

ANIMAL DISEASES REGULATIONS (WASTE) 5741-1981¹

Under the authority of Section 20 (b) of the *Animal Diseases Ordinance*, 1945, and subsections 5 and 6 of the *Control of Goods and Services Law* 5718-1957 I hereby enact these Regulations:

Chapter One: General

1. Definitions:

In these Regulations -

"Animal" - livestock, dogs and cats;

"Cattle" - as defined in the *Ordinance*;

"Local Authority" - a municipality, local council, district council, association of municipalities, whose functions include slaughter of animals and veterinary supervision;

"Refuse" - parts of a carcass not intended for human consumption and also incubation eggs and their part intended for destruction;

"Waste" - a carcass as defined in the *Ordinance*, and also refuse and day old chicks intended for destruction;

"Waste Plant" - a plant for processing products from waste;

"Director" - the Director of Veterinary Services in the Ministry of Agriculture, or a person authorised by him for the purposes of some or all of these Regulations;

"Person responsible for waste plant" - a person or local authority maintaining or operating a waste plant;

"Poultry Farm" - a place for the raising of poultry, including poultry-houses, yards and ancillary installations.

¹ SI 4227, 5741 (15.4.1981), p. 919.

Chapter Two: Establishment of Waste Plant and Veterinary Supervision

2. Establishment of Waste Plants:

No person shall establish a waste plant except under a license from the Director and in accordance with its terms (hereinafter - license to establish).

3. Grant of License to Establish:

The Director shall not grant a license to establish except after the submission to him or her of a plan and specifications of the proposed waste plant and he or she has, after consultation with the Director General and the Ministry of Health, approved the plan and the intended location for the establishment of the plant as suitable for the purpose.

4. Operation of Waste Plant:

No person shall operate a waste plant except under a license from the Director and in accordance with its terms.

5. Erection of Waste Plant:

The Director shall not grant an operating license for a waste plant unless he or she is satisfied that the plant applies processes that destroy all disease agents in the waste.

6. Erection of Additional Buildings and Installations:

There shall not be erected within the area of a waste plant or adjacent thereto any installation or building the erection of which has not received the prior approval of the Director.

7. Required Alterations:

If the Director finds that the building and installations in the waste plant are not suitable for their purpose, he or she shall direct the person responsible for the waste plant to carry out, within the period as specified by him or her, alterations necessary for its proper operation (hereinafter - required alterations) and the person responsible for the waste plant shall carry out the required alterations.

8. Expanding a Waste Plant:

- (a) If the Director determines that in order to ensure proper working of a waste plant there is need to enlarge its buildings or installations or to install access roads or to change the existing equipment or to add to the existing buildings (hereinafter - expansion works), he or she shall direct in writing the person responsible for the waste plant to carry out the expansion works within such period as he or she shall specify.

- (b) The person responsible for the waste plant shall carry out the expansion works within the period specified in the Director's notice.

9. License for Expansion Works:

The person responsible for a waste plant shall not carry out the expansion works except with the approval of the Director and in accordance with its terms.

10. Cleanliness in Waste Plant:

A waste plant shall be kept at all times in a clean condition and proper sanitary arrangements shall be observed therein.

11. Workers in Waste Plant:

- (a) The person responsible for a waste plant shall employ workers with the appropriate qualifications and in sufficient number to ensure the proper maintenance and operation of the plant.
- (b) If the Director considers that the number of workers employed in a waste plant is insufficient for the efficient execution of the work therein, or that a particular worker is not suitable for his or her task, he or she shall instruct the person responsible for the waste plant to increase the work team as necessary, or to change its composition.
- (c) If the Director issues instructions as provided in Subregulation (b), the person responsible for the waste plant shall at once carry out every instruction given to him or her.

12. Cessation of Operation of Waste Plant:

- (a) If the person responsible for a waste plant does not carry out any of the provisions of Regulations 4-11, the Director may order cessation of the plant's operation until the provision is complied with.
- (b) The person responsible for the waste plant may appeal against the order of the Director, under Subregulation (a), within 30 days of the receipt thereof, before an appeals committee appointed under Subregulation (c).
- (c) The Minister of Agriculture shall appoint an appeals committee of three for the purpose of this Regulation.
- (d) A notice of the committee's appointment and of its composition shall be published in the Reshumot.

13. Appointment of Veterinarian by Local Authority:

- (a) A veterinarian of the local authority, approved by the Director, shall supervise the destruction of waste, and the waste plant, in accordance with the instructions of the Director.
- (b) A veterinarian, as provided in Subregulation (a), may permit or prohibit the production of products from waste, or their removal from the waste plant.

Chapter Three: Destruction of Waste

14. Duty of One in Possession of Waste:

- (a) A person who is in possession of an animal that has died from any cause other than slaughter shall, within 24 hours, do one of the following:
 - (1) bury or incinerate the carcass in a site, designated by the local authority under Subregulation (b);
 - (2) bring it to a collection station;
 - (3) bring it to a waste plant by such means of transport as the local authority has determined and in accordance with the instructions of the Director.
- (b) A local authority shall, with the approval of the Director, designate a site for the burial of animals, or for their incineration, or for a waste plant and also a station for collection of waste.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subregulation (a) a person may bury poultry carcasses in a decomposition pit or incinerate them in an incinerator within the area of his or her poultry farm.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Regulation, the Director may permit, in writing and under conditions, as he or she shall prescribe,
 - (1) The transport of carcasses to a zoo for the feeding of animals kept therein;
 - (2) The destruction of waste and refuse by other means, as approved by him or her.

15. Destruction of Dead Animals:

A local authority shall destroy an animal that has died within its area at the expense of the person in possession of it, if it has not been destroyed by that person.

16. Prohibition of Exhumation of Animal:

No person shall, either himself or her self or by others, dig up a grave, or exhume therefrom the carcass of an animal unless with the written consent of the Director.

17. Prohibition of Sale of Animal Carcasses:

No person shall sell, or offer for sale, waste except to a waste plant approved by the Director.

18. Filing Returns by Local Authorities:

Each local authority shall submit returns, lists and information relating to the destruction of waste as required by the Director.

19. Repeal:

The *Burial of Animals Regulations* (1930) are repealed.