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ATT DWAR IT-TRATTAMENT XIERAQ TA' L-ANNIMALI (KAP. 439)

Regolamenti ta' l-2005 dwar it-Trobbija ta' Flieles tas-Simna

BIS-SAĦĦA tas-setgħat mogħtija bl-artikolu 7(2) ta' l-Att dwar it-Trattament Xieraq ta' l-Annimali, 2001, il-Ministru ta' l-Affarijiet Rurali u l-Ambjent għamel dawn ir-regolamenti li ġejjin:-

1. (1) It-titolu ta' dawn ir-regolamenti hu Regolamenti ta' l-2005 dwar it-Trobbija ta' Flieles tas-Simna. Titolu u skop.

(2) Dawn ir-regolamenti jistabbilixxu *standards* minimi biex jinżammu flieles tas-simna fit-territorju ta' Malta.

(3) Id-disposizzjonijiet misjuba f'dawn ir-regolamenti għandhom japplikaw mingħajr preġudizzju għar-regoli stabbiliti fl-Avviż Legali 266 ta' 2003: Regolamenti ta' l-2003 dwar Il-Protezzjoni ta' l-Annimali miżmuma għal raġunijiet tal-Agrikoltura.

2. (1) Għall-iskop ta' dawn ir-regolamenti - Interpretazzjoni.

(a) 'fellus tas-simna' tfisser fellus ta' l-ispeċi *Gallus gallus* miżmum għall-produzzjoni tal-laħam;

(b) 'Awtorità Kompetenti' tfisser is-Servizz Veterinarju kif provdut fl-artikolu 2 ta' l-Att dwar is-Servizzi Veterinarji, 2001;

(ċ) 'grupp' tfisser in-numru ta' flieles mixtrija mill-istess *hatchery* li jkollha l-istess kodiċi tal-grupp;

(d) 'qatgħa' tfisser in-numru massimu ta' flieles kif stipulat fil-liċenzja li għandha tinżamm f'post wieħed, fl-istess ħin;

(e) 'produttur' għandha tfisser persuna li trabbi u żżomm flieles tas-simna maħsuba għall-bejgħ għall-konsum mill-bniedem;

(f) 'stabbiliment' għandha tfisser sit ta' produzzjoni li fih jinżammu flieles tas-simna;

(ġ) 'dar waħda ta' stabbiliment' tfisser dar jew parti separata ta' dar li fiha jinżammu flieles tas-simna bl-istess kodiċi tal-grupp;

(ħ) 'permess tal-MEPA' tfisser permess maħruġ mill-Awtorità ta' Malta għall-Ambjent u Ippjanar.

Liċenzja.

3. (1) Kull persuna jew stabbiliment li jrabbi jew iżomm 20 fellus tas-simna jew aktar, għandu japplika għal liċenza mingħand l-Awtorità Kompetenti.

(2) L-applikazzjoni għal liċenza għandha tintlaqa' mill-Awtorità Kompetenti ta' l-anqas sitt ġimgħat qabel ma sseħħ l-attività u skond l-ispeċifikazzjonijiet ta' Skeda A li tinsab ma' dawn ir-regolamenti.

(3) It-trobbija jew iż-żamma jew l-intenzjoni li jitrabbew 20 fellus tas-simna jew aktar għandha tkun ukoll koperta minn permess tal-MEPA, ħlief fil-każ ta' stabbilimenti li nbnew qabel l-1968. Il-produttur għandu japplika biex jissanzjona l-bini mal-MEPA għal kull illegalità li tista' teżisti fuq is-sit u għandu jipprovdi lill-Awtorità Kompetenti b'kopja ta' din l-applikazzjoni:

Iżda meta ma jkunx meħtieġ permess tal-MEPA, għandha tingħata prova bil-miktub dwar dan lill-Awtorità Kompetenti.

(4) Il-liċenza għandha tispeċifika l-akbar għadd ta' flieles tal-bajd li jistgħu jinżammu minn produttur partikulari f'post speċifiku, u ma għandhiex tkun trasferita kemm il-darba l-bini li jkollu liċenza ma jinbiegħx jew jinkeriex lill-istess persuna li lilha tkun trasferita l-liċenza jew inkella jekk ma jiġix stabbilit li jkun hemm bidla fil-persuna bi dritt fuq il-bini speċifiku, u l-Awtorità Kompetenti tapprova t-trasferiment.

