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MEAT MARKETING REGULATIONS

under s. 9

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meat Marketing Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
“appellant” means a person who has appealed from the decision of a Government grader in the manner prescribed by section 9 of the Act;
“appropriate authority”—

“appropriate authority”—

(a) in relation to the prescribed areas comprising the Town Planning Area of Zomba, means the District Commissioner, Zomba;

(b) in relation to the prescribed area comprising the Town Planning Area of Blantyre and Limbe, means the District Commissioner, Blantyre;

(c) in relation to the prescribed area comprising that part of the Thyolo District on the Blantyre side of the Nswadi River, means the District Commissioner, Thyolo;

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(d) in relation to the prescribed area comprising the Town Planning area of Lilongwe (as more particularly specified in Government Notice No. 11 of 1971) means the District Commissioner, Lilongwe;

“grader” means a person appointed to grade livestock and meat in terms of section 7 (1) of the Act;

“inspector” means a person appointed an inspector in terms of section 7 (1) of the Act;

“prescribed area” means an area prescribed in terms of section 5 of the Act;

“Secretary” means the Secretary for Agriculture.

PART I

CATTLE

3. The carcasses of cattle which are liable to be graded in terms of the Act in consequence of the cattle having been slaughtered in a prescribed area for sale or export, in any form whatsoever, shall be graded by a Government grader at a slaughter-house, in accordance with the First Schedule, in one of the following grades—

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- (a) Choice Grade Chiller Beef;
- (b) Prime Grade Chiller Beef;
- (c) Standard Quality Grade Beef;
- (d) Commercial Quality Grade Beef;
- (e) Inferior Quality Grade Beef; and
- (f) Veal.

4. The carcasses of cattle which have been graded in terms of regulation 3 shall be marked by a Government grader with a roller-mark in accordance with the following provisions—

Marking of graded carcasses of cattle

(a) Choice Grade Chiller Beef shall be marked with the word “CHOICE”;

(b) Prime Grade Chiller Beef shall be marked with the word “PRIME”;

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(c) Standard Quality Grade Beef shall be marked with the number "1111";

(d) Commercial Quality Grade Beef shall be marked with the number "4444";

(e) Inferior Quality Grade Beef shall be marked with the letters "XXXX"; and

(f) Veal shall be marked with the word "VEAL";
Provided that no internal cuts shall be so marked.

PART II

SHEEP

Grading of carcasses of sheep

5. The carcasses of sheep which are liable to be graded in terms of the Act in consequence of the sheep having been slaughtered in a prescribed area for sale or export, in any form whatsoever, shall be graded by a Government grader at a slaughter-house, in accordance with the Second Schedule, in one or other of the following grades—

(a) Choice Lamb;

(b) Prime Lamb;

(c) Grade 1 Mutton; and

(d) Grade 2 Mutton.

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6. The carcasses of sheep which have been graded in terms of regulation 5 shall be marked by a Government grader with a roller-mark in accordance with the following provisions—

(a) Choice Lamb shall be marked with the word "CHOICE";

(b) Prime Lamb shall be marked with the word "PRIME";

(c) Grade 1 Mutton shall be marked with the number "1111";

(d) Grade 2 Mutton shall be marked with the number "2222";

Provided that no internal cuts shall be so marked.

PART III

GOATS

Grading and marking of carcasses of goats

7. The carcasses of goats which are liable to be graded in terms of the Act in consequence of the goats having been slaughtered in a prescribed area for sale or export, in any form whatsoever, shall be graded by a Government grader at a slaughter-house as goatmeat, and shall be marked by a Government grader with a roller-mark in accordance with the following provisions—

(a) Grade 1 Goat shall be marked with the mark "Goat 1111";

(b) Grade 2 Goat shall be marked with the mark "Goat 2222";

Provided that no internal cuts shall be so marked.

PART IV

APPEALS AND OFFENCES

8.—(1) Any person whose livestock carcasses have been graded by a Government grader in terms of these Regulations and who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Government grader in regard to the grading of such carcasses shall, subject to subregulation (2), be entitled to appeal from such decision to the Secretary.

