarters at Ibadan).

(e) South-East Zone consisting of the following States:

Imo, Enugu, Abia, Anambra and Ebonyi (with Headquarters at Enugu).

- 1 (f) South-South Zoneconsisting of the following states:
- 2 Rivers, Cross-River, Edo, Delta, Bayelsa and Akwa-Ibom (with Headquarters
- 3 at Uyo).

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Livestock (Protection, Control and Management e.t.c) Bureau for the purpose of livestock identification, traceability registration, cattle rustling control.