(5) Il-liċenza tkun valida għal sena u tista' tiġġedded mill-Awtorità Kompetenti minn sena għall-oħra. Għandha titħallas miżata annwali lill-Awtorità Kompetenti għall-ħruġ ta' liċenza.

(6) L-ebda liċenzja ma għandha tinħareġ jew tiġġedded kemm il-darba l-Awtorità Kompetenti ma tkunx sodisfatta li jkunu qegħdin jiġu segwiti l-kundizzjonijiet ta' dawn ir-regolamenti u ta' regolamenti oħra dwar l-immaniġġjar ta' l-iskart, f'liema każ -

(a) jekk dawk il-kundizzjonijiet jiġu segwiti, l-Awtorità Kompetenti għandha toħroġ jew iġġedded liċenza għall-attività;

(b) jekk dawk il-kundizzjonijiet ma jkunux segwiti, l-Awtorità Kompetenti għandha tirrakkomanda miżuri u, jekk ikun meħtieġ, għandha tissospendi jew tipprojbixxi l-attività b'effett immedjat.

(7) Il-produtturi li ma kellhomx il-liċenza tagħhom imġedda, jistgħu japplikaw għal liċenzja ġdida skond il-kundizzjonijiet ta' dawn ir-regolamenti.

4. (1) Id-densità tat-tajr għal kull metru kwadru ma għandha fl-ebda ħin teċċedi 13-il għasfur jew totalità ta' 28 kilogramm piż meta jkunu ħajjin - Kundizzjonijiet għat-trobbija ta' flieles tas-simna.

Iżda l-produtturi jkunu jistgħu jżommu tiġieġ f'densità ta' tajr ogħla li ma teċedix 30 kilogramm ta' piż ħaj u 20 għasfur kull metru kwadru f'kull ħin fl-istabbiliment jew djar singoli ta' stabbiliment kemm-il darba jkun hemm l-approvazzjoni ta' l-Awtorità Kompetenti.

(2) Il-produtturi għandhom irabbu ta' l-anqas tliet qatgħat ta' flieles tas-simna fis-sena. Għandu jkun hemm perjodu minimu ta' mistrieħ ta' tliet ġimgħat bejn kull grupp.

(3) Il-produtturi li jrabbu inqas minn tliet qatgħat ta' flieles tas-simna għandu jkollhom awtorizzazzjoni bil-miktub maħruġa mill-Awtorità Kompetenti.

(4) Tiġieġ b'kodiċi tal-grupp differenti ma għandhomx jinżammu flimkien fid-djar singoli ta' l-istabbiliment mingħajr l-approvazzjoni ta' l-Awtorità Kompetenti.

5. Il-flieles tas-simna għandhom jinqatlu biss skond ir-regolamenti stabbiliti taħt l-Avviż Legali 260 ta' l-2003: ir-Regolamenti ta' l-2003 dwar il-Protezzjoni ta' Annimali waqt it-Tbiċċir jew il-Qatla. Dan għandu jseħħ biss fi stabbilimenti ta' tbiċċir approvati mill-Awtorità Kompetenti: Kundizzjonijiet għall-qatla ta' flieles tas-simna.

Iżda l-Awtorità Kompetenti tista' tawtorizza ċerti kundizzjonijiet speċjali għat-tbiċċir ta' flieles tas-simna barra minn stabbilimenti ta' tbiċċir awtorizzati mill-Awtorità Kompetenti.

6. (1) L-ebda produttur ma għandu jordna jew jixtri flieles tas-simna jekk ma jkunx informa lill-Awtorità Kompetenti ta' l-anqas 30 jum qabel ma jsir ix-xiri tat-tiġieġ. Formola ta' awtorizzazzjoni u l-formola roża.

(2) Il-formola roża kif tidher taħt Skeda D li tinsab ma' dawn ir-regolamenti għandha tinġabar mill-Awtorità Kompetenti ta' l-anqas

tliet ġimgħat qabel id-data tat-tbiċċir tal-flieles tas-simna u għandha tintbagħat lura mimlija kollha kemm hi, immedjatament wara t-tbiċċir.

Spezzjoni.

