

## ANIMAL DISEASES REGULATIONS (MEAT IMPORTATION) - 1974<sup>1</sup>

In accordance to the authority vested in me by Section 20 of the *Animal Diseases Ordinance*, 1945, and in accordance with any other law under my authority, I hereby promulgate these regulations:

### 1. Definitions:

In these Regulations -

"Slaughterhouse" - Any meat plant in a foreign country including plants for cutting, refrigeration and cold storage of meat and offals;

"Animals" - Livestock and poultry as defined in the First Schedule to the Ordinance;

"Meat" - Meat or another part of animal (as defined in the ordinance), including meat products but excluding offals, canned cooked meat, cooked sausage, meat extracts or meat preparations used solely for medical requirements;

"Offals" - Brain, tongue, heart, lung, liver, spleen, kidney, stomach, intestines and tail;

"Permit" - Written permission to import meat or offals issued according to Regulation 2;

"The Director" - The Director of the Veterinary Services and Animal Health in the Ministry of Agriculture, or whomever he or she appointed with respect to all or some of these Regulations;

"Foreign Country" - A country certified by the Director for importation of meat and offals from it and which appears in the list published under Regulation 2 (e).

"Port of Entry" - The sea ports of Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat, Ben Gurion Airport and any other port approved by the Director for the purposes of these Regulations.

### 2. Licensing of Slaughterhouses:

- (a) A request to certify a slaughterhouse will be submitted to the Director on Form 1 in the Annex, in the months of November and December of the year prior to the year for which the application is submitted or during the subsequent month of May.

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<sup>1</sup> Amended in the Official Gazette, 5516. April 22, 1993.

- (b) An applicant for certification of a slaughterhouse will reimburse the State, at the request of the Director, for expenses incurred to examine the slaughterhouse.
- (c) Certification, refusal to certify, determinations of conditions for certification, its duration, its suspension, its revision or cancellation are at the discretion of the Director.
- (d) The Director's certification of a slaughterhouse will be granted according to Form 2 of the Annex.
- (e) The Director will publish in the Official Gazette a list of foreign countries and a list of the slaughterhouses in them, which he or she certified.
- (f) Once the Director has certified slaughterhouses in a foreign country, the certification will be valid for all applicants for the permit.

## **2A. Permit:**

- (a) No person shall import meat or offals except from a slaughterhouse certified by the Director and except through a port of entry, according to a written permit from the Director and in accordance with its conditions.
- (b) A permit for meat or offals will be granted according to the type of meat or offals, the slaughterhouse and the country.
- (c) Granting of a permit, refusal to so do, determinations of conditions under which a permit will be granted, its suspension, revision or cancellation are at the discretion of the Director.

## **3. Permit Fee<sup>2</sup>:**

A fee will be charged for the granting of a permit.

## **4. Instructions to Offload Meat and Transfer it to Cold Storage:**

A Government Veterinarian will order a consignment of meat and offals, which were imported under a permit and according to the conditions therein, to be offloaded and transferred to a cold storage plant, which he or she has certified, to be examined according to his or her instructions.

## **5. Authority to Transfer to a Cold Storage Facility even if the Permit Conditions have not been Complied with:**

- (a) The Director is authorised to instruct that meat and offals be offloaded and removed to cold storage as stated in Regulation (4), even if all conditions of the permit were not complied with.

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<sup>2</sup> Fees are subject to updating according to the increase in the Consumer's Price Index as set out in the *Agricultural Fees Regulations (Linkage to the Index)*, 1981 (Regulation 1564, 1981).

(b) Such instructions should not be interpreted to mean that the shipment was imported according to these Regulations.

## **6. Return of Meat to Country of Origin:**

If a government veterinarian or the Director did not order the transfer of the meat or the offals to a cold storage plant for examination according to what is stated in Regulations 4 or 5, or if the results of the examination did not satisfy the Director, he or she may order the meat or the offals to be returned to the country from which they were imported, or to be destroyed or to have them treated otherwise at a place and time that he or she will determine.

## **7. Certificate of Release:**

Imported meat and offals will be inspected by a Government Veterinarian and will not be marketed until he or she has issued a certificate of release.

### **7A. Authority to Implement Instructions:**

If a person was so instructed according to these regulations, does not perform an action he or she was instructed to perform within the time allotted, a Government Veterinarian may carry out the instructions at the expense of that person.

## **8. Fee for the Certificate of Release<sup>3</sup>:**

Upon the issue of a Certificate of Release the following fee will be paid:

Meat: NS 20.5 per metric ton or part thereof.

Offals: NS 105.00 per metric ton or part thereof.

## **9. Exemption from Fees:**

A diplomatic or consular representative of a foreign country, as set out in Paragraph 3 of the Annex to the *Customs, Excise and Purchase Tax Law (Cancellation of Special Exemption)*, 1957, who is recognised by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, is exempt from payment of fees as set out in these regulations.

## **10. Commencement:**

These regulations come into effect 15 days after their publication.

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**11. Cancellation:**

The Regulations on the *Restriction of the Importation of Meat*, 1945 are hereby cancelled.

**12. Title:**

These regulations are titled: "*Animal Disease Regulations (Meat Importations)*, 1974".

**ANNEX**  
**FORM 1**  
**Regulation 2(a)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Director  
Israel Veterinary Services and Animal Health  
P.O Box 12, Bet Dagan 50250  
Israel

**Request for Certification of a slaughterhouse**

According to Regulation 2 of the *Animal Diseases Regulations (Imported Meat)*, 1974

1. Name of applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ID/VAT number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Name of the slaughterhouse for which certification is requested (Please print in capitals):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Official number in country if origin: \_\_\_\_\_

**Declaration and Undertaking by Applicant**

I the undersigned undertake, upon demand of the Director, to reimburse the State of Israel for the costs incurred in inspecting and certifying this plant.

I know that payment of the inspection costs is not related to the results of the examination of the slaughterhouse and I undertake to pay the costs even if the slaughterhouse is not certified.

I know that in the event that the slaughterhouse is certified according to the Regulations, my reimbursement of the inspection and certification costs will not prevent the granting of import permits to others.

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Applicant's signature

If the applicant is a corporation attach the necessary certification from an attorney or chartered accountant with respect to the right to sign.

**FORM 2**  
**(Regulation 2 (d))**  
**STATE OF ISRAEL**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**VETERINARY SERVICES AND ANIMAL HEALTH**  
**CERTIFICATION OF A SLAUGHTERHOUSE**

According to Regulations 2 of the *Animal Diseases Regulations (Meat Importation)*, 1974

No. \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

According to the authority vested in me under Regulation 2 of the *Animal Disease Regulations (Meat Importation)*, 1974, (hereinafter - the Regulations)

I certify the slaughter house \_\_\_\_\_

Registration no. \_\_\_\_\_

In the State (name of country): \_\_\_\_\_

For the purpose of importation of meat/offals as specified below:

1. Type of animal \_\_\_\_\_
2. Type of meat - Kosher / non-kosher; salted / unsalted; bone in/ deboned; frozen / chilled. (Erase the irrelevant descriptors).
3. Type of offals - Kosher / non-kosher; salted / unsalted; frozen / chilled. (Erase the irrelevant descriptors).

This certification is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ unless revised, cancelled or suspended.

Given this day of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Israel Veterinary Services

cc. Head Veterinary Officer - Import-Export  
Director, Department of Control of Animal Products