

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 217 OF 1943.

CONTROL OF LEATHER.

It is hereby notified for general information that, under and by virtue of the powers vested in him by section *one* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Emergency Powers (Defence) Proclamation, 1939 (No. 36 of 1939), His Excellency the High Commissioner has been pleased further to amend the regulations published under High Commissioner's Notice No. 28 of 1943 as amended by High Commissioner's Notice No. 68 of 1943, as follows:—

1. By the deletion of the definition "Abattoir" in regulation 1 and by the substitution therefor of the following new definition:—

" 'Abattoir' means a place, subject to health inspection, where cattle are killed for the production of meat."

2. By the deletion of Schedule A to the said Notice and the substitution therefor of the following new Schedule A:—

SCHEDULE A.

CURING OF GREEN HIDES.

All hides shall, immediately after removal from the carcass, be thoroughly washed with clean water so as to remove all adhering blood or any foreign matter, and shall immediately thereafter be transported to the curing sheds. If the time to be taken in transporting the hides to the curing sheds is 4 hours or more the hides shall be thoroughly salted and rolled fleshside inwards for the purpose of such transport.

In the curing shed the hides shall be spread out fleshside upwards on a cement floor at floor level and in such a manner that the moisture can run off freely, and a quantity of clean fresh salt which has not been previously used, and equivalent in weight to at least 20 per cent. of the weight of the green hide, shall be spread uniformly over the fleshside thereof. The hides shall be placed one on top of the other in the manner known as "stack" or "platform" salting, all fleshside upwards, and the salt applied to each hide as described above. No portion of the hide whatsoever shall be folded in or turned up in order to ensure that the centre of the stack bulges out and the liquid formed in the stack drains away continuously.

The said liquid shall not be allowed to remain in contact with any portion of the stack. No stack of hides shall exceed 4 ft. 6 in. in height.

The hides shall remain in the stack for a period of not less than 10 days, and before bundling the hides for sale or dispatch, each hide shall be thoroughly shaken to remove all excess salt.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 29th September, 1943.