

Veterinary (Licensing of Meat Inspectors)

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THE VETERINARY ACT
(CAP. 279)

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 52)

THE VETERINARY (LICENSING OF MEAT INSPECTORS) REGULATIONS, 2011.

PART I

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Veterinary (Licensing of Meat Inspectors) Regulations, 2011. Citation
2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires:- Interpreta-
tion
 - “Act” means the Veterinary Act; Cap. 279
 - “Council” means the Veterinary Council of Tanzania established under section 6 of the Act;
 - “License” means a certificate issued to a meat inspector under these regulations;
 - “Licensing Authority” means the Veterinary Council of Tanzania;
 - “List” means a list of licensed meat inspectors;
 - “Meat Inspector” means a registered Veterinarian or enrolled Paraprofessional or enlisted paraprofessional assistant or, a person holding a diploma in meat inspection;
 - “Paraprofessional” means a person enrolled as paraprofessional under the Act; Cap. 279
 - “Paraprofessional Assistant” means a person enlisted as paraprofessional Assistant under the Act; Cap. 279
 - “Registrar” means the Registrar of the Council appointed under section 8 of the Act; Cap. 279
 - “Slaughter facility” means a registered export slaughter-house, public abattoir or a slaughter slab;
 - “Slaughterhouse” means any premises or place habitually used for the slaughter of animals for human consumption.

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PART II

LICENSING OF MEAT INSPECTORS

Qualifica-
tions for
licensing
a meat
inspector

3.—(1) A person who intends to practice as meat inspector shall apply for a licence to the Council and he shall be:-

- (a) a person of good mental and moral character;
- (b) a registered veterinarian or an enrolled Paraprofessional or an enlisted Paraprofessional Assistant or a person who has received training and awarded a diploma in meat inspection or the equivalent accredited and recognised by the Council;
- (c) a citizen of Tanzanian;
- (d) a person who has not committed any offence or acts specified under the Act.

(2) The Minister shall, on the recommendation of the Council, *Gazette* diplomas or equivalent qualification, which shall entitle the holders thereof for licensing terms under these regulations.

Appoint-
ment of
meat
inspectors

4. The Minister shall, upon recommendation of the Council, appoint licensed meat inspectors to be inspectors and publish the names of appointed inspectors in the *Gazetted*.

The
duties of
meat
inspectors

5.—(1) Any meat inspector appointed under these regulations shall to perform such functions as may be directed by the Council.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub regulation (1), duties of meat inspectors shall include:-

- (a) to perform ante mortem examination on all animals to be slaughtered for human consumption and ensure that the slaughter facility or house is fit for use for slaughter of animals;
- (b) to ensure that no animal shall be slaughtered unless it has been within the slaughter premises for at least twelve hours;
- (c) to prescribe the manner and place of slaughter of an animal infected with a disease;
- (d) to perform post mortem inspection and ensure that the meat is wholesome;
- (e) to condemn the whole or part of carcass when deemed unfit for human consumption and where necessary collect samples for analysis at the laboratory;
- (f) to prescribe the manner of disposal of a carcass or part of the carcass that has been condemned;

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- (g) to order the method of disposal of contaminated material and supervise the cleansing and decontamination of infected premises;
- (h) to keep meat inspection records and produce monthly reports;
- (i) to ensure that animals are humanely slaughtered;
- (j) to do such other duties as may be required or directed by the Council.

6.—(1) Any person who intends to be licensed as a meat inspector shall submit his application in the prescribed form set out in the First Schedule and such application shall be accompanied by evidence of qualifications and an application fee of five thousands shillings.

Procedure
for
licensing

(2) A person who intends to be registered as veterinarians, enrolled as paraprofessionals or enlisted as paraprofessional assistants shall apply to the Registrar in the prescribed form and his application shall be accompanied by certificate of registration, enrolment or enlistment.

(3) The Registrar shall, after receiving the applications under these regulations submit such applications under these regulations submit such applications to the Council for final determination.

(4) The Council may, in determining the applications submitted to it, direct the Registrar:-

- (a) to licence the applicant upon payment of a licensing fee of ten thousand shillings; and
- (b) issue a licence for meat inspection as prescribed in the second schedule.

