

Companion Animals Amendment (Registration Exemption) Regulation 2006

under the

Companion Animals Act 1998

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

KERRY HICKEY, M.P., Minister for Local Government

Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are as follows:

- (a) to exempt working dogs (i.e. dogs used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working or protecting stock) from the registration and identification requirements of the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (*the Principal Act*) if they are ordinarily kept in the unincorporated area of the Western Division (i.e. the area that is not within a local government area) or on rateable land that is categorised as farmland (**Schedule 1 [2]**),
- (b) to update a reference to the legislation under which racing greyhounds are registered (greyhounds are currently exempt from the registration and identification requirements of the Principal Act if they are registered under the relevant greyhound racing legislation) (**Schedule 1 [1]**),
- (c) to ensure that if a dog is declared under Division 6 of Part 5 of the Principal Act to be a restricted dog, the registration information for that dog will indicate that the dog is a restricted dog (**Schedule 1** [3]).

This Regulation is made under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, including section 96 (the general regulation-making power (in particular, section 96 (2) (b)).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the Companion Animals Amendment (Registration Exemption) Regulation 2006.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 January 2007.

3 Amendment of Companion Animals Regulation 1999

The Companion Animals Regulation 1999 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Amendments Schedule 1

Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 3)

[1] Clause 17 Exemptions from registration requirement

Omit "under the Greyhound Racing Authority Act 1985" from clause 17 (f).

Insert instead "in accordance with the rules made in relation to greyhound racing under the *Greyhound and Harness Racing Administration Act 2004*".

[2] Clause 17 (j) and (k)

Insert after clause 17 (i):

- (j) a working dog that is ordinarily kept in a part of the Western Division of the State that is not within a local government area,
- (k) a working dog that is ordinarily kept on land categorised as farmland for the purposes of Part 3 of Chapter 15 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

[3] Clause 21 Registration information

Insert after clause 21 (n):

(o) in the case of a dog, whether the animal has been declared under Division 6 of Part 5 of the Act to be a restricted dog and, if so, the date on which the declaration took effect,