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Federal Law No. (7) of 2023 Amending Certain Provisions of Federal Law No. (10) of 2002 Concerning the Practice of the Veterinary Medicine Profession

We, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates

Upon reviewing the Constitution; and

Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 Concerning the Competences of Ministries and the Capacities of Ministers, and its amendments; and

Federal Law No. (23) of 1999 Concerning the Exploitation, Protection and Development of Living Aquatic Resources in the UAE, and its amendments; and

Federal Law No. (10) of 2002 Concerning the Practice of the Veterinary Medicine Profession, and its amendments; and

Federal Decree by Law No. (32) of 2021 Concerning Commercial Companies; and

Based upon the proposal of the Minister of Climate Change and Environment, the approval of the Cabinet and the Federal National Council, and the ratification of the Federal Supreme Council,

Have promulgated the following Law:

Article 1

The provisions of Articles (1), (3) and (7) of the aforementioned Federal Law No. (10) of 2002 shall be replaced with the following provisions:

Article (1)

In the application of the provisions of this Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to each of them, unless the context otherwise requires:

State	United Arab Emirates.
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The Ministry	Ministry of Climate Change and Environment.
Minister	Minister of Climate Change and Environment.
Competent Department	The department concerned in the Ministry.
Concerned Authority	The local authority in each Emirate concerned with the application of the Law.
Veterinary Medicine Profession	Any of the activities of veterinary medical practices practised by the Veterinarian.
Veterinary Medical Practices	Providing medical advice; practising scientific, research and extension activities or examinations; dealing with animals, whether through examination, treatment, prevention, surgeries, births, artificial insemination; prescribing or dealing with veterinary preparations; examining products, waste or animal feed; and issuing veterinary health certificates.
Veterinarian	The person who holds a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in Veterinary Medicine from a recognised university, and a licence to practise the Veterinary Profession from the Ministry.
Allied Veterinary Medical Professions	Professions specialised in providing auxiliary work to the Veterinary Medicine Profession, as determined by the Executive Regulation of this Law.
Veterinary Facility	Every non-governmental facility designated as a veterinary hospital, veterinary clinic, veterinary laboratory, veterinary drug warehouse, veterinary pharmacy, veterinary scientific advisory office, commercial productive farms, or artificial insemination centre.

Veterinary Hospital	The place designated and licensed to deal with animals, whether through examination or any therapeutic, preventive, or diagnostic practices, surgeries, births or artificial insemination, and which contains a place equipped for the accommodation of animals for a specified period under veterinary supervision.
Veterinary Clinic	A fixed or mobile place, designated and licensed to deal with animals, whether through examination, or any therapeutic or preventive practices, surgeries, births or artificial insemination.
Veterinary Laboratory	The place designated and licensed to conduct veterinary analyses and diagnostic tests for all animal species, products, waste and feed.
Veterinary Drug Warehouse	The place designated and licensed for the import, storage and wholesale distribution of veterinary products.
Veterinary Pharmacy	The place designated and licensed for the retail sale of veterinary products.
Veterinary Scientific Advisory Office	The facility licensed to provide scientific consultations in all fields of veterinary sciences.
Commercial Productive Farms	Facilities designated and licensed to keep domesticated productive animals for commercial purposes, and they include farms of cows, sheep, goats, camels, poultry and any other types specified by the Executive Regulation of this Law.
Artificial Insemination Centre	The facility licensed to use appropriate technologies to facilitate artificial fertilisation without the need for natural insemination.

Animal	All types of animals including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and crustaceans.
Animal Samples	Samples taken from animals for diagnostic and laboratory examination purposes.

Article (3)

1. The applicant for a licence to practise the veterinary medicine profession must hold a bachelor's degree in veterinary medicine or its equivalent from a recognised university in the State.
2. A resolution issued by the Minister, in coordination with the Concerned Authority, shall specify the requirements and other conditions necessary for issuing a licence to practise the veterinary medicine profession.

Article (7)

A general register shall be established at the Ministry to record veterinarians and allied veterinary medical professionals whom the Ministry has decided to license to practise the profession. This register shall be divided into the following sub-registers:

1. A register of veterinarians working in veterinary hospitals and clinics.
2. A register of veterinarians working in veterinary laboratories.
3. A register of veterinarians working in veterinary pharmacies and veterinary drug warehouses.
4. A register of veterinarians working in veterinary scientific advisory offices.
5. A register of veterinarians working in productive commercial farms.
6. A register of veterinarians working in artificial insemination centres.
7. A register of veterinarians working in the federal and local authorities.
8. A register of allied veterinary medical professionals.

Entry in the Register shall be made after paying the prescribed fees. National veterinarians and allied veterinary medical professionals, and employees of federal and local authorities, shall be excluded from the payment of fees. The Minister shall issue a resolution organising the register and specifying the data to be included therein.

Article 2

Any provision that violates or contradicts the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article 3

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall enter into force as of the day

following the date of its publication.

Signed

Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

President of the United Arab Emirates

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