

**GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO.....published on.....**  
**THE ANIMAL DISEASES ACT no. 17 of 2003**

**REGULATIONS**

**Made under sections 4 and 65**

**THE ANIMAL DISEASES (APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF INSPECTORS)  
REGULATIONS, 2005**

**PART 1**

**PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

**Citation**           **1.**   These Regulations may be cited as the Animal Diseases (Appointment and duties of Inspectors) Regulations, 2005.

**Application**       **2.**   These Regulations shall apply to all areas in which the Act applies.

**Interpretation**   **3.**   In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires -  
"Act" means animal disease Act No. 17 of 2003

"identification card" means the identification card issued to the inspector under these regulations

"Inspector" means a Veterinarian or an enrolled paraprofessional designated as an inspector under Section 4 of the Act and shall include meat inspector, hide and skins inspector and zoosanitary inspector

"Director" mean the Director responsible for veterinary services under the ministry responsible for livestock.

"DVO" means District Veterinary Officer

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Livestock

"premises" means lands and buildings where animals are kept for a defined purpose and includes sales barns, slaughter facilities, quarantine facilities, holding grounds and auction markets;

“vehicle” means specified facility for transporting animals by road, rail ; water and air;

“outbreak of a disease” means the presence of a disease in animals which in the opinion of the Director requires extraordinary means of control

‘International veterinary health certificate’ means a **certificate**, issued in conformity with the provisions of OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, describing the animal **health** and/or public **health** (Certification should be based on the highest possible ethical standards, the most important of which is that the professional integrity of the certifying veterinarian who must be respected and safeguarded)

**“Livestock Market”**

means a market which is placed under the control of an Official Veterinarian; not located in an infected zone; used only for animals for breeding or rearing or animals for slaughter which is disinfected before and after use.

**“Notifiable disease”**

-means a disease listed by the Veterinary Administration, and that, as soon as detected or suspected, must be brought to the attention of the Veterinary Authority, in accordance with national regulations.

- Objective**            **4**            The objectives of these regulations are;
- i)            to keep exotic animal / zoonotic diseases out of Tanzania.
  - ii)           to safeguard the livestock industry and animal welfare.
  - iii)          To facilitate trade of live animals and products of animal origin.
  - iv)          To improve veterinary public health status.
  - v)            To enhance food safety of products of animal origin.

**PART II**

**APPOINTMENT, DUTIES AND POWERS OF INSPECTORS**



- (e) in the stage of terminal illness**
- (f) fails to perform his duties without good cause**
- (g) fails to observe any of the conditions attached on his identification card.**

- Submission of identification card**
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- (1) Any inspector who has been terminated or resigned from his office shall within seven days from the date of his termination or resignation submit the identification card issued to him to the immediate veterinary authority.**
  - (2) Any inspector who fails to submit the identification card within the period specified under these regulations commits an offence.**
  - (3) In case of loss of the inspector's Identity card, he shall report to the immediate authority and a replacement made within thirty days.**
- Powers and Duties of inspector**
- 10. (1) While exercising the functions under the Act and regulations the inspector shall have powers and duties;**
- a) To produce his Identification card**
  - b) to examine any animal infected or suspected of being infected with diseases and require any production of any books, records, documents or other papers that contain or that he believes contain any information respecting the keeping or transporting of animals infected or suspected of being infected with a disease and examine and make copies thereof or extracts there from.**
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- c) to Seize, analyse and detain until the final disposition of any prosecution instituted for contravention of Act or other regulations or until the**

**inspector releases the same at any time prior to such disposition as prescribed in the second schedule**

- i) Any animal or specimen, or part or dung of any animal infected with or suspected of being infected with a disease;**
- ii) Any hay, straw, litter or other thing or specimen thereof contaminated or suspected of being contaminated or otherwise associated with a disease;**
  - iii) Any animal product suspected to be from a diseased animal;**
- c) For the purpose of making an inspection or examination of an animal in order to determine whether the animal is infected with a disease, stop and inspect any vehicle and its load where he believes an animal is or has been transported.**
- d) Prescribe the manner of destruction and disposal of an animal infected with a disease;**
- e) Order the slaughter of an animal infected with a disease and prescribe the manner and place of slaughter;**
- f) Order the method of disposal of carcasses or contaminated material and the cleansing and decontamination of infected premises;**
- g) Prescribe the means by which an animal infected or suspected of being infected with a disease may be moved or transported from or into a quarantine area.**
- h) Prohibit the moving or**

transportation of animal infected or suspected of being infected with a disease;

