

	1	animals on a personal or commercial ranch that is well fenced and restrict the
	2	movement of all the livestock within that ranch.
Animal Feeds	3	4. Any person who keeps livestock in a ranch must provide enough
	4	animal feeds and medical care to such livestock.
Movement of Livestock on certain conditions	5	5. Any person who intends to move his/her livestock from a ranch to
	6	another place for the purposes of:
	7	(a) further raising of such livestock in another ranch;
	8	(b) medical treatment of the livestock;
	9	(c) sale of SUCG livestock;
	10	Shall obtain a permit from a Local Government Authority to do so.
Animals for slaughter	11	6. Animals shall not be moved from ranches to long distances for the
	12	purposes of slaughter but shall be slaughtered in the nearest abattoir and the
	13	meat preserved and moved from one distance to another.
Obtaining permit	14	7. Any person who wants to move his/her livestock from a ranch to
	15	another place in line with section 5 of the Bill shall after obtaining a permit to
	16	do so; move such livestock by rail wagon, truck or pick-up van or by road.
Movement of Livestock on road	17	8. Any person who chooses to move his/her livestock by road shall
	18	restrict such livestock to not more than 25 meters on each side of the- Federal
	19	road provided such livestock do not trespass on crop farms or trail into the main
	20	road.
Ranch Classification	21	9. Any person who keeps more than 25 animals in a ranch is
	22	considered to be running a commercial ranch and shall formerly apply for a
	23	permit from the state and/or the local government to do so.
Ranch Fence	24	10. All ranches shall be properly fenced to prevent animals kept
	25	therein from escaping into other areas.
Inspection	26	11. All ranches that are personal or commercial- shall from time to
	27	time be subjected to the inspection of the Veterinary Department of a State or
	28	Local Government where they are located.
Animals for sale	29	12. All animals brought to market for sale shall be kept in a place
	30	designated for animals that are for sale.

1 13. All animals brought to market for sale must be certified fit for Certification of
2 human consumption and issued with such certificate by inspectors of animals
3 Veterinary Department of a State or Local Government.

4 14. No person shall move about with livestock from place to place Restriction of
5 within the boundaries of the Federation of Nigeria for the purposes of gratuitous
6 feeding such livestock. movement

7 15. No person shall operate a commercial ranch without having Permit
8 the premises inspected and given a permit by a State or the Local
9 Government to do so.

10 16. Any person who 'violates any provision of this Bill shall be Penalties
11 arrested and prosecuted in the customary or magistrates court and upon
12 conviction shall:

13 (a) be sent to prison for a term of not less than six months;

14 (b) pay a fine twice equivalent to the current price of that
15 animal/animals on the market; or

16 (c) both imprisonment and fine.

17 17.-(1) A person who deals in livestock as a livestock producer, processor, trader, tag manufacturer, auctioneer, abattoir, transporter or
18 veterinarian shall collect, keep and maintain the record of livestock or
19 products for purposes of livestock traceability. Duty to keep
20 records

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

23 (a) species;

24 (b) identification type and number;

25 (c) sex;

26 (d) colour;

27 (e) breed; and

28 (f) any other information as deemed necessary for livestock
29 identification and traceability.

Veterinary traceability	1	18.-(1) A person operating a veterinary laboratory shall collect and
	2	keep records of national livestock identification particulars on the livestock or
	3	the same collected for diagnosis and analysis;
	4	(2) The particulars collected pursuant to subsection (.1) shall be
	5	remitted to the Registry within 180 days of collecting them.
Documentation	6	19.-(1) A person shall not cause livestock to be marketed Or
	7	slaughtered in an abattoir whether for trade or export unless the livestock is
	8	accompanied by the required documentation under this Act.
	9	(2) All livestock imported into or exported outside Nigeria shall be
	10	registered at the point of such import or export and their particulars be
	11	submitted to the Registry.
Offences	12	20. Any person who wilfully fails or neglects to perform the duties
	13	imposed on him under this part, commits an offence and on conviction shall be
	14	liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand naira or to a term of
	15	imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.
Powers to fix cost of permits	16	21. State government or the Local Government shall have powers to
	17	fix the cost of permits from time to time.
Effective date	18	22. This Bill shall come into effect upon assent.
Interpretation	19	23. In this Bill, except is otherwise stated:
	20	"Animal" means' all vertebrate and invertebrate animals other than human
	21	beings;.
	22	"abattoir" means slaughter house where animals are slaughtered;
	23	"anti-cattle rustling task, force" means a combined team of the security
	24	agencies charged with the task of combating cattle rustling in their respective
	25	jurisdictions;
	26	"branding" means making any permanent mark, or representation on livestock
	27	in conformity with the law;
	28	"brand mark" means any letter, character, sign or symbol or any combination of
	29	these used or intended to be used for marking of livestock;
	30	"cattle' means bulls, cows, oxen, heifers, calves, sheep, goats and camels;

