

The Uttar Pradesh Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955

- **Section 2 - Definitions**

Note: Terms defined by a definition clause will assume the meaning provided throughout the statute. The following definitions will therefore aid you throughout your interpretation of this Act

In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject to context--

- (a)'beef means flesh of cow but does not include such flesh contained in sealed containers and imported as such into Uttar Pradesh;
- (b)'cow' includes a heifer, or calf;
- (c)'Goshala' means a Goshala registered under the Uttar Pradesh Goshala Adhiniyam, 1964];
- (cc)'Institution' means an institution established under Section 6;
- (d)'slaughter' means killing by any method whatsoever and includes maiming and inflicting of physical injury which in the ordinary course will cause death;
- (e)'State Government' means the Government of Uttar Pradesh

- **Section 3 -**

Note: This section makes it illegal to slaughter a cow, bull or bullock anywhere in Uttar Pradesh

No person shall slaughter or cause to be slaughtered, or offer or cause to be offered for slaughter, a cow, bull or bullock in any place in Uttar Pradesh, anything contained in any other law for the time being in force or any usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

- **Section 4 - Section 3 not to apply to diseased, or under experimentation cows -**

Note: This section carves out exceptions where it will be permissible to slaughter cows which have infectious diseases or cows which are certified necessary for slaughter by the State Government in the interest of research for public purposes.

(1) Nothing in Section 3 shall apply to the slaughter of a cow, bull or bullock :

- (a) which is suffering from any contagious infectious disease notified as such by the State Government; or
- (b) which is subjected to experimentation in the interest of medical and public health research; where the slaughtering is done in accordance with the conditions and circumstances to be prescribed.

- **Section 5 -**

Note: This section makes it illegal to transport or sell any beef or beef product in any form except for medical purposes specifically permitted by state authorities. However, the exception legally permitted is where a person sells or serves beef or beef products to passengers on aircrafts or trains.

Except as herein excepted and notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, no person shall sell or transport or offer for sale or transport or cause to be sold or transported beef or beef-products in any form except for such medicinal purposes as may be prescribed.

Exception- A person may sell and serve or cause to be sold and severed beef or beef-products for consumption by a bona fide passenger in an aircraft or railway train.

- **Section 5A -**

Note: This section makes it illegal to transport any cow/bull/bullock outside Uttar Pradesh except in accordance with a permit granted by a state government officer.

(1) No person shall transport or offer for transport or cause to be transported any cow, or bull or bullock, the slaughter whereof in any place in Uttar Pradesh is punishable under this Act, from any place within the State to any place outside the State, except under a permit issued by an officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf by notified order and except in accordance with the terms and conditions of such permit.

- **Section 7 -**

Note: Sub-section (1) validates the voluntary surrendering of cows/bulls/bullocks to Goshalas or similar institutions, and such surrendered cows/bulls/bullocks will not be returned to the persons who surrendered them.

Sub-section (3) states that a cow/bulls/bullock which is surrendered by the police or another person may be returned to the owner on payment of prescribed charges.

(1) Any person may surrender his cow, bull or bullock to a Goshala or an institution which shall accept such cow, bull or bullock according to the availability of accommodation. Any cow, bull or bullock so surrendered shall not be returned to such person.

(3) Any Goshala or any institution may receive any cow, bull or bullock for custody from police or any other person which may be released to the owner on such terms and conditions and in such manner and on payment of such charges as may be prescribed

- **Section 8 - Penalty**

Note: This section penalizes offences under this Act with imprisonment for maximum 7 years as well as fine of Rs. 10,000. Further, even the attempt to commit an offence will be punishable with the same.

(1) Whoever contravenes or abets the contravention of the provisions of Section 3, Section 5 or Section 5-A shall be punished with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.

(2) Whoever attempts to commit an offence punishable Under sub-section (1) shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one-half of the longest term of imprisonment provided for that offence and with such fine as is provided for the offence.