- i) Vaccinate or order the vaccination of a healthy animal at risk;
- j) Prohibit the sale or disposition of an animal infected with a disease;
- k) Designate as quarantine area premises or any other area where an animal infected with a disease is kept and impose with respect to the quarantine area such restrictions as the inspector deems advisable;
- l) Any other functions as may be directed by the Director.

Without prejudice to the generality of this regulation the Inspector shall, in the performance of his functions have powers as provided for under part V sections 26-38 of the Act.

**Duties of the owner of animal**      **11**      **1) The owner of an animal suspected of having a disease shall provide appropriate facilities and render any necessary assistance to the inspector so that the inspector can properly examine the animal and collect necessary specimen.**

**2) Where an owner fails to provide appropriate facilities, the inspectors may remove the suspect animal at the owner's expense to a location where such examination may take place (*including the cost of destroying the animal*)**

**Inspection report**      **12**      **(1) The inspector shall immediately after effecting inspection under section (26) prepare and submit a signed report by both parties on his findings to the immediate District Veterinary Officer.**

**(2) The Report prepared under section (26) of the**

**Act shall be in the form prescribed in the second schedule and shall contain**

- (a) name or title of the premises inspected;**
- (b) findings of inspection; and**
- (c) recommendations if any.**

**(3) The veterinary authority shall consider the report submitted under these regulations and may where necessary make recommendation and submit the report together with the recommendations to the Director for further determination of the matter.**

**Obligation of the Inspector**

**13. (1) The Inspector shall, in the performance of his duty be required to abide by the terms as prescribed in the code of conduct for veterinarians and paraprofessional or as may be prescribed from time to time by the Director.**

**2) Any inspector who –**

- a) makes untruthful or deceitful or misleading reports,**
- or**
- b) conducts himself dishonestly or unfairly;**
- or**
- c) unethically signs or validates a certificate without actually or physically inspecting the premises;**

**commits an offence and may be reprimanded or terminated**

### **PART III**

#### **OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

**Offences**

**14. (1) Any person who-**

- (a) Wilfully delays or obstructs any inspector in the exercise of his powers under this rule; or**
- (b) Refuses or fails without reasonable cause to give any information which he is**

**lawfully required to give under this regulation; and**

**(c) Gives any information, which is false in a material particular or which he reasonably knows to be untrue; commits an offence.**

**(2) Any person who contravenes a provision of these Regulations commit an offence and shall upon conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 Tanzanian shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.**

**(3) Fines in this regulation shall be reviewed from time to time as the Minister finds necessary**



**FIRST SCHEDULE  
Made under regulation 6**

Serial No.....

**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

**MINISTRY OF WATER AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT  
Made under Animal Diseases Act, No 17 of 2003**

**P.O.Box 9152 Dar es Salaam Tanzania Tel. (022) 2866446 Fax (022) 2862538**

**VETERINARY INSPECTOR IDENTIFICATION CARD**

**Name:.....**

**Area of operation.....**

**Picture**

**Designation.....**

**Valid until(Date).....**

**Inspector's**

**Signature of the Director**

**signature.....**

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**At the Back:  
CONDITIONS**

**This identity card is a property of the Director of Veterinary Services and must be surrendered when the assignment ceases. If found please return it to the mailing address on the reverse.**

**SECOND SCHEDULE  
Made under rule 11**

**Serial No.....**

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P.O.Box 9152 Dar es Salaam Tanzania Tel. (022) 2866446 Fax (022) 2862538**

**VETERINARY PREMISES HEALTH CERTIFICATE**

I,..... being a Veterinary Inspector authorized by the Veterinary Authority to certify on the sanitary status of the animals and animal products on this premises do hereby certify that the premises is:.....

.....  
Recommendations.....  
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Signed at .....on .....in the presence of.....  
*(location) (date) (Name of Owner)*

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*(Signature of Veterinary Inspector)* Official Stamp