Appeal from decision of grader

(2) No appeal shall lie in terms of this regulation unless the person—

(a) notifies the Government grader in writing, on the same day as the decision in regard to the grading of the carcasses is given and before the carcasses are removed from the place of grading, of his intention to appeal; and

(b) within seventy-two hours of so notifying his intention to appeal, lodges with the Secretary a notice of appeal and pays, in aid of the costs of the appeal, a fee of two Kwacha for each carcass in respect of which the appeal is lodged.

(3) For the purposes of subregulation (2), a notice of appeal lodged with the Chief Veterinary Officer, Malawi, shall be regarded as having been lodged with the Secretary.

(4) An appeal lodged in terms of this regulation shall be decided by two or more persons, with a special knowledge of meat grading, nominated by the Secretary, and the decision of such persons shall be communicated to the appellant within ten days of the date on which the notice of appeal was lodged.

(5) If an appeal lodged in terms of this regulation—

(a) is upheld, the fee paid in respect of the carcass concerned shall be wholly refunded to the appellant;

(b) is dismissed, the fee paid in respect of the carcass concerned may be refunded to the appellant, in whole or in part, if the Secretary, after considering all the circumstances, so directs.

9. Except with the permission of the appropriate authority, no person shall sell at, distribute in, or consign or deliver to any place within a prescribed area any carcass, liable to be graded in terms of the Act, which has not been graded and marked in accordance with these Regulations.

Delivery of ungraded or unmarked carcasses prohibited

10. No person shall sell, distribute, consign or deliver any sheep carcasses imported into Malawi which have not been marked to indicate the country of origin.

Imported sheep carcasses must show country of origin

11. No person, other than a consumer, shall remove the subcutaneous fat from any carcass graded in terms of these Regulations or interfere in any way with the markings of any such carcass.

Removal of subcutaneous fat

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PART V

POWERS OF INSPECTORS

Inspection

12. An inspector may inspect any abattoir, slaughter-house, butchery, factory or works where livestock are slaughtered, or where carcasses or livestock are treated, processed, prepared, dressed, dealt in or stored, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any carcass of livestock therein has been graded or roller-marked in accordance with the regulations made in terms of the Act or otherwise.

Demand for production of carcasses and account books

13.—(1) An inspector may demand the production of any carcass and any books of accounts relating thereto.

(2) An inspector may seize any books, documents, carcasses and other meat foods which, in the opinion of the inspector, may afford evidence of a contravention of the Act or any regulation made thereunder.

(3) An inspector shall, if so required, issue a receipt for any books, documents, carcasses or other meat foods seized in terms of subregulation (2).

Written authority

14. When exercising any powers conferred by these Regulations, an inspector shall, if so required, produce a written authority from the Minister to exercise such powers.

PART VI

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MEAT

Import and export of meat

15.—(1) No person may import into, or export from, Malawi, any meat without the written permission of the Minister.

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(2) An application made under these Regulations for the import of meat shall be deemed also to be an application made under the Animal (Import) Rules.

PART VII

LICENSING OF ABATTOIRS

Licence required for abattoir, etc.

16.—(1) No person may own, manage or conduct any abattoir, slaughter-house, factory or other works where livestock are slaughtered or where livestock are treated, processed, prepared and dressed, in an area specified by the Minister under section 4 (1) of the Act unless he has first obtained a licence in the form specified in the Third Schedule.

(2) Any licence issued under subregulation (1) shall be valid until revoked in writing by the Minister.

(3) It shall be a condition of issue of an abattoir licence that the holder of such licence shall maintain premises suitable for the holding and humane slaughter of livestock, and for the efficient processing, handling and storage of meat.

PART VIII
MARKETING OF MEAT

17. No person shall expose or display any meat for sale in an area specified by the Minister under section 4 (1) of the Act unless the meat is clearly marked according to its grade in the manner specified in the Fourth Schedule. Display of meat requires marking

FIRST SCHEDULE

PART I

reg. 3
G.N. 6/1974
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MANNER OF GRADING CATTLE CARCASSES

1. Choice Grade Chiller Beef—

(a) Beef of this grade shall be derived from steers or maiden heifers having not more than six permanent incisors and a carcass weight of not less than 180 kilograms Cold Dressed Weight. The carcass shall be of good conformation and the quarters plump and well fleshed, with an even covering of firm white or creamy-white fat, with the kidney and channel fat well developed and with a liberal distribution of fat in the lean at the point of quartering. The beef shall be properly dressed, free from objectionable bruises or taint, bright and sound in condition; G.N. 116/1985

