

**PROHIBITION OF CATTLE AND OTHER  
RUMINANTS GRAZING IN EKITI STATE  
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**Commencement [ ]**

**1. Interpretation.**

*“Cattle”* means Cows, bulls and oxen.

*“Commissioner”* means the Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development.

*“Livestock Officer”* means Officer in Charge of livestock.

*“Local Government”* means the Sixteen Local Government Councils in the State.

*“Other Ruminants”* means sheep and goats.

*“Owner”* in relation to cattle includes any person who keeps cattle or other ruminants or who is in charge of same.

*“State”* means Ekiti State Government.

**2. Prohibition of uncontrolled Grazing.**

(1) No person shall cause or permit any cattle or other ruminants belonging to him or under his control to graze on any land in which the Governor has not designated as ranches.

(2) The Governor shall by an order designate land in each Local Government in respect of which cattle or other ruminants may be permitted to graze.

- (3) No cattle or other ruminants shall by any means move or graze at night.
- (4) Cattle movement and grazing are restricted to the hours between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm.

### **3. Publication of Order.**

The State shall publish every such order made by the Governor either by affixing a copy of it on a conspicuous part of the area of land referred to in the Order or in any other manner reasonably calculated to bring the order to the notice of any person who may be affected by it.

### **4. Impounding of Cattle or other ruminants.**

- (1) Any herdsmen found in possession of firearms and other offensive weapons shall be charged with terrorism.
- (2) Any confiscated cattle shall be taken to Government cattle ranches at Erinfun, Iworoko and any other designated areas as may be directed.
- (3) Any property or farm products destroyed by the cattle shall be valued by the agricultural officers and made to be paid for by the herdsmen.

### **5. Report of Impounding of Cattle to the Commissioner.**

Any Livestock Officer or Local Government Chairman that impounds cattle under this Law shall immediately report the impounding to the commissioner or any designated officer.

### **6. Regulations.**

The Commissioner may make rules for the carrying out of the provisions of this Law.

### **7. Offence and Penalty.**

Any person who contravenes any Order made under Section 2 or any rule made under Section 6 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not less than six months without any option of fine.

**8. Short Title.**

This Law may be cited as the Prohibition of Cattle and other Ruminants Grazing in Ekiti State Law, 2016.

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