7. L-Awtorità Kompetenti għandha tieħu l-miżuri meħtieġa sabiex tiżgura li jsiru l-ispezzjonijiet ta' monitoraġġ f'konformità mad-disposizzjonijiet ta' dawn ir-regolamenti. Dawn l-ispezzjonijiet jistgħu jsiru meta jsiru verifiki għal skopijiet oħra u f'kull ħin li jkun.

Penali jekk ma jitwettqux l-obbligazzjonijiet.

8. (1) Bla ħsara għad-disposizzjonijiet ta' dawn ir-regolamenti u ta' l-Att dwar il-Ħarsien ta' l-Annimali, persuna li tikser xi waħda mid-disposizzjonijiet li joħorġu minn dawn ir-regolameni, tista, meta tinsab ħatja, teħel multa ta' mhux anqas minn elfejn lira u mhux iżjed minn sitt elef lira.

(2) Mingħajr preġudizzju għad-disposizzjonijiet tas-subregolament (1) ta' dan ir-regolament, il-Qorti tista' wkoll tordna lil kull persuna li tinstab ħatja li tkun għamdlet reat taħt dawn ir-regolamenti, biex tħallas għall-ispejjeż li jkunu saru mis-Servizzi Veterinarji bħala riżultat ta' dak ir-reat kif ukoll tirrevoka l-permess maħruġ taħt dawn ir-regolamenti.

Revoka ta l-Avviż Legali 156 ta' l-1989.

9. Ir-Regolamenti ta' l-1989 dwar it-Tiżmim ta' Tjur (*Broilers*), għandhom jiġu mħassra.

SKEDA A

Din l-applikazzjoni tista' tintu\a biss biex tapplika g]al li`enza g]a\-\amma ta' ti[ie[g]all-produzzjoni tal-la]am. L-Awtorità Kompetenti ta``etta biss formoli ttajpjati u mimlija b'mod s]i] flimkien mal-permess tal-MEPA jew prova bil-miktub tal-permess tal-MEPA. L-Awtorità Kompetenti titratta l-informazzjoni kollha f'din il-formola bl-akbar kunfidenzjalità.

Dettalji dwar ir-Razzett

Isem ____________________

Indirizz ____________________

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Numru tat-telefon ____________________

Dettalji dwar is-sid

Isem ____________________

Kunjom ____________________

Indirizz ____________________

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Nru tat-telefon/`ellulari ____________________

Nru. tal-karta ta' l-identità ____________________

Data tat-twelid ____________________

Persuna responsabbli g]all-kura ta' kuljum tat-tjur

Isem ____________________

Kunjom ______________________________

Indirizz ______________________________

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Nru tat-telefon/`ellulari ______________________________

Nru. tal-karta ta' l-identità ______________________________

Data tat-twelid ______________________________

Jien/a]na hawn ni``ertifika/w li sa fejn naf/u jien/a]na, il-partikolaritajiet mog]tija hawn qabel huma minnhom.

Datata illum ______________________ ta' _____________________, 200____

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Wara li timtela u ti[i ppre\entata din il-formola ta' l-applikazzjoni ssir vi\ita minn uffi`jal ta' l-Awtorit**à **Kompetenti biex jispezzjona l-bini qabel ma ting]ata li`enza.

SKEDA B

(1) Sidien jew dawk li j\ommu l-annimali g]andhom jie]du l-passi kollha ra[onevoli biex ji\guraw il-]arsien ta' l-annimali ta]t il-kura tag]hom u biex ji\guraw li dawk l-annimali ma jsofrux u[ieg], tbatija jew xi korriment mhux me]tie[.

(2) Kull persuna legali jew naturali li timpjega jew tqabbad persuna biex tie]u]sieb ti[ie[jew biex taqbadhom jew tg]abbihom, g]andha ti\gura li din il-persuna tkun ir`eviet struzzjonijiet u gwidi dwar il-]ti[ijiet tal-]arsien ta' l-annimal rilevanti, inklu\ dawk li jolqtu l-qtil li jsir fi stabbiliment, u tkun ir`eviet ta]ri[bi\\ejjed biex twettaq]idmietha.

