

Animal Diseases (Amendment) Regulations 2018

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THE ANIMAL DISEASES ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 17 of the Animal Diseases Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Animal Diseases (Amendment) Regulations 2018**.

2. In these regulations —

“principal regulations” means the Animal Diseases Regulations 1925.

3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definition —

“Division of Veterinary Services” means the Division of Veterinary Services of the Ministry responsible for the subject of agriculture;

4. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended —

(a) in paragraph (l), by deleting the words “Permanent Secretary” and replacing them by the words “Head of Division of Veterinary Services”;

(b) by inserting, after paragraph (1), the following new paragraphs —

(1A) Every person who intends to import any product specified in paragraph (1) shall, as soon as practicable, prior to the shipment, make an application for a permit to the Head of Division of Veterinary Services —

(a) electronically through the Trade Net; or

(b) in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances, in such manner as the Head of Division of Veterinary Services may determine and in accordance with guidelines issued by the Head of Division of Veterinary Services.

(1B) An application made under paragraph (1A) shall be accompanied by a scanned copy of such information, particulars and documents as may be specified in the guidelines referred to in paragraph (1A)(b).

(1C) The original of the scanned document referred to in paragraph (1B) shall accompany the shipment and be available for inspection on arrival of the product.

(1D) The Head of Division of Veterinary Services shall, within a period of 5 working days from the date of receipt of the application, grant or reject the application.

(1E) The guidelines referred to in paragraph (1A)(b) shall—

(a) set out the requirements and procedures in respect of an application for a permit under paragraph (1);

(b) be available for consultation at the Ministry; and

(c) be posted on the website of the Ministry.

(1F) Where the Head of Division of Veterinary Services grants the application under paragraph (1E), he shall, on payment of the appropriate fee specified in Part 1 of the First Schedule, issue the permit —

(a) electronically through the Trade Net;

(b) in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances, in such manner as he

may determine.

- (c) in paragraph (2), by deleting the words “Permanent Secretary” and replacing them by the words “Head of Division of Veterinary Services”;
- (d) by adding the following new paragraph —

(4) In this regulation —

“Trade Net” has the same meaning as in the Customs Act.

- 5. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “Permanent Secretary” and replacing them by the words “Head of Division of Veterinary Services”.
- 6. These regulations shall come into operation on 19 February 2018.

Made by the Minister on 10 February 2018.
