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PREVENTION OF DISEASE ORDINANCE (CAP. 59)

Swine Keeping Regulations, 1980

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 99 of the Prevention of Disease Ordinance, the Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture has made the following regulations:—

Citation.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Swine Keeping Regulations, 1980.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations —

"Director" means the Director of Agriculture and includes any officer of the department duly authorised by him to act on his behalf;

"to fatten" means to keep from the weaner to the slaughtering stage;

"to keep" includes both to rear and to fatten;

"to rear" means to breed and rear up to the fattening stage; and includes the selling of weaners;

"Ordinance" means the Prevention of Disease Ordinance.

Licence to keep, rear or fatten swine.

3. No person shall keep, rear or fatten swine, whether as owner, part-owner, or helper, unless he is the holder of a licence to do so.

Form of application.

4. A licence as provided for in the preceding regulation may be granted by the Director upon an application on the appropriate form issued by him.

Swine forms.

5. No person shall keep, rear or fatten swine in any place unless that place is licensed as a swine farm for any of those specific purposes.

Requirements of licence.

6. No licence for a swine farm shall be issued unless the requirements laid down in the form of application are satisfied.

Revocation of licence.

7. The Director may at any time revoke a licence if the place licensed is found lacking in any of the conditions of the grant of the licence, or if in the opinion of the Director there is a risk of spread of disease.

Validity of licences.

8. Licences shall be valid for one calendar year, and may be renewed from year to year.

Distance between farms.

9. (1) A person may be licensed to keep swine in a self-contained farm as long as it is situated at least one hundred metres away from any swine farm, or in not more than two places, one place being licensed solely for rearing and the other place being licensed solely for fattening swine, so however that in the latter case the rearing place shall be situated at a distance of not less than one hundred metres away from any swine farm whatsoever, and subject to any other special conditions as the Director may impose.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a self-contained farm means a farm where once animals are bought in and it has become a going concern, both breeding and rearing can take place and no more

swine need to be bought in except the occasional breeders for changing or improving the strain.

10. Each application for the licensing of a place shall be accompanied by a site plan obtained from the Public Works Department showing the place and its surrounding area within a radius of two hundred metres. Site plan.

11. No extensions or alterations in any licensed place may be carried out unless previously authorised by the Director. Extensions and alterations.

12. No person, whether licensed or not under these regulations, shall move or cause any swine to be moved from a licensed place to any other place or to an abattoir, unless he has obtained permission to do so in writing from the Director. Movement of swine.

13. No place shall be licensed for the keeping, rearing or fattening of swine unless it is situated at a distance of two hundred metres from an inhabited area. Distance from inhabited area.

14. Every licensee shall keep a herd-book in such form as the Director shall require. Herd-book.

15. No person shall collect or transport swill unless authorised by the Director, nor shall any person feed swill to swine or other animals except for such cooked swill as may be supplied to him by the Director. Swill collection and transport.

16. No vehicle shall be used for collecting or transporting swill unless authorised for that purpose by the Director, and when so authorised such vehicle shall not follow a route which departs from that laid down in such authorisation. Vehicle carrying swill.

17. Any person who handles meat at an abattoir shall be disqualified from obtaining or holding any licence under these regulations. Disqualification.

18. The holder of a licence for a feedmill or for a meat-processing plant shall not be debarred from holding a licence under these regulations as long as he does not allow any person who is engaged in work on a swine farm to perform work in such a mill or plant. Licensee of feedmill or meat-processing plant.

19. A licensed swine keeper, breeder or fattener may be allowed to have a grinding mill on his swine farm as long as the grist material is used wholly on the farm. Grinding mill.

20. No licence for a swine farm shall be issued unless such swine farm is situated at a distance of two hundred metres from any feedmill. Distance from feedmill.

21. No person licensed to rear swine shall acquire his initial parent stock and any eventual replacements except from a breeding station approved by the Director. Acquisition of parent stock.

22. No person licensed to keep swine shall acquire weaners for fattening purposes from a breeder other than a licensed breeder, and subject to such weaners being tattooed distinctly for identification purposes. Acquisition of weaners.

Keeping of boars.

23. Save as otherwise provided for by these regulations, no person may keep any boars for servicing.

Distances.

24. Distances required by these regulations for the setting up of swine farms, shall not apply to any such farms as existed prior to the coming into force of these regulations.

Requirement of other law.

25. A licensee under these regulations shall not be exempt from complying with the requirement of any other law or regulation in force from time to time.

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