



# LESOTHO Government Gazette EXTRAORDINARY

---

Vol. LI

Tuesday – 19th December, 2006

No. 64

---

## CONTENTS

No.

Page

### ACT

10 Stock Theft (Amendment) Act, 2006 ..... 499

Published by the Authority of His Majesty the King

Price: M1.50

## ACT NO. 10 OF 2006

**Stock Theft (Amendment) Act 2006**

**An Act to amend the Stock Theft Act 2000<sup>1</sup>.**

**Enacted by the Parliament of Lesotho**

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Stock Theft (Amendment) Act 2006 and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the Gazette.

**Acquisition of stock or produce**

2. The Stock Theft Act 2000 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal law") is amended by deleting section 3(1).

**Offences**

3. The principal law is amended in section 13 by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following:

“(2) A person who, at the time of committing theft of stock, produce or both-

(a) uses violence; or

(b) threatens another with or without a firearm or any other offensive weapon,

commits an offence and shall be liable to -

- (i) in the case of a first conviction, a fine not exceeding M50,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 25 years or both;
- (ii) in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, a fine not less than M50,000.00 and not exceeding M100,000.00 or imprisonment for a

term not less than 25 years and not exceeding 50 years or both.”.

### **Penalites**

4. The principal law is amended by deleting section 14 and substituting the following:

“14. Unless otherwise provided in this Act, a person who contravenes a provision of this Act commits an offence and is liable to-

- (a) in the case of a first conviction, a fine not exceeding M30,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years or both;
- (b) in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, a fine not less than M30,000.00 and not exceeding M60,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not less than 14 years and not exceeding 30 years or both.”.

5. The principal law is amended by deleting section 14A and substituting the following:

### **Powers of Court**

“14A. Notwithstanding any penalty imposed by or under this Act, a court may, where circumstances warrant, impose a penalty less than that stipulated by or under this Act in relation to second or subsequent offences but the court shall give reasons for so doing.”.

### **NOTE**

1. Act No. 4 of 2000 as amended by Act No. 5 of 2003