

AGRICULTURE

All aircraft entering FSM ports of entry are subject to immigration inspection, customs inspections, agricultural inspections and quarantines, and other administrative inspections authorized by law. In Chuuk, the Chuuk International Airport is the only port of entry for aircraft. FSM v. Joseph, 9 FSM R. 66, 70 (Chk. 1999).

An agriculture quarantine inspector's duty is to enforce the provisions of plant and animal quarantine controls, quarantines, and regulations, the purpose of which is to protect the agricultural and general well-being of the people of the FSM from injurious insects, pests, and diseases. Goods entering or transported within the FSM can be inspected. Those goods known to be, or suspected of being, infected or infested with disease or pests may be refused entry into or movement within the FSM, and anything attempted to be brought into or transported within the FSM in contravention of the agricultural inspection scheme shall be seized and may be destroyed. FSM v. Joseph, 9 FSM R. 66, 70 (Chk. 1999).

The Pohnpei stray livestock statute does not create any property rights in impounded stray pigs. It does not grant the person impounding the stray animal the right to hold on to that animal until he is compensated. To the contrary, the statute creates a right for the person impounding the stray animal to "just compensation for its keep from the owner." Palasko v. Pohnpei, 20 FSM R. 90, 95 (Pon. 2015).

The Pohnpei stray livestock statute does not authorize a person to hold onto stray pigs until he receives just compensation for the pigs' upkeep and it certainly does not create a lien for the value of any damaged crops. It does not authorize anyone to hold onto the pigs once the livestock's owner has been identified. Nor does it authorize compensation from the stray pigs' owner for any damage the pigs may have caused or any crops that may have been destroyed. The right to compensation for destroyed crops exists outside the statute. Palasko v. Pohnpei, 20 FSM R. 90, 95 (Pon. 2015).

The Pohnpei stray livestock statute requires that the impoundment of stray pigs be reported within three days. Palasko v. Pohnpei, 20 FSM R. 90, 96 (Pon. 2015).