

L.N. 74 of 1998

**FEES ORDINANCE
(CAP. 35)**

**Fees (Abattoir and Veterinary Services) (Amendment)
Regulations, 1998**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Fees Ordinance, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance and Commerce, has made the following regulations:—

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Fees (Abattoir and Veterinary Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998 and shall be read and construed as one with the Fees (Abattoir and Veterinary Services) Regulations, 1986, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Citation and
commencement.

L.N. 68 of 1986.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st January, 1998.

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations, for the words “to the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries” there shall be substituted the words “to the Director of Veterinary Services”.

Amends regulation
2 of the principal
regulations.

3. For the Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following new Schedule:—

Substitutes
Schedule to the
principal
regulations.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

I. Abattoir Fees

(A) For registering, grading and meat inspection of animals:

Bovines	50c per head
Equines	50c per head
Pigs	30c per head
Sheep and goats	30c per head
Lambs and kids	10c per head

(B) For lairage, slaughter, dressing, hot weighing, chilling and cold weighing —

(i) Bovine, equine, ovine, caprine:

Carcasses and parts thereof, including skins, but
excluding offals:

hot weight	8 mils/kg
cold weight	9 mils/kg

(ii) Pigs:

Carcasses and parts thereof, including skins, but excluding offals:

hot weight	8 mils/kg
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(C) For animals brought for slaughter and kept in the lairages for more than one night, per head, per night after the first night.. 10c

(D) For keeping carcasses in chillers for more than three days, not being a Saturday or a Sunday, per carcass or part thereof, per day after the third day 10c

On Saturdays and Sundays rates are paid as indicated in terms of item IV (B) of this Schedule.

(E) For the freezing of carcasses by blast freezer whenever the blast freezer is used:

– for each pig carcass, per day	Lm1.50
– for each bovine carcass, per day	Lm2

So however that the minimum payment for each lot shall be Lm40

(F) For the keeping of carcasses or parts in freeze under –18°C:

(i) whole or cut carcasses	Lm20 per ton per month
(ii) cut meat packed in cardboard boxes (the netting, plastic and cardboard shall be at the expense of the user of the freezing facilities)	Lm15 per ton per month

II. Veterinary Services Fees

(A) For inspection of animals prior to export or after importation:

– Equines	Lm5 per head
– Bovines	Lm2 per head
– Other animals including dogs and cats	Lm4 per head

– Day-old chicks	3c per head
– Ornamental fowl/parrots	Lm2 per head
– Pigeons exported for racing back to Malta (not including an inspection inside a loft)	Lm10 per 1000
– Bird Skins	Lm20 per import
– Birds, pigeons and rabbits	Lm20 per import
(B) (i) For inspection of meat and fish exports and the products thereof	1c per kg
(ii) For inspection of and tests on meat and fish imports and the products thereof, commercially or by transboard	Lm20
(C) (i) For laboratory examinations on animals, fish or other products prior to export or import, payment shall be according to a schedule issued by the laboratory each year, but for which entire examination there shall not be charged a fee of less than	Lm1
(ii) For laboratory examinations on animals not coming from farm-houses having a production licence, payment shall be according to a schedule issued by the laboratory each year, but for which entire examination there shall not be charged a fee of less than	Lm1
(D) For the issue of each stamp, brand or label denoting approval of export establishments:	
– Each carcass or part thereof	2c
– Each box	2c
The branding expenses shall be defrayed by the concerned establishment.	
(E) For the approval of a processing establishment for local consumption	Lm10 per year
(F) (i) For the approval and certification of vehicles containing a freezer for the transportation of meat and fish for export	Lm25 per year
(ii) For the approval and certification of vehicles for the transportation of swill	Lm10 per year

(G) For the approval and certification of a vehicle containing a freezer for the transportation of meat and fish in Malta	Lm25 per year
(H) For the approval and certification of a butcher's shop	Lm5 per year
(I) For the inspection and approval of hatcheries	Lm10 per year
(J) For the licensing of hatcheries	Lm20 per year
(K) For the issue of sanitary certificates for animals, pigeons, fish and products thereof	Lm2 per certificate

III. Quarantine Fees

(A) For the keeping of small animals in quarantine, per day:	
– cats	Lm1.50
– small dogs (under 5 kg)	Lm1.50
– large dogs (over 5 kg)	Lm2
– Song-birds	25c
– fowl and other birds	50c
– other animals	50c
– Transboarding	Lm5
(B) For the keeping of large animals in quarantine, per day:	
– small ruminants	50c
– large ruminants	50c
– horses and others	50c
– Transboarding	Lm5
– Animals kept for a longer time than the quarantine period, for each cell used ...	Lm50

IV. Other Fees

(A) For an abstract from the Abattoir Weighing Register covering weighing and gradings during any one month or part thereof	5c
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(B) Other services rendered and which do not show under this Schedule shall fall under the discretion of the Director of Veterinary Services, and any fee which may be so charged shall be indicated beforehand to the person concerned.³⁹