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## SUPPLIES AND SERVICES ACT (CAP. 117)

## FEES ORDINANCE (CAP. 35)

### Sale of Cattle for Slaughter and Beef (Control) Regulations, 1990

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Supplies and Services Act and by section 2 of the Fees Ordinance, the Minister for Development of Tertiary Sector, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, has made the following regulations:—

Citation.

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Sale of Cattle for Slaughter and Beef (Control) Regulations, 1990.

Interpretation.

**2.** In these regulations and in any order made thereunder, —

"beef" means the flesh of slaughtered cattle;

"cattle" means bulls, cows, oxen, buffaloes, heifers and calves;

"Director" means the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries;

"manufacturer" means any person who processes slaughtered cattle into beef for disposal to third parties;

"producer" means any person who keeps, breeds or fattens cattle for slaughter for disposal thereof;

"purchase" means any acquisition made under any onerous or gratuitous title;

"retailer" means any person who purchases beef for sale by retail;

"sale" means any disposal under any onerous or gratuitous title;

"wholesaler" means any person who purchases cattle for slaughter and/or beef and sells them to third parties.

Fixing of minimum prices.

**3.** The Director may from time to time by order in the Gazette fix minimum prices at which wholesalers, retailers, and manufacturers may purchase cattle for slaughter and/or beef from any producer and specify the conditions under which such prices are to apply.

Licences.

**4.** (1) No person shall act as a wholesaler unless he is in possession of a licence issued by the Minister authorising him so to act.

(2) Any such licence shall remain valid for the period for which it is issued or renewed, or until it is withdrawn by the Minister, whichever is the earliest date; and if no period is mentioned in the

licence or in any renewal thereof it shall, unless it is earlier withdrawn as aforesaid, expire on the 31st day of December of the year of its issue or renewal.

(3) The Minister may, in issuing such a licence, attach thereto any condition or conditions as he may deem fit.

(4) The Minister shall have the right at any time to withdraw any licence issued under these regulations, and in particular if he is satisfied that any of the conditions of the licence have not been observed.

(5) A licence issued by the Minister under these regulations shall not exempt the holder from the requirement of having any other licence under any other law.

Fees.

**5.** The annual fee leviable for the first issue of a wholesaler's licence shall be five Maltese liri (Lm5), and the annual fee leviable on every renewal of such licence shall be three Maltese liri (Lm3).

Receipts to accompany sales, etc.

**6.** (1) Any sale or purchase of cattle for slaughter and/or beef by any producer, wholesaler, retailer or manufacturer shall be accompanied by a duly receipted bill which shall be shown on demand to the Director or to any other person authorized to act on his behalf.

(2) No such receipted bill shall be destroyed before the lapse of twelve months from the date of the relative purchase or sale.

Penalties.

**7.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations or of any order made thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable —

(a) on a first conviction to a fine (*multa*) of not less than fifty Maltese liri but not exceeding three hundred Maltese liri, and

(b) on a second or subsequent conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months and to a fine (*multa*) of not less than one hundred Maltese liri but not exceeding three hundred Maltese liri, and the Court shall, at the instance of the prosecution, suspend for a period not exceeding 6 months any licence held by the offender in connection with the transaction carried out by him.

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