(3) Il-bwieqi tax-xorb g]andhom jitqieg]du u jin\ammu b'mod li jkun evitat li l-ilma jinxtered. (Fejn jintu\aw bwieqi bin-nippla, dawn g]andhom ikunu mg]ollija 'l fuq b'mod regolari matul il-perjodu tat-tkabbir sabiex jin\ammu f'livell li fih il-flieles ikollhom jg]ollu rashom u g]onqhom biex jil]quhom.)

(4) Il-produtturi g]andhom ji\guraw li l-ikel jin\amm f'post xott u nadif u li ji[i ma]\un f'kamra separata 'l bog]od mill-post fejn jin\ammu l-flieles tas-simna.

(5) L-ikel ma g]andux jitne]]a lill-flieles g]al aktar minn 12-il sieg]a qabel il-]in tal-qatla.

(6) It-ti[ie[kollha g]andhom ikunu jistg]u jo]or[u g]all-post fejn i]amm[u l-]in kollu, u dan g]andu jkun wie]ed niexef u li jitfarrak fil-wi``.

(7) It-ti[ie[kollha g]andhom ikunu spezzjonati ta' l-anqas darbtejn kuljum. Il-persuna li tkun i\\ommhom g]andha tistabbilixxi pro`edura li ti\gura li l-persuna li tkun qed tispezzjona, tg]addi minn distanza ta' mhux aktar minn tliet metri 'l bog]od mit-ti[ie[.

(8) Tjur li jkunu korruti serjament jew juru sinjali ta' sa]]a dag]jfa b]alma huma dawk li jkollhom diffikultà biex jimxu, ikunu minfu]in]afna bl-ilma (*ascites)* jew ikollhom malformazzjonijiet serji, u li x'aktarx ibatu, g]andhom jinqatlu immedjatament.

(9) Dawk il-partijiet tal-bini, tag]mir jew utensili li jkunu f'kuntatt mat-ti[ie[g]andhom jitnaddfu u jkunu disinfettati sewwa kull darba wara li ssir qatla, qabel ma grupp [did ta' ti[ie[jer[a' jidda]]al [ewwa l-*unit*.

(10) Il-ventilazzjoni g]andha tkun suffi`jenti biex tevita li jkun hemm s]ana \ejda u, fejn me]tie[flimkien ma' sistemi ta' s]ana, biex titne]]a l-umdità. Is-sistemi ta' ventilazzjoni u ta' s]ana g]andhom ikunu ddisinjati u m]addma b'mod li l-arja li tid]ol u s-s]ana jinfirxu b'mod ugwali mat-ti[ie[kollha. Il-kwalità ta' l-arja, inklu\ il-livelli tat-trab u l-kon`entrazzjoni ta' gassijiet g]andhom jin\ammu f'livell li ma jag]milx]sara lit-ti[ie[.

(11) Il-livell ta' storbju g]andu jitnaqqas. Fannijiet ta' ventilazzjoni, makkinarju li jqassam l-g]alf jew tag]mir ie]or g]andhom jinbnew, jitqieg]du, jit]addmu u jin\ammu b'mod li jikkaw\aw l-inqas ammont ta' storbju possibbli.

(12) Flieles, li ma jkollhomx a``ess g]ad-dawl ta' barra, g]andhom jing]ataw ta' l-anqas tmien sig]at ta' dawl artifi`jali kuljum. Huwa importanti g]all-]arsien tat-tjur li jkunu provduti b'perjodu ta' dlam, mhux anqas minn sieg]a f'kull `iklu ta' 24 sieg]a.

(13) Il-binjiet kollha g]andu jkollhom dawl b'intensità ta' mill-anqas 20 *lux* matul il-perjodu ta' dawl, imkejjel mill-g]oli. Meta me]tie[, wara li jing]ata parir veterinarju, jista' jit]alla jsir tnaqqis temporanju fil-livell tad-dawl.

(14) G]andu jing]ata perjodu li fih id-dwal jitbaxxa bil-mod, li jkun bi\\ejjed biex jippermetti li l-g]asafar isibu l-qag]da tag]hom ming]ajr ebda disturb jew korriment.

