No. 64 of 1954

An Act to amend the Stock and Poultry Diseases Act, 1934-1946.

[Assented to 23rd December, 1954.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Stock and Poultry Diseases Act Amendment Act, 1954".

(2) The Stock and Poultry Diseases Act, 1934-1946, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Stock and Poultry Diseases Act, 1934-1954".

(3) The Stock and Poultry Diseases Act, 1934-1946, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

2. The following section is enacted and inserted in Part II of the principal Act after section 8 thereof:

8a. (1) For the purpose of preventing the introduction or spread of foot and mouth disease or of any other disease to which this section applies the Governor may make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:

1. Requiring every owner having or having had in his possession or charge and every proprietor on whose land or premises there is or has been any stock affected or suspected to be affected with any disease to which this section applies and every veterinary surgeon, veterinary practitioner or holder of a permit under the Veterinary
Surgeons Act, 1935-1952, or other person who examines or is consulted with respect to any stock and who is of the opinion or suspects that the stock is or was suffering from any disease to which this section applies to notify the same to the Chief Inspector or an inspector by the quickest practicable means;

II. Requiring every such owner, proprietor, veterinary surgeon, veterinary practitioner, holder of a permit or other person who has been in any manner exposed to infection from any stock suffering or suspected to be suffering from any disease to which this section applies, to give to an inspector all information in his possession relating to the stock and any other stock with which he may have come into contact and of any other premises at which stock are kept which he may have visited;

III. Empowering any inspector to quarantine any stock and any farm produce, fodder, fittings, vehicle, vessel, premises or land which has in any way been exposed to infection or possible infection with any disease to which this section applies;

IV. Empowering any inspector to quarantine any stock which he suspects is affected with any disease to which this section applies and any stock, farm produce, fodder, fittings, vehicle, vessel, premises or land which has been exposed to possible infection from any stock affected or suspected to be affected with any disease to which this section applies;

V. Authorizing any inspector to require any stock or any farm produce, fodder, fitting, vehicle, vessel, premises or land which has been in any way exposed to infection with any disease to which this section applies or which is suspected to be so exposed to be disinfected or otherwise treated in the manner directed by the inspector;

VI. Authorizing an inspector to require any person who has in any way been exposed to infection with any disease to which this section applies or is suspected to have been so exposed, to disinfect his hands, boots, and clothing in the manner directed by the inspector;

VII. Prohibiting the removal, except with the written permission of an inspector and subject to such
disinfection or other treatment as may be directed by an inspector, from any premises or land quarantined by reason of any disease or suspected disease to which this section applies of any stock, farm produce, fodder, fittings or vehicle;

viii. Prohibiting the entry by any person into any premises or land quarantined by reason of any disease or suspected disease to which this section applies without the written permission of an inspector and authorizing an inspector to erect on any such premises or land any notice setting out such prohibition;

ix. Prohibiting any person from leaving any premises or land quarantined by reason of any disease or suspected disease to which this section applies except with the written permission of an inspector and prescribing the conditions upon which such permission may be granted;

x. Prohibiting, except with the written permission of the Chief Inspector, the feeding of any stock with or permitting any stock to have access to any raw or cooked food, refuse of any kind, offal or milk (including whey, buttermilk or separated milk) which has been obtained or derived elsewhere than on the premises or land on which the stock are kept;

xi. Prohibiting any person other than an inspector or a person authorized for the purpose by the Chief Inspector from collecting or despatching any specimen of animal tissue or secretion from any stock affected or suspected to be affected with any disease to which this section applies;

xii. Prohibiting the manufacture, distribution or use of any vaccine, serum or other product for use or intended use in connection with the treatment of any disease to which this section applies;

xiii. Empowering the Chief Inspector, with the approval of the Minister, to cause the destruction of or to require the owner thereof to destroy any stock quarantined by reason of any disease to which this section applies, any stock which, in the opinion of the Chief Inspector, have been exposed to infection with any disease to which this section applies, and any farm produce or
fodder which is infected with or has been exposed to possible infection with any disease to which this section applies;

xiv. Empowering the Chief Inspector, with the approval of the Minister, to cause the destruction of any wild animals or wild birds which in the opinion of the Chief Inspector are necessary to be destroyed to prevent the spread of any disease to which this section applies and providing that the provisions of the Animals and Birds Protection Act, 1919-1938, shall not apply to any such destruction;

xv. Generally, for such purposes as the Governor may deem necessary or expedient for preventing the introduction or spread of any disease to which this section applies.

(2) In this section the term "disease to which this section applies" means—

(a) foot and mouth disease; and

(b) any other disease which the Governor by proclamation declares to be a disease to which this section applies.

(3) The Governor may, by proclamation, declare that this section shall apply to any disease and may by proclamation revoke or vary any such proclamation.

(4) The power to make regulations provided by this section shall be in addition to the power to make regulations provided by section 8. If any regulation made pursuant to section 8 is inconsistent with any regulation made pursuant to this section, the regulation made pursuant to this section shall prevail but, subject as aforesaid, nothing in this section or in any regulation made pursuant to this section shall affect the operation of any regulation made pursuant to section 8.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.