

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.
HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE
No. 132 OF 1943.

It is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased to approve the following Regulations made by the Resident Commissioner under the provisions of section *two* of the Public Health (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation, 1924 (No. 12 of 1924), relating to abattoirs in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 16th June, 1943.

ABATTOIR REGULATIONS.

DEFINITIONS.

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

- “ Animal ” means and includes every bull, ox, cow, heifer, calf, sheep, lamb, goat, pig or other quadruped commonly used for human consumption;
- “ Butcher's meat ” means the flesh or offal of any animal intended for human consumption; but does not include canned meats, potted meats, or biltong;
- “ Inspector ” means any officer from time to time duly appointed by the Local Authority to carry out the duties assigned to him by these Regulations;
- “ Local Authority ” means the District Commissioner or other officer in charge of the District for the time being;
- “ Medical Officer ” means a Government Medical Officer or such other registered medical practitioner as may be appointed by the Resident Commissioner as Medical Officer of the area to which the provisions of these Regulations apply, and shall include the Principal Medical Officer of the Bechuanaland Protectorate;
- “ Abattoir ” means and includes all buildings, spaces, and kraals within any area specified by the Local Authority.

ANIMALS TO BE SLAUGHTERED ONLY AT ABATTOIR.

2. No person shall slaughter or cause or suffer to be slaughtered any animal within the areas defined in the Schedule hereto elsewhere than at the abattoir.

DAYS ON WHICH ABATTOIR MAY BE USED.

3. Every person using or intending to use the abattoir for the purpose of slaughtering or dressing animals shall use the same only on such days and at such times as the Local Authority may from time to time appoint.

LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY MAKE RULES.

4. The Local Authority may from time to time make Rules for the more efficient working of the abattoir. Such Rules shall be duly posted up in a conspicuous place on the premises and shall be observed by all persons using the abattoir.

OBSTRUCTION OF OFFICERS.

5. No person shall directly or indirectly obstruct or resist any officer or other person appointed to examine any butcher's meat, or refuse to answer or knowingly make false answers to any enquiry in connection therewith.

NO UNNECESSARY SUFFERING TO BE INFLICTED.

6. No person shall inflict or permit the infliction of any unnecessary suffering upon any animal during the removal to the place where it is to be slaughtered or while such animal is being prepared for slaughter.

NO PERSON INFECTED WITH DISEASE TO ENTER ABATTOIR.

7. No person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or disorder shall enter the abattoir or handle or assist in the preparation of carcasses or butcher's meat.

MEAT TO BE KEPT CLEAN.

8. Every owner of carcasses or butcher's meat shall make provision to the satisfaction of the Local Authority for preventing the soiling or contamination of such carcasses or meat during transport and otherwise.

PROVISIONS REGARDING USE OF ABATTOIR.

9. Every person using or employed at the abattoir shall conform to the following requirements:—

- (a) He shall not kill or cause to be killed any animal for human consumption unless he kills the animal instantaneously by means of the humane killer; provided that animals slaughtered by religious rites may be slaughtered in accordance with such rites without the use of the humane killer, and provided further that all unnecessary suffering shall be avoided.
- (b) All animals must be slaughtered without unnecessary delay, and the dressing of slaughtered animals shall only take place after the flow of blood has ceased, and when all signs of life are extinct, after which the carcass shall be suspended on the hangers for dressing.

- (c) He shall not at any time keep or cause to be kept any animal in the abattoir or in a kraal provided for the purpose for a longer period than may be necessary for the purpose of preparing such animal for immediate slaughter.
- (d) He shall not keep or slaughter or cause or suffer to be kept or slaughtered any diseased animal, or prepare or cause or suffer to be kept or prepared the carcass or any part of the carcass of any diseased animal, in the abattoir or within a radius of one hundred yards therefrom.
- (e) He shall not at any time keep or cause or suffer to be kept any pig in the abattoir, unless such pig be so kept in preparation for immediate slaughter.
- (f) He shall obey the instructions of the Medical Officer, Inspector or officer appointed to supervise the abattoir, and if required to do so shall submit himself for medical examination at such place and at such time as the Medical Officer may indicate.
- (g) Dogs, cats, fowls, pigeons and other birds shall not be allowed within the precincts of the abattoir and may be destroyed by the officer in charge of the abattoir, without payment of compensation therefor.
- (h) Whenever the Medical Officer or Inspector condemns meat as unfit for human food the same shall be destroyed to the satisfaction of the officer condemning it, at a place appointed for the purpose.
- (i) Every person entering the abattoir shall be subject to these Regulations and to any Rules made by the Local Authority under these Regulations, and to any further verbal or written orders of the Medical Officer, Inspector or officer in charge of the abattoir.
- (j) The Local Authority shall provide coupons in book form having printed thereon the different charges for slaughtering in terms of these Regulations. Such books of coupons shall be purchased from the Local Authority and paid for in advance, and such coupons shall be accepted by the officer appointed to supervise the abattoir in payment of the charges for slaughtering as provided in these Regulations. Such officer shall not accept cash in lieu of the aforesaid coupons except in exceptional circumstances and with the authority of the Local Authority.
- (k) The scale of charges for the use of the abattoir shall be as follows:—

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Cattle, per head	2 6
Sheep and goats, per head	0 6
Calves under 12 months, per head	1 0
Pigs, per head	1 6

provided that the Local Authority may, in his discretion, remit the whole or any portion of the charges for the use of the abattoir herein set out in cases where animals are slaughtered by their owner for his own bona fide consumption, or where animals are slaughtered for consumption at entertainments in aid of charity.

- (l) No person shall remove or cause or suffer to be removed, without the consent of the Local Authority, any blood, manure, garbage, filthy or other refuse products from the abattoir.
- (m) For the purpose of inspection and examination all portions shall be kept in the immediate neighbourhood of the carcass to which they belong.

NO COMPENSATION FOR CONDEMNED CARCASSES.

10. No compensation shall be paid for any carcass or portion thereof which has been seized, condemned and destroyed as unfit for food.

RESTRICTION ON INTRODUCTION OF MEAT INTO AREAS DEFINED IN SCHEDULE.

11. No person shall introduce for sale into the area defined in the Schedule hereto any meat of animals slaughtered outside such areas unless such animals have been slaughtered at places approved by the Local Authority.

PENALTIES.

12. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations or of any Rule made thereunder by the Local Authority or of any order lawfully given in accordance with these Regulations or the Rules made thereunder shall, upon conviction, be liable to the penalties prescribed in section four of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Public Health Proclamation, 1924.

AREAS TO WHICH REGULATIONS APPLY.

13. The Regulations mentioned in the second column of the Schedule hereto shall apply to the area specified in the first column thereof.

SCHEDULE.

Area.	Regulations applicable.
Lobatsi—Within a radius of two miles of the Post Office	All the regulations.