(b) Carcasses of young bulls shall qualify for grading as Choice Grade Chiller Beef if they have no permanent incisors and meet all other requirements of that grade. G.N. 6/1974

2. Prime Grade Chiller Beef—

Beef of this grade shall be derived from steers or maiden heifers, not more than five years of age and which do not show any pronounced ossification of the spinal processes or in the lumbar region and have a carcass weight of not less than 146.25 kilograms Cold Dressed Weight. The quarters shall be plump and well fleshed, but the development of internal and external fat may be somewhat less than in the Choice Grade. There shall be a fair distribution of fat in the lean at the point of quartering. The beef shall be properly dressed, free from objectionable bruises or taint, bright and sound in condition. G.N. 6/1974
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3. Standard Quality Grade Beef—

Beef of this grade shall be derived from steers, cows or bulls of any age. The quarters shall be moderately well fleshed and moderately covered with fat except for bulls; the latter shall be well covered with fat.

4. Commercial Quality Grade Beef—

Beef of this grade shall be derived from steers, cows or bulls of any age. The quarters shall be fairly well fleshed and shall carry some covering of fat.

5. Inferior Quality Grade Beef—

Beef of this grade shall be derived from steers, cows or bulls below the standard of the foregoing grades.

6. Veal—

Veal shall be derived from a cattle carcass having a hot dressed weight not exceeding 46.35 kilograms, well fleshed and in sound condition. G.N. 116/1985

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PART II

MANNER OF GRADING LIVE CATTLE

1. *Feeder Grade A*—

G.N. 116/1985 Animals in this grade shall not have more than four permanent incisor teeth and shall have a minimum live weight of 247.50 kilograms and must be of a type and conformation suitable, in the opinion of the grader, for intensive feeding.

2. *Feeder Grade B*—

G.N. 116/1985 Animals in this grade shall be steers and heifers having not more than six permanent incisor teeth and shall have a minimum live weight of 225 kilograms and must be of a type and conformation suitable, in the opinion of the grader, for intensive feeding.

3. *Standard Grade*—

G.N. 6/1974 Cows and steers in this grade shall be fairly well fleshed and in medium condition. Bulls in this grade shall be in a really fat condition.

4. *Commercial Grade*—

Cattle in this grade shall be in a reasonable condition with no indication of poverty.

5. *Inferior Grade*—

Cattle in this grade shall be steers, cows or bulls below the standard of the foregoing grades.

SECOND SCHEDULE

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MANNER OF GRADING SHEEP AND GOAT CARCASSES

1. *Choice Lamb*—

Carcasses of good conformation and good even finish, derived from lambs having no permanent incisors.

2. *Prime Lamb*—

Carcasses of good conformation and reasonable finish, derived from lambs, having not more than two permanent incisors.

3. *Grade 1 Mutton*

Carcasses of reasonably good conformation, finish and quality, derived from sheep having not more than four permanent incisors.

4. *Grade 2 Mutton*—

Carcasses of fair conformation, finish and quality, derived from sheep having more than four permanent incisors.

5. *Grade 1 Goat*—

Shall be carcasses of good conformation and reasonable finish derived from goats having not more than four permanent incisors.

6. *Grade 2 Goat*—

Shall be derived from carcasses of goats having more than four permanent incisors.

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THIRD SCHEDULE

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ABATTOIR LICENCE

(Issued under regulation 16 of the Meat Marketing Regulations)

(Name) of (Address)
is hereby licensed to own, operate, manage and conduct an abattoir for
the purpose of slaughter of livestock and the dressing, preparation,
treatment and storage of meat at (Address of premises)

This licence shall be valid until revoked in writing by me.

Dated at this day of
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Minister of Agriculture

~~FOURTH SCHEDULE~~

MANNER OF MARKETING MEAT

All meat offered or displayed for sale shall be clearly marked accord-
ing to its grade, and shall bear the same markings as laid down in
regulations 4, 6 and 7 of these Regulations, provided only that as
distinct from a roller-mark, the meat shall be marked with a ticket or
label which shall take the form of block letters or figures (as appropriate)
on a white background, such letters and figures shall not be less than
1.27 centimetres in height and the stroke of such figures or letters shall
be not less than 0.25 centimetre in width.

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116/1985