1 "cattle rustling" means the stealing or planning, organizing, attempting,
2 aiding or abating "stealing of livestock by any person whether committed
3 with or without violence against or intimidation of any person or force and it
4 includes the killing of large cattle or taking its meat or hide without the
5 consent of the owner;

6 "establishment" means premises where livestock are reared, gathered,
7 assembled or processed and includes a livestock farm, market, show ground
8 and abattoir;

9 "herd" means a group of cattle, goats, sheep, camels, donkeys or horses kept
10 together under the control of a person;

11 "livestock" means animals such as horses, donkeys, mules, camels; cattle,
12 sheep, ostriches, goats, poultry and pigs;

13 "livestock identification" means the combination of the identification and
14 registration of an animal individually or collectively with a unique
15 identifier;

16 "livestock identification system" means a process whereby components
17 such as identity of owners, persons responsible for animals, movement and
18 other records, relating to animals are connected;

19 "marking" means making or placing a mark on any livestock by means of
20 tattooing or micro-chipping or any other mark or device which the bureau
21 consider to be a mark;

22 "minister" means the minister responsible for livestock;

23 "ministry" means the Federal Ministry in charge of livestock;

24 "movement" means the introduction, departure or transportation of a farm
25 animal or live stock products into or from an establishment;

26 "owner" means and includes, raised, keeper, herdsman, caretaker or
27 employee of any person or entity engaged in the raising of livestock;

28 "premises" means a holding, village or place where livestock are born, held,
29 managed, marketed, processed or exhibited;

30 "productions" means products derived from livestock and includes the

1 carcass of any livestock, meat, blood, hide, skin, wool, hair, horns, feathers,
2 feet, offal, fat, milk, whey, cream) butter, cheese, eggs, semen, ova, embryo
3 and or the secretions, excretions, manure and other wastes;

4 "register" means a register for maintaining a list of establishments, premises
5 and farm animals;

6 "registration" means the process for providing and collecting information on
7 animals regarding identification, health, movement, certification,
8 epidemiology or place of origin for recording and storage;

9 "Registry" means the Registry charged with the registration, identification and
10 traceability of livestock established by the Bill;

11 "traditional identification system" means, other livestock identification system
12 used by livestock farmer or owner;

13 A Ranch means - A large farm area properly fenced or demarcated and
14 reserved for the production, rearing or breeding of cattle, sheep, goats, horses,
15 donkeys, pigs, and other livestock;

16 A Personal Ranch means - A Ranch that contains less than 25 animals; and

17 A Commercial ranch means - A Ranch that contains 25 animals or above.

Citation

18 24. This Bill may be cited as the Livestock Transportation by
19 Trekking and Vehicles (Prohibition) Bill, 2021.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to modernize the techniques of production, rearing and breeding of livestock and domestic animals in Nigeria, prevent the gratuitous movement of animals from place to place, maltreating the animals and exposing them to hazardous, environment; prevent the transmission of animal diseases from community to community; ensure healthy livestock production and to satisfy the dairy needs for all Nigerians; prevent clashes between livestock breeders and crop farmers in the country; and generate revenue through permits granted individuals or corporate concerns to, operate commercial ranches in Nigeria.