

## **Law number 70/2009**

### **Concerning the organization of circulation & selling of live poultry and birds & offering for sale.**

**In the name of the people**

**President of the republic**

**The People Assembly decided the following law and we issue:**

#### **(Article one)**

Trading in live poultry and birds is limited by the decisions of the concerned Minister of Agriculture to those who will be legally permitted to be slaughtered, and it is stipulated to trade or slaughter according to the conditions and procedures and in the places and slaughtering house that was decided by the concerned Minister of Agriculture.

It is prohibited to sell the birds and poultry mentioned here or expose for selling or circulate or transport for that reason, within the ranges and Governorates and Cities and other local province mentioned and decided by the concerned Minister of Agriculture, and also it is prohibited to sell or circulate the remains and manure of the infected farms or transport them to the same reason.

#### **(Article two)**

Seizing through the administrative way, all the live poultry and birds subject to penalty and should be culled in case it is suspected to be infectious and epidemic under the supervision of the concerned veterinary department, and it should be eliminated and dumped in a secured way under the supervision of the concerned Environmental Department.

In case the seized live poultry and birds are not suspected to be infected, it is to be slaughtered in one of the licensed slaughtering house by the Ministry of Agriculture and to be distributed to the Authorities designated & decided by the concerned Minister of Agriculture, the price of the slaughtered poultry and birds should be placed to the concerned court safe until the case and accusations are finalized, and if the decision was clearing the poultry owner he should receive the poultry price after deducting the expenses.

**(Article three)**

Without prejudice to any penalty under any other law, any violation is punishable by any of the provisions of the first article of this law or implement its decision by imprisonment for a time not less than six months and a penalty not less than one thousand and not more than ten thousand pound, or by one of those penalties, and the minimum & maximum amount of the penalties to be doubled in case repeating the same penalty.

In all cases the accusation decision should include the confiscation of the live birds and poultry to the account of the Ministry of Agriculture, and the place should be locked for three months, and the locking should be permanent in case repeating the penalty.

**(Article four)**

The concerned Minister of Agriculture should issue the needed decisions to proceed implement this law.

**(Article five)**

This law should be issued in the formal newspaper, and considered effective from the next day of publishing it.

This law is to be stamped by the state stamp, and implemented as one of its laws.

(Hosny Moubarak)

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Secretary General of the Ministers Council  
(Dr. Samy Saad Zaghlol)

**Arab Republic of Egypt**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation**

Ministerial decree number 941/2009  
Regarding the operational regulation of the law number 70/2009  
Issued on organization of circulation & selling of live poultry and birds  
& offering for sale.

Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

- After reviewing the law number 70/2009 regarding organization of circulation & selling of live poultry and birds & offering for sale.
- And the Agriculture law number 53/1966 and its amendments.
- And on the law number 43/1979 and its operational regulation in concern with the local province and its amendments.
- And on law number 96/1998 concerning the General Union for poultry producers and its operational regulation.

**Decided**

**Article 1:** it is prohibited to transport any live poultry or birds in all kinds except the chicks age one day from the farms to any other place except if carrying a certificate from the General Authority for Veterinary services after making the needed testing in the National Lab for Veterinary Control & Poultry Production and found to be void of bird flu disease.

**Article 2:** it is completely prohibited to circulate and sell live poultry and birds in following cities; Cairo, Giza, 6<sup>th</sup> of October, El Shikh Zayed, Helwan, Maadi, Shoubra El Khima, Alexandria from the next day of publishing this decree in the newspapers and to permit a transitional period not more than one year starts from the previous date for all the rest of the cities of the Governorates to provisionally transfer from circulating and selling live poultry and birds into circulating and selling slaughtered birds and poultry slaughtered in the licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Land reclamation until the slaughtering capacity is completed and transferring the shops circulating & selling live poultry and birds into shops selling and circulating slaughtered birds and poultry in the licensed slaughter house and the complete and final prohibit would be decided after the transitional period for the cities which are able to reconcile its situation within the transitional period and after the transitional period is finished , it is completely forbidden to circulate or sell live poultry or birds in all the cities of the Governorates.

**Article 3:** within the transitional period mentioned before in the previous article it is permitted to circulate and sell live poultry and birds from the farms to the selling shops

nominated by its names by the concerned Governor as long as it carries a certificate issued by the General Authority for Veterinary Services which identifies that this poultry or birds is free from the bird flu disease and on condition that the shops could fulfill the health conditions in accordance to the periodic release issued by the General Authority for Veterinary Services and under the supervision of the Governors.

**Article 4:** the companies producing breeders and commercial layers poultry should commit either to establish special slaughtering lines to slaughter these birds or to contract with slaughtering house to carry out this job. No new silence for establishing new slaughtering lines will be issued except for those who have lines for slaughtering the mentioned birds.

**Article 5:** The General Authority for Veterinary Services and its peripherals in the Governorates carry out investigating the birds inside the farms either it is ready for sales or and circulation or for broiler purpose and these authorities will have the power of carrying out a protective procedures or temporary on the birds inside the farms in case they suspect the birds is infected by the disease.

Imported poultry should be put temporary inside the farms under the temporary quarantine. And the farm owners are not to sell or slaughter these birds under custody except after it is released by a special license from the Authority after it is being tested in the laboratories and found clean of viruses and in case denying that the farm should be blocked for three months.

**Article 6:** it is prohibited to circulate or sell the poultry and birds farms remains and manure except if carrying a certificate from the General Authority for Veterinary Services proves that it comes from an uninfected farms with the bird flu disease.

**Article 7:** Seizing through the administrative way, all the live poultry and birds subject to penalties and the following procedures are taken against them:

**First:** in case suspected to be infected by an infectious and epidemic disease, birds should be tested through laboratories and in case it is found infected then birds should be eliminated and dumped in a secured way under the supervision of the concerned Veterinary department.

**Second:** In case the seized live poultry and birds are not suspected to be infected, it is to be slaughtered in one of the licensed slaughtering houses from the concerned Governor and should be distributed on the selling slaughtered poultry and birds shops, and the price is to be delivered to the concerned Court until the case is finally decided – and in case the decision is not guilty then the price of the slaughtered birds is refunded to the birds owner after deducting the expenses.

**Article 8:** This decree should be issued in the formal newspaper, and considered effective from the next day of publishing it.

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**Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation.**  
**Amin Abaza**