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PUNJAB ACT NO. 17 OF 1953

28th April, 1953.

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26th April, 1953, and was first published in the
Punjab Government Gazette (Extraordinary)
of the 28th April, 1953].*

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No.	Year	Short title	Whether repealed by legislation
17	1953	The Punjab Silk- worm Seed Control Act, 1953	Extended to the territories which immediately before the 1st November, 1956, were comprised in the State of Patiala and East Punjab States Union, by Punjab Act 23 of 1957 ² Amended by Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968 ³

**An Act to regulate the rearing of silkworm and to prohibit
the use of unexamined silkworm seeds**

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Punjab Silkworm Seed Control Act, 1953.

(2) It extends to the whole of the State of ⁴[Haryana].

Short title,
extent and
commence-
ment.

1. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette* (Extraordinary), dated 4th February, 1953, page 115; for proceedings in the Legislative Council, see *Punjab Legislative Council Debates*, 1953, Volume IV, pp. (1) 26—(1) 53.
2. For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see *Punjab Government Gazette* (Extra), 1957, page 689.
3. See *Haryana Government Gazette* (Extra), dated the 29th Oct. 1968, pages 531-567.
4. Substituted for the word "Punjab" by the Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

(3) It shall come ¹[into force in the principal territories] on such dates as the State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint ²[and in the transferred territories on the 24th July, 1957].

Definitions.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires--

- (a) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
- (b) "rearer" means a person engaged in operations relating to rearing of silkworms;
- (c) "rearing" includes all operations from the incubation of silkworm eggs and brushing of silkworms to the harvesting of cocoons;
- (d) "silkworm" includes mulberry silkworms, tussar silkworm, muga silkworms and eri silkworms; and
- (e) "silkworm seed" means silkworm cocoons, moths, eggs, or young silkworms of whatever description intended to be used for the purposes of reproduction or rearing.

Regulation of manufacture, etc., of silkworm seed.

3. No person shall manufacture, store, transport, sell or otherwise distribute silkworm seed except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence issued under this Act.

Regulation of rearing.

4. No person shall rear silkworms except from silkworm seed obtained from a person who holds a licence under this Act.

Application for licence.

5. Every application for the grant of a licence under section 3 shall be made in such form and to such authority as may be prescribed.

Power of inspection.

6. The authority prescribed under section 5 or any officer authorised by it in writing in this behalf may at any reasonable time for the purpose of ensuring due compliance with the provisions of this Act enter and inspect the particular place where silkworms are reared.

Penalties.

7. Whoever contravenes any of the provisions contained in section 3 or section 4, or any rule made under this Act, or obstructs any authority in the discharge of any duty imposed on it by this Act shall, on conviction, be punishable with fine which may extend to one hundred rupees.

1. Substituted for the word, "Punjab" by the Haryana Adaptation of Laws Order, 1968.

2. The words added by-*ibid.*

8. (1) The State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. Power to make rules.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for—

- (a) the constitution of authorities for granting licences;
- (b) the form and manner in which application for licences may be made and the payment of fees therefor, if any ;
- (c) the terms and conditions which may be included in any licence.