

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*

FORM 3
FORM OF BOOK

(Regulation 12) 32

DATE :

Names and addresses of persons employed in slaughtering and handling meat	Number of animals slaughtered	Class and description of animal slaughtered	Date of purchase of animal	Name and address of the seller of the animal slaughtered	Date of slaughter of animal	Purchase price of animal	Place where meat of slaughtered animal sold

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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



QUESTIONS