PREMISES AND VEHICLES

1959 No. 1838

The Slaughterhouse Licences (Forms and Records) Regulations, 1959

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The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by subsection (5) of section one of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations.

Citation and Commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Slaughterhouse Licences (Forms and Records) Regulations, 1959; and shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1960.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations—

"the Minister" means the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

"local authority" means as respects any borough and any urban district or rural district the council of the borough or district as the case may be, except that where in the case of any two or more local authorities their functions with respect to the licensing of slaughterhouses fall for the time being to be discharged by a joint board, then, in relation to those authorities, any reference in these regulations to a local authority shall be construed as a reference to that joint board.

"slaughterhouse" means a place for slaughtering animals, the flesh of which is intended for sale for human consumption, and includes any place available in connection therewith for the confinement of animals while awaiting slaughter there or for keeping, or subjecting to any treatment or process, products of the slaughtering of animals there.

"slaughterhouse licence" means a licence under Part IV of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955(b), authorising the occupier of any premises to keep them as a slaughterhouse.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 70. (b) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Form of Application

3. Every application to a local authority for the grant or renewal of a slaughterhouse licence shall be made in the form set out in Part I of the Schedule to these regulations or in a form substantially to the like effect and shall contain the particulars referred to therein.

Form of Licence

4. Every slaughterhouse licence, whether by way of grant or renewal, issued by a local authority shall be in the form set out in Part II of the Schedule to these regulations or in a form substantially to the like effect and shall contain the particulars referred to therein.

Record of Licences

5. A local authority shall—

(*a*) make and retain a copy of each slaughterhouse licence granted by them, and

(*b*) maintain a record showing—

(i) copies of licences granted and in force, and

(ii) copies of licences that have expired or ceased to have effect for any reason:

Provided that copies of licences that have expired or ceased to have effect for any reason need not be retained after five years from the date of their expiry or ceasing to have effect.

Information to be supplied to the Minister

6. A local authority when so required by the Minister shall furnish him with—

(*a*) copies of all licences in force or a copy of the licence or licences in force in respect of any premises specified by him or any of the particulars specified by him and contained in any or all such licences;

(*b*) (subject to the proviso to regulation 5 hereof) copies of any licences previously granted but no longer in force in respect of any premises specified by him or any of the particulars specified by him and contained in any such licences.

Administration

7. Each local authority shall administer and execute the provisions of these regulations in their district.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twenty-ninth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

(L.S.)

John Hare,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

THE SCHEDULE

PART I

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

Form of Application for Grant or Renewal of a Slaughterhouse Licence

(Delete those words in square brackets which do not apply)

To the Council of the*.....

[I] [We] .....

of .....

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as [the occupier(s)] [the proposed occupier(s)] of the [premises] [proposed premises] hereinafter mentioned hereby make application for the [grant of a licence] [renewal of a licence now held by me/us] under Part IV of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, authorising [me] [us] to keep the [premises] [proposed premises when completed], of which particulars are given below, as a slaughterhouse.

PARTICULARS

1. Address, or description of situation, of premises.

2. Total area of land, including buildings.

3. The floor area in square feet of each of the rooms or parts of the premises used, or to be used, for any of the following purposes:—

(i) covered lairage;

(ii) slaughterhall;†

(iii) hanging space;†

(iv) chill-room, cold-air store or refrigerated room;

(v) any other workrooms or store-rooms, with particulars of use, other than rooms referred to in 4 below.

4. The total floor area in square feet of any part of the premises [used] [to be used] in connection with the slaughterhouse and [used] [to be used] solely for the manufacture of bacon and ham, sausages, meat pies, or other manufactured meat products, or for the storage of meat used in such manufacture.

5. The area in square yards, or in acres to nearest quarter of an acre, of any grazing land, in addition to the covered lairage, situate within the curtilage of the premises and [used] [to be used] for holding animals awaiting slaughter.

6. The address, situation and area of any grazing land, or of any building, outside the curtilage of the premises and [used] [to be used] for holding animals awaiting slaughter.

7. The classes of animals to be slaughtered on the premises, classified as cattle, calves, sheep, pigs, horses.

(*Note*—Premises may not lawfully be used for the slaughter of horses unless the licence expressly authorises their use for that purpose.)

8. State whether a licence is at present in force in respect of the premises and, if so, the name of the holder of the licence, the date when it expires and whether the premises are still in use as a slaughterhouse.

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* Insert name of the local authority district in which the premises are situate or in which the proposed premises will be situate.

† Where the same space is to be used at different times for slaughtering and for hanging carcases the fact should be stated.

9. If a licence is not in force in respect of the premises state whether a licence was in force at any time during the 12 months preceding the date of this application and, if so, the date when the licence expired or ceased to have effect.

[I] [We] do hereby certify that to the best of [my] [our] knowledge and belief the above-mentioned particulars are correct.

In making this application—

(1) [I am] [We are] prepared to furnish the Council if so requested with an outline plan showing the situation and boundaries of the [premises] [proposed premises] mentioned above;

(2) [I am] [We are] aware of the provisions and requirements of the construction regulations relating to slaughterhouses made under section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 and section 2 of the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, 1954;

(3) [I] [We] understand that under section 63 (1) of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Council may not grant or renew a slaughterhouse licence until an officer of the Council has inspected the [premises] [proposed premises when completed] and has reported thereon to the Council;

(4) [I] [We] understand that if, after a licence has been granted in respect of the premises described above, [I] [we] extend any of the buildings comprised in the premises or extend the boundaries of the curtilage of the premises, a new slaughterhouse licence will be required before any such extension can lawfully be used in connection with the slaughterhouse.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19.....

(Signed).....

(*Note*—If the signatory is acting on behalf of a Company or Partnership the capacity of the signatory must be stated.)

PART III

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

Slaughterhouse Licence

(Delete those words in square brackets which do not apply)

Name of Authority .....

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Serial No. of Slaughterhouse Licence .....

WHEREAS application has been made to the Council of the .....

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by .....

of .....

for the [grant] [renewal] of a licence under section 62 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 to authorise [him] [them] as the occupier(s) of the premises described in the schedule hereto and situate in the Council's district to keep such premises for use as a slaughterhouse.

[AND WHEREAS the application is subject to the provisions of section 2 of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has directed that, subject to the provisions of section 2 (3) (*b*) of that Act, the application shall not be refused.]

[AND WHEREAS the application is subject to the provisions of section 4 of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has approved the application under the provisions of section 4 (2) (*b*) of that Act.]

AND WHEREAS an officer of the Council has inspected the said premises and has reported thereon to the Council.

NOW the Council have resolved to grant and hereby grant this licence to .....
authorising [him] [them] as the occupier(s) of the said premises to keep them for use as a slaughterhouse until the ..... day of ..... 19 ...

THIS licence [authorises] [does not authorise] the use of the said premises for the slaughter of horses.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 19...

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[Town Clerk]
[Clerk of the Council]
For and on behalf of the Council.

SCHEDULE

1. Address or situation of the premises.

2. Total area of curtilage of the premises.

3. Total floor area of buildings included in the premises other than buildings referred to in 4 below.

4. Total floor area of buildings included in the premises and used solely for the manufacture of bacon and ham, sausages, meat pies, or other manufactured meat products, or for the storage of meat used in such manufacture.

5. Total area of grazing land included in the premises.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations, made under section 1 (5) of the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, prescribe the form of application for the grant or renewal of a slaughterhouse licence. The form of the licence is also prescribed and local authorities, who are responsible for licensing, are required to maintain records of licences granted by them.