Public Health (Slaughterhouse) Regulations – Section 9

(Statutory Instruments 69/1980 and 30/2020)

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PUBLIC HEALTH (SLAUGHTERHOUSE) REGULATIONS – SECTION 9

Commencement [1 April 1978]

1. Citation

These Regulations shall be cited as the Public Health (Slaughterhouse) Regulations.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations "**slaughterhouse**" means any building or place used for the slaughter of animals for human consumption.

3. Registration

(1) A person shall not use premises as a slaughterhouse unless the premises are registered by the Board and a certificate of registration is issued to that person under these Regulations.

(2) A certificate of registration under paragraph (1) must be issued in the form set out in Schedule 1, on payment of a fee of $100 and this fee is non-transferable.

(Substituted by S.I. 30/2020)

4. Certificate of Health

(1) Every person working at or for a slaughterhouse or meat stall shall in the months of June and December in every year submit himself or herself to medical examination by a medical officer of health and shall procure a certificate from such medical officer stating that upon such examination such person was found to be free from any infectious disease or tuberculosis, syphilis, erysipelas, lupus, yaws, itch or any open or running sores.

(2) Every certificate so obtained shall be retained and preserved for the period of 6 months from the date thereof by the manager or owner of the slaughterhouse, and shall be produced by him or her whenever so required to do for the information of the Public Health Board or environmental health officer. *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

5. Persons allowed inside Slaughterhouse

A person shall not be allowed in any slaughterhouse or meat stall except—

(a) the owner or manager thereof and the persons employed therein and certificated in accordance with these Regulations, and

(b) persons not suffering from any infectious or other disease as mentioned in the immediately preceding regulation.

6. Other Uses

No owner or manager of a slaughterhouse shall use or permit any other person to use any slaughterhouse or portion thereof—

(a) as a sleeping place;

(b) for carrying on any other trade; or

(c) for any other purpose than that of a slaughterhouse.

7. Premises — Hygienic requirements, etc.

For every slaughterhouse—

(a) the floor ceilings and inside walls and roofings must be kept clean and free from dust to the satisfaction of the environmental health officer; *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

(b) the walls and floors must be washed within 3 hours after any animal has been slaughtered and all the skins, offal and waste substances removed, within the same period;

(c) the walls and floors must be thoroughly lime-washed every 6 months or oftener, if necessary, to the satisfaction of the environmental health officer; *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

(d) persons employed therein shall be attired in clean clothes and shall before handling any carcass or portion thereof—wash his or her hands with soap and clean water and use a clean towel;

(e) the owner or manager shall provide sufficient soap, clean water and towel for the use of each person employed at or in connection with any slaughterhouse.

8. Provisions for Water and Receptacles

(1) Every slaughterhouse must be provided with a wholesome water supply kept in good order and always sufficient for all purposes including the cleaning of the premises and all receptacles.

(2) Receptacles of non-absorbent material for the collection of refuse and offal must be provided by the owner or manager of every slaughterhouse and must be—

(a) kept clean when not in actual use;

(b) emptied within a reasonable time not exceeding 6 hours after the completion of the slaughtering operations.

9. Repairs

For every slaughterhouse—

(a) the walls, particularly the internal surfaces; and

(b) the floor, which must be constructed of impermeable material so as to prevent the absorption of any blood, liquid, refuse, or filth or any other offensive or noxious matter,

must be kept in good order and repair.

10. Prohibited Animals

No dogs shall be permitted to enter or be kept within any slaughterhouse, and no other animal shall be admitted unless it is intended for slaughter for the food of man, and no such animal shall be kept longer than is necessary for the purpose, and shall be confined in a proper lair.

11. Informing environmental health officer

The owner or manager shall inform the environmental health officer of his or her intention to slaughter any animal at least 24 hours in advance. *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)

12. Unfit Animals

In case any animal shall not be passed as fit for slaughtering by an environmental health officer, the person in charge of such animal or the owner thereof upon intimation to that effect shall, within a reasonable time of the inspection remove or cause such animal to be removed from the slaughterhouse. *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

13. Inspection of Carcass

(1) The carcass of every animal slaughtered, shall before removal for sale, be examined by the environmental health officer for the purpose of ascertaining whether the same or any part thereof is fit for human food. *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

(2) If the environmental health officer is not satisfied that the carcass of any animal slaughtered or any part thereof is fit for human food, the said environmental health officer shall condemn same or request a medical officer of health or the Director of Medical Services to examine any such carcass or part thereof. *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

(3) If the medical officer of health or the Director of Medical Services is satisfied that the carcass or any part thereof is unsound or unfit for human food he or she shall condemn and seize the same.

(4) An environmental health officer or a medical officer of health shall issue a certificate in the form set in Part 1 of Schedule 2 on payment of the fee set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2 in respect of the quantity of the carcass or other part of the carcass that has been condemned and seized under paragraph (3). *(Inserted by S.I. 30/2020)*

14. Location

No slaughterhouse shall be erected within the precincts of any dwelling house or in such proximity thereto as to be a nuisance to the occupants thereof.

15. Liability

Where any act or thing is made by these regulations prohibited or prescribed the duty of seeing that such prohibition or prescription is complied with shall, unless otherwise provided in these regulations, rest upon both the owner or manager of the slaughterhouse and in the event or a breach of these regulations the owner or manager is liable to be prosecuted.

16. Penalty

Any person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine not exceeding $5,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment. *(Amended by S.I. 30/2020)*

Schedule 1

(Regulation 3)

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT .....

of ..... is registered in accordance with the Public Health (Slaughterhouse) Regulations and is hereby given permission to operate a .....

at .....

This Certificate of Registration is valid until .....

This Certificate of Registration is issued with the understanding that the owner or

manager of the slaughterhouse will adhere to the Public Health (Slaughterhouse) Regulations failing which this Certificate of Registration may be cancelled.

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Public Health Board

Note – Certificate of Registration must be conspicuously displayed on the premises at the stated address.

(Inserted by S.I. 30/2020)

Schedule 2

(Regulation 13)

PART 1
CONDEMNATION CERTIFICATE

DATE OF INSPECTION OR CONDEMNATION:

OWNER:

I hereby certify that the following

Weight	Animal	Quantity	Origin	Reason

were examined and condemned by the Department of Environmental Health on the above date, as unfit for human consumption in accordance with the Public Health Act and the Public Health (Slaughterhouse) Regulations.

These goods were condemned at:

Owned by:

Disposed at:

Disposal supervised by:

Date of Disposal:

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Environmental Health Officer

CONDEMNATION CERTIFICATE

I am satisfied that the above statement is correct and the [..... .....]

have been satisfactorily disposed of being supervised by the Environmental Health Officer in accordance with the Public Health Act and the Public Health (Slaughterhouse) Regulations.

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Medical Officer of Health /
Environmental Health Officer

PART 2
CONDEMNATION FEE

Based on quantity to be condemned —

1. Under 500 lbs. $ 60
2. 500 lbs. to 4,999 lbs. $100
3. 5,000 lbs. 15,000 lbs. $150
4. Above 15,000 lbs. $200

(Inserted by S.I. 30/2020)