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THE TANZANIA FOOD, DRUGS AND COSMETICS
(TRANSPORT OF MEAT) REGULATIONS, 2006

(Made under section 122(1)(d))

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THE TANZANIA FOOD, DRUGS AND COSMETICS
(TRANSPORT OF MEAT) ACT, 2003

REGULATIONS

(Made under section 122(1)(d))

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- Citation 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics (Transport of Meat) Regulations, 2006 and shall come into operation on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.
- Application 2. These Regulations shall apply to all areas in which the Act applies and shall affect all matters related to transport of meat.
- Interpretation 3. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires—
- "carrier" means any vehicle, aircraft, ship, boat, canoe, cart, bicycle, train or any motorized or hand driven transport system in or on which meat may be carried by or on behalf of the holder of a licence to any place whether for sale or otherwise;
- "container" in relation to products regulated under this Act, means a bottle, jar, box, packet, sachet or other receptacle which contains or is to contain in it, not being a capsule or other article in which the product is or is to be administered or eaten, and, where any such receptacle is or is to be contained in another such receptacle, includes the former but does not include the latter receptacle;
- "licence" means a valid licence issued under regulation 5 of these Regulations;
- "potable water" means water fit for human consumption, the standards of which is not lower than those contained in the latest edition of the "International Standards for Drinking Water" by World Health Organization;
- "meat inspector" means a properly trained officer appointed by the Authority for the purpose of meat inspection and control of meat hygiene;

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"meat" means the edible part of a slaughtered animal or poultry that has been inspected by a meat inspector and found fit for human consumption;

"protective clothing" means special garments intended to prevent the contamination of meat and used as outer wear by person in an abattoir and includes head and foot wear;

"poultry" means any bird that is commonly used as food.

4. No person shall transport, or cause any meat to be transported unless such person holds a valid licence issued by the Authority for that purpose.

Restriction
on
transporta-
tion of
meat

5.-(1) An application for a licence to transport meat shall be made in form prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations after paying fees as prescribed in the Fees and Charges Regulations made under the Act.

Application
for licence

(2) On receipt of an application for a licence, the Director General shall cause the carrier or container to be inspected and if it complies with the requirements of Part I, II, and III of the Second Schedule to these Regulations and upon payment of fees as prescribed in the Fees and Charges Regulations made under the Act issue a licence in the form prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

(3) A licence shall remain valid for one year from 1st July of every year and shall expire on 30th June of the following year.

6. Any carrier or container may be inspected by an Inspector whenever he deems it necessary to do so.

Power to
inspect
carrier or
container

7. Any holder of a licence who uses a carrier or container which does not comply with the standard specifications as set out in Part II of the Second Schedule to these Regulations commits an offence.

Holder of
licence to
comply
with
specifica-
tion

8. Any meat consignment intended for transportation shall be accompanied by a meat movement permit as prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations, which shall be signed by the meat Inspector incharge of the abattoir where the meat is originating from and shall be embossed with a meat inspection stamp.

Permit of
transport
to
accompany
meat

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Restriction
to observe
hygienic
standards

9.—(1) Any person who, uses, permits or causes to be used a carrier or container, which does not conform in all respect to the hygienic standards prescribed in Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations commits an offence.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub regulation (1) of this regulations, an Inspector may withdraw licence, take legal action or any other action as he deems fit against any holder of a licence who uses a carrier or container which does not comply with the standard specifications made under these Regulations.

Offence
and
penalty

10. Any person who contravenes any of these regulations, or who fails to comply with any notice, regulation or prohibition issued under these Regulations, commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Revocation
G.N. No.
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25/3/1994

11. The Food (Control of Quality) (Transport of Meat) Regulations of 1994 are hereby revoked.

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FIRST SCHEDULE
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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE
TANZANIA FOOD AND DRUGS AUTHORITY
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APPLICATION FORM FOR LICENCE TO TRANSPORT MEAT

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(Made under Regulation 5(1))
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To: The Director General,
Tanzania Food and Drugs Authority,
P. O. Box 77150,
DAR ES SALAAM.

I hereby apply for a Licence to Transport Meat under the Tanzania Food, Drugs and Cosmetics (Transport of Meat) Regulations, 2004.

Name of applicant
(Name of Person, Firm, Company, etc. to be inserted).

Full names of Partners, Directors or Officer of Company responsible for transport of
meat.....

Physical address of applicant.....

Description (Type and Capacity) of carrier

Registration No: of carrier.....

Postal Address of applicant.....

Date Application fees paid

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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

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MEAT TRANSPORT LICENCE

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(Made under Regulation 5(2))
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Meat Transport Licence No.

Name and address of the owner

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This licence is issued in respect of

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Description and registration marks of the carrier and container

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Date of issue

Fees paid Receipt No. Date 20

This licence expires on the 30th June

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Signature and stamp of the Director General

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MEAT MOVEMENT PERMIT

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(Made under Regulations 8 and 9)
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Permission is hereby granted to transport meat described below:

Type.....

Quantity/No.

From to

Meat Transport Licence No.

Name of Driver

Name(s) of Attendant(s)

Date and time of departure

Date of Issue.....