(5) Any licence issued under this regulation shall be valid for a period of one year and may be renewed upon payment of retention fees.

7. Any licensed person carrying out meat inspection shall work under the supervision of a Registered Veterinarian working in public service.

Supervision
of
licensed
meat
inspectors

8.—(1) The council shall cause to be kept a list of all licensed meat inspectors to whom the council has granted license under these regulations.

List for
licensed
meat
inspectors

(2) The list kept under sub-regulations (1) shall contain the following particulars:-

- (a) an address where the licensed person can be contacted;
- (b) date of first commencement of the license;
- (c) names, qualification, where qualification was obtained, date of obtaining the qualification and any other personal data, which

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shall be determined by the council from time to time.

(3) Any person may obtain a copy or an extract or inspect the list kept by the Registrar under these regulations during office hours at the offices of the Registrar of the Council on payment of a fee of shillings ten thousand.

Retention fees

9.—(1) There shall be a Retention fee of five thousands shillings to be paid annually by a licensed meat inspector.

(2) A Licensed Registered Veterinarian, enrolled Paraprofessional and enlisted Paraprofessional Assistant are exempted from payment of retention fees.

Publication of licensed meat inspectors

10. The Minister shall, on the recommendation of the Council and by notice in the *Gazette*, publish names, qualifications and address of licensed meat inspectors.

PART III

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Offences and penalties

11.—(1) Any meat inspector who:-

- (a) make untruthful or deceitful or misleading reports,
 - (b) conduct himself dishonestly or unfairly; or
 - (c) unethically signs or validates a report without actually or physically carrying out the inspection;
- commits an offence.

(2) Any meat inspector who gives any false information or the information he reasonably believes to be untrue; commits an offence and shall conviction be liable to a fine of not less than fifty thousand shillings or for imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

(3) Any person who contravenes provisions of these regulations commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

(4) The Council may, where the holder of license commits an offence of professional misconduct, cancel the license any time before that licence date of expiry.

(5) Where the license is cancelled by the Council under these regulations, a person who hold the cancelled license shall from the date of cancellation of his license stop to practice as a meat inspector in Mainland Tanzania.

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FIRST SCHEDULE

(Made under Regulation 6(1))

APPLICATION FORM FOR A LICENCE AS A MEAT INSPECTOR

Attach your
signed, stamped
passport
photograph here

SECTION A: PERSONAL DATA
(All applicants are to complete this section)

Surname _____ Middle Name _____		
Other Names _____		
Marital status _____		
Place of Birth _____ Birth date _____		
Male _____ - Female _____		
Address _____		
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____		
Private employee Government employee		
Not employed Retired		
Next of kin or nearest contact person		
Name _____		
Address _____		
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____		
SECTION B: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS		
Degree/Diploma(s)/Certificate(s):	Institution	Date
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
Names and address of Referees:		
1. _____		

2. _____		

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SECTION C: APPLICANT STATUTORY DECLARATION

Ido hereby declare on this day
of that I am the person who is applying for licensing as a meat inspector and
I am holding the above qualification and that the information I have given is true and correct
to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Date

CERTIFICATION: (To be certified by advocate/magistrate/notary public)

I certify that I have compared the photograph in the application form shown to me this
..... day of by with his application
before me and that in my opinion it is a true and faithful likeness and I am satisfied that the
applicant before me is the person to whom the photograph and application relates.

Name:
Qualification:
Signature:.....
Address:.....
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SECTION D: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Licensed
Not licensed (Reasons)
.....

Chairman
Veterinary Council of Tanzania
Date

Registrar
Veterinary Council of Tanzania
Date.....

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SECOND SCHEDULE

(Made under Regulation 6(4))

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
VETERINARY COUNCIL OF TANZANIA

LICENCE FOR MEAT INSPECTOR

License No:.....

I hereby certify that..... having satisfied
the Veterinary Council of Tanzania of his entitlement to be licensed as a meat inspector was
duly licensed in the list for meat inspectors on the day of
..... of the year

Chairman

Registrar

Date

Date

Dar es Salaam,
10th October, 2011

HON. DAVID MATHAYO DAVID (MP),
*Minister for Livestock and
Fisheries Development*