

**CHAPTER 36:04**  
**REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK**  
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**An Act to make provisions for the Registration of Farm Livestock and their Pedigrees.**

[Date of Commencement: 24th March, 1921]

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Registration of Livestock Act.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"**Association**" means the South African Stud Book Association incorporated in the Republic of South Africa under Act 22 of 1920;

"**farm livestock**" includes horses (except thoroughbred horses), asses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine and ostriches.

**3. Right to register pedigrees and issue certificates**

The South African Stud Book Association shall have the right-

- (a) to register pedigrees of farm livestock bred in or imported into Botswana;
- (b) to the exclusion of any other person or body of persons in Botswana, to issue certificates of registration of pedigrees of farm livestock and to publish pedigrees in the form of stud, herd or flock books.

**4. Extension**

Rights similar *mutatis mutandis* to those conferred on the Association under section 3 may be conferred by the President by order published in the *Gazette* on any breed record society or livestock society which is incorporated in the Republic of South Africa, and is affiliated to the Association.

**5. Transfer of rights to other body**

In the event of the Association or any society on which rights have been conferred under section 4 having its certificate of incorporation cancelled or suspended under the provisions of Act 22 of 1920 of the Republic of South Africa, the President may confer the rights held by the Association or by such society in Botswana on such person or body of persons for such period and subject to such conditions as he may think fit.

**6. Offences**

Any person who-

- (a) makes any false statement in relation to the pedigree of any farm livestock intended for registration with the Association, knowing that statement to be false; or

(b) wilfully or negligently withholds any information which is necessarily required for the proper registration with the Association of the pedigree of any farm livestock, shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.

**7. Issue of certificate other than Association certificate**

Any person who, or body of persons which, issues any certificate purporting to register or to state the pedigree of any farm livestock, or which publishes in any form such pedigrees and thereby infringes the exclusive right conferred by this Act on the Association shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P1000.

**8. Savings**

The exclusive privileges conferred by this Act upon the Association shall not be construed as preventing an owner of farm livestock which has not been registered with the Association from stating in writing or otherwise the pedigree of such livestock:

Provided that if he makes a false statement as to such pedigree, knowing it to be false, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding P200 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.