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Name of Inspector

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Signature and stamp

.....
Date

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SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I:
STANDARDS OF HYGIENE IN THE TRANSPORT OF MEAT

(Made under Regulation 9)

1. No other products except those listed in Part I of this Schedule shall be transported, in carrier or container in which meat is transported.
2. Livestock, live animals and dead or slaughtered carcasses not flayed and eviscerated shall not be transported in a carrier or container in respect of which a permit has been issued.
3. Meat shall be placed in such a manner that it shall not be in direct contact with the floor of a carrier.
4. Organs, such as liver, heart, brains, lungs, kidneys and clean tripe shall be transported in receptacles, which are water tight and which can be easily cleaned and disinfected unless they are frozen, in which case they may be transported in cartons or heavy paper wrapping or plastic bags or other approved packing materials.
5. Rough tripe intestines or other parts of an animal which may contaminate other meat or may have an offensive odour shall be transported in receptacles which are water tight and are easily cleaned and disinfected and which have close fitting lids so secured as not to fall off during transportation.
6. Any person who during any loading or unloading of meat, handles meat, shall before such handling, wash his hands and other exposed parts of his body in clean disinfectants and shall during loading or unloading be wearing clean protective clothing which covers the parts of his body with the exception of his hands which may come into contact with the meat and the said clothing must not be worn during the actual transport by either the driver or any attendant.
7. No person shall be allowed to stay in the compartment where meat is kept during transport.
8. Any carrier or container shall, before it is loaded with meat be thoroughly washed using an approved detergent and shall thereafter be rinsed with clean potable water.
9. Meat handling equipment and container, such as hooks, shelves racks and receptacles shall be thoroughly washed in detergent and rinsed in clean potable water.

10. The following detergents are approved for use in carriers or containers—

- (a) sodium bicarbonate;
- (b) sodium carbonate (soda ash);
- (c) trisodium phosphate;
- (d) non-perfumed soap;
- (e) synthetic detergents (wetting agents); and
- (f) any other detergents approved by the Authority.

11. The following sanitizing agents in the following maximum concentrations are approved for use in the carrier or containers as rinser—

- (a) quaternary ammonium compounds 50 ppm;
- (b) aqueous solution of Iodine 50 ppm;
- (c) sodium hypochloride 50 ppm;
- (d) cholramine 50 ppm; and
- (e) any other sanitizing agent approved by the Authority.

12. The engine of a carrier shall not be allowed to run whilst loading or unloading is in process and all doors and lids shall be securely closed before the engine is started.

13. Fuelling of carriers shall not take place whilst the doors or the lids or a carrier are open.

PART II:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER

1. The walls, ceiling and floor, of the compartment in which the meat is kept shall be made from smooth, crack and corrosion resistant material, which is impermeable to water and be of light colour and easily cleaned and disinfected.

2. The compartment in which the meat is carried shall be dustproof and watertight and its doors and lids be fitted so as to be dustproof and watertight.

3. Ventilation inlets and drainage outlets of the space of the carrier in which meat is contained shall be equipped with dust filters.

4.-(1) For the transportation of carcass meat, whether in whole, carcass sides, quarters or boned out meat, rails and shelves shall be used and constructed as follows -

- (a) rails the hooks shall be of such a construction as to prevent the meat from falling down during transportation, minimum rail spacing for hindquarters and boned out meat shall be 40 cm and for forequarters 35 cm, minimum space between rails shall be 60 cm. Hanging meat shall have a minimum clear space of 5 cm.

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- (b) shelves or racks shall be made from rust and corrosion resistant material and be easy to dismantle and clean, the lowest shelf or rack shall not be less than 5 cm. from the floor and there shall be a free space of not less than 5 cm between the meat in a fully loaded shelf or rack and the next shelf or rack or the ceiling respectively, the shelves or racks shall not extend nearer to any wall than 5 cm

(2) Other meat shall be transported in accordance with paragraph 3 and 4 of Part II of this Schedule.

5. Frozen meat, packed in cartons or boxes, may be stacked on top of each other and frozen carcasses meat may, if properly packed in suitable packing material, be stacked.

6. Carriers or containers used for transport of meat shall be painted and marked as following:

"The entire vehicle shall be painted white and there shall be red strip, of width of 30 cm painted along the centre line of the vehicle on both sides and the rear and shall be displayed in red the legend MEAT or the Kiswahili translation NYAMA in block letters not less than 20 cm high. Other legends in the form of advertising, name of proprietor or other labels may be displayed on the carriers if it is placed not nearer than 60 cm to the word MEAT or NYAMA".

PART III:

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSPORT OF MEAT

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(Made under Regulation 5(2))
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1. Meat shall be transported in less than two hours duration in non- insulated vehicles provided that they are fitted with sub protection in the form of a double roof, the components of which shall be not less than 4cm apart. Carriers of this type shall be fitted with a roof top rotating ventilator and air outlets to provide adequate ventilation.

2. Meat shall be transported in less than four hours duration in insulated carriers, the insulation being such as to allow only maximum increase in meat temperature of 1°C per hour.

3. Meat to be transported for more than four hours duration shall be in insulated carriers equipped with mechanical refrigeration or otherwise being refrigerated sufficiently to maintain the chilling temperature of 4°C.

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4. Meat may be transported in containers in the form of detachable compartments, boxes or other receptacles constructed according to Part III. Such containers shall at all times be protected from direct sunlight and be placed on the vehicle in such a manner that other products carried on the same carrier can 'under no circumstances contaminate the contents of the container when this is open.

Dar es Salaam,
27th July, 2006

DAVID H. MWAKYUSA,
Minister for Health and Social Welfare
