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### **LEASUITHE TUARASCÁLA REPORT AMENDMENTS**

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### GREYHOUND RACING BILL 2018 —REPORT

#### *Leasuithe Amendments*

1. In page 9, between lines 17 and 18, to insert the following:

“ “white list” means the annual list prepared by welfare members of the International Greyhound Forum in conjunction with Rásaíocht Con Éireann of countries which, at its sole discretion, meet minimum standards with regard to the welfare of greyhounds, and to which the licensed export of greyhounds from the State ought to be permissible.”.

—Thomas P. Broughan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

2. In page 12, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“(a) one or more shall be a representative of authorised private greyhound tracks,”.

—Jackie Cahill.

3. In page 12, line 25, to delete “(a) one” and substitute the following:

“(b) one”.

—Jackie Cahill.

4. In page 12, line 27, to delete “(b) one” and substitute the following:

“(c) one”.

—Jackie Cahill.

5. In page 25, between lines 13 and 14, to insert the following:

#### **“List of countries to which export is permissible**

26. (1) On 1 January 2020 and annually thereafter, the Minister shall prescribe by regulation a list of non-EU countries which meet minimum standards with regard to the welfare of greyhounds, and to which the licensed export of greyhounds from the State may be permissible.

(2) In making regulations under *subsection (1)*, consideration shall be given to the following factors—

(a) the past record of the relevant country relating to the welfare of greyhounds and

the welfare of animals more generally,

- (b) the existence in the relevant country of enforceable welfare protections for greyhounds which are equivalent to the protections available in the State,
- (c) the monitoring and enforcement in the relevant country of the welfare protections referred to in *paragraph (b)*, and
- (d) the standards of care and management to which the greyhounds are likely to be subjected to in the relevant country.”.

—Thomas P. Broughan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

6. In page 25, between lines 13 and 14, to insert the following:

**“Export of Greyhounds**

26. (1) It shall be an offence for a person to—

- (a) export,
- (b) attempt to export, or
- (c) assist another person in the export or attempted export,

of a greyhound to a non-EU country which is not included in the white list which has been prescribed by the Minister.

(2) It shall be an offence for a person to—

- (a) export,
- (b) attempt to export, or
- (c) assist another person in the export or attempted export,

of a greyhound to a non-EU country which is included in the white list which has been prescribed by the Minister for the purpose of subsequently transferring such greyhound to a country not so included and unless that person holds an export licence which has been granted pursuant to *section 31(1)*.

(3) A person who commits an offence under *subsection (1)* or *(2)* is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both,
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of €100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.”.

—Thomas P. Broughan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

7. In page 29, between lines 29 and 30, to insert the following:

**“Reporting on export of greyhounds**

30. The Minister, in consultation with the Board, shall produce and lay before the appropriate Joint Oireachtas Committee an annual report following the end of each

calendar year, which shall include the following:

- (a) the number of greyhounds exported from the State in the preceding calendar year;
- (b) a list of every country to which greyhounds have been exported from the State in the preceding calendar year; and
- (c) the given reasons for export.”.

—Thomas P. Broughan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

**8.** In page 30, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

- “(2) (a) The Minister may, at his or her discretion, grant or refuse to grant a licence for the purpose of the export of a greyhound to a country which is included on the current version of the white list on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the licence.
- (b) The Minister may make regulations prescribing all aspects of the license application process.”.

—Thomas P. Broughan, Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.