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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANIMALS ACT, NO. 29 OF 1958

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

1. This Act may be cited as the Animals (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 2026. Short title

2. Section 38 of the Animals Act, No. 29 of 1958 is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of the term “animal”, of the following new definition:- Amendment of section 38 of Act, No. 29 of 1958

““animal” means a neat cattle (ela haraka) or a buffalo and includes –

(a) in Part II, a goat, pig or sheep; and

(b) in Part IV, a sheep, goat, pig or poultry;”.

3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

