The Public Health (Butchers) Regulations 1989

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Definitions:

- “Abattoir”- means premises approved and registered by the Local Board to be used for the slaughtering and dressing of animals the meat of which is intended for human consumption
Definitions:

- “Associate”- means any person who by virtue of his association with a butcher has access to or is involved in the business of the slaughtering of animals, dressing, processing of carcasses or meat and the selling of meat.
Definitions:

- “Butcher”- includes any person who:
  a) slaughters or cause to be slaughtered any animal
  or
  b) prepares or processes the carcass of any animal or meat for human consumption
Definitions:

- “Place of slaughter”- means any abattoir or slaughter place
Licences of Butcher

- No person shall operate as a butcher unless such person(s) has a valid licence granted by the Local Board of Health.
- No person shall operate as a butcher unless such person(s) has a valid Food Handlers Permit granted by the local Health Department.
Applications for Licences

- Application or renewal of such licences must be made in triplicate
- All applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the Local Board (Parish Council) accompanied by:
  - 2 photographs recently taken
  - appropriate fees
Applications for Licences

- The Secretary of the Local Board shall:
  - i) cause one copy to be delivered to the Medical Officer (Health)
  - ii) the Inspector of Police for the Area
  - iii) notify the applicant of the time and place fixed for the consideration of the application by the Local Board.
Objections to granting licence

- The Local Board on receipt of an application shall conspicuously exhibit a copy of such application on the front of a Post Office or any other public building within the district.
Objections to granting licence

- Must be made ten days before consideration
- Must be in writing
- State the name and address of person making objection
- State the grounds for objection
Duty of Inspector of Police

- Shall make enquiry on the character of the applicant
- Shall make enquiry on any other matter that may seem necessary
- Endorse on the application the results of his enquiries
- Forward results to the Secretary of the Local Board at least ten days before consideration
Duty of Medical Officer (Health)

- Shall cause an inspection to be conducted to certify that:
  - the premises meet Public Health standards
  - equipment and facilities are sufficient to meet Public Health requirements
  - the method of transportation of animals; carcasses and meat and storage of meat is not likely to allow for contamination
The Butchers Licence

Shall be in the form set out in Form 2 of the schedule must specify the following:

- name and address
- permitted days and hours of slaughter
- location and place of slaughter
- type of animals permitted to be slaughtered
- the number of animals to be slaughtered
Revocation of Licence

- Person suffering from infectious disease
- Continued operation at the place is or may be detrimental to Public Health
- Breach of the terms of the licence
- Breach of the regulations
- False information
Duties of the Butcher

- Present his licence for inspection to:
  - Officer of the Local Board
  - Medical Officer (Health)
  - Public Health Inspector
  - any member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force
  - any other authorized personnel
Duties of the Butcher

- Keep records of:
  - himself and all employees, associates, assistants and other such persons indicating names, addresses etc.
  - all animals slaughtered and the particulars specified etc. (as per Form 3 in schedule)
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## Duties of the Butcher: Record Keeping

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Duties of the Butcher

- Allow inspector to conduct ante-mortem inspections
- Must take animals to place of slaughter at least six-hours prior to slaughter
- Shall not allow or cause to be slaughtered animals that are deemed unfit
- Shall not slaughter animals other than at his place of slaughter unless otherwise directed by the MO(H) /PHI
SUMMARY

- Get to know your Medical Officer (Health) /Chief Public Health Inspector in each Parish

- Ensure that the list of approved butchers and slaughter places are known

- Get acquainted with the Butchers book (Form 3) Butchers Regulation
SUMMARY

- Visit approved slaughter places regularly and cause to inspect the butchers records
- Check the vehicle used for the transportation of meat (Is it approved by the Public Health Department?)
- Remember the Butchers licence is valid for one year most licences expire on March 31st of each year
References:

- The Public Health (Butchers) Regulation 1989
- The Public Health (Food Handling) Regulations 1998
- Policies and Guidelines Ministry of Health