(15) Ming]ajr pre[udizzju g]ad-disposizzjonijiet ta' punt 19 ta' l-Iskeda li tinsab mar-Regolamenti ta' l-2003 dwar il-Protezzjoni ta' l-Annimali mi\muma g]al ra[unijiet tal-Agrikoltura (Avvi\ Legali 266 ta' l-2003), l-Awtorità Kompetenti tista' tawtorizza li ji[i mirqum il-munqar, kemm-il darba dan isir minn]addiema kwalifikati fuq ti[ie[li jkunu i\g]ar minn g]axart ijiem. Aktar minhekk, l-Awtorità Kompetenti tista' tawtorizza il-kastrazzjoni tat-ti[ie[. Il-kastrazzjoni g]andha titwettaq biss ta]t supervi\joni veterinarja minn]addiema li jkunu ir`evew ta]ri[mill-Awtorità Kompetenti.

(16) Barra mir-*records* li jin\ammu skond punt 5 ta' l-Iskeda li tinsab mar-Regolamenti ta' l-2003 dwar Il-Protezzjoni ta' l-Annimali mi\muma g]al ra[unijiet tal-Agrikoltura (Avvi\ Legali 266 ta' 2003), is-sidien jew dawk li jie]du]sieb l-annimali g]andhom i\ommu *record* g]al kull *unit* ta' stabbiliment dwar –

- L-g]add u l-ori[ini tat-ti[ie[li jidda]]lu;

- L-g]add ta' ti[ie[li jintbag]tu g]all-qatla;

- L-g]add ta' qtug] bir-ra[unijiet g]all-qata', qtug] tas-saqajn g]andhom ikunu identifikati spe`ifikament;

- *Records* ta' l-amministrazzjoni ta' medi`ini u tilqim, dawn ir-records g]andhom jinkludu r-ri`etta, it-tul tal-kura, id-do\a u l-firma tal-kirurgu veterinarju.

(17) Ir-*records* g]andhom jin\ammu g]al perjodu ta' mill-anqas tliet snin u l-awtorità kompetenti tkun tista tarahom meta din tkun qed twettaq xi spezzjoni jew meta b'xi mod ie]or titlob li tag]mel dan.

SKEDA ~

(Formola Safra)

AWTORITA' BIEX JINXTRAW IL-FLIELES

Referenza: ________________

Data tal-]ru[: ________________

Is-Sur ________________ hu awtorizzat biex jixtri ____________ flieles f'______________ u sa 15-il jum wara, u jridu jin\ammu f':

Kodi`i tal-bini: _____________

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It-tjur ma jistg]ux jitne]]ew mill-bini hawn qabel imsemmi,]lief biex jinqatlu minnufih, ming]ajr il-permess bil-miktub tad-Direttur {enerali tas-Servizz Veterinarju.

Din l-awtorità tista' ti[i revokata f'kull]in, tkun so[[etta g]an-numru ta' ____________ ti[ie[mi\muma fil-bini li qatt ma g]andu je``edi l-kapjenza awtorizzata ta' ____________ tjur.

Firma ta' l-Uffi`jali li jo]ro[il-permess: **Firma tal-Produttur:**

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G]ad: Direttur {enerali

Divi\joni ta' l-Ikel u Attivita' Veterinarja

SKEDA D

(Formola Ro\a)

FLIELES TAS-SIMNA

Kodi`i tal-grupp: ____________________ **Min jissuplixxi:** __________________

Daqs tal-grupp: ____________________**flieles** __________________

Data meta waslu: ____________________ __________________

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Produttur: ____________________ **Nru tal-li`enza** __________________

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Lista ta' Bejg] ta' Ti[ie[tas-Simna

Kodi`i tas-Sotto-Grupp	Data meta in]attu	Kodi`i tal-pro`essur	Nru ta' Ti[ie[tas-simna provduti	Pi\ (]aj) Totali (Kg)

TOTAL - __________ __________**kg**

G]add g]all-konsum tad-dar: ______________

G]add li mietu fuq ir-razzett: ______________

G]add mhux kontat: ______________

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Direttur {enerali **Produttur** **Pro`essur**

Divi\joni ta' l-Ikel u Attivita' Veterinarja

L.N. 119 of 2005

ANIMAL WELFARE ACT
(CAP. 439)

Rearing of Broilers Regulations, 2005

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 7(2) of the Animal Welfare Act, 2001, the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment has made the following regulations:-

Title and scope.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Rearing of Broilers Regulations, 2005.

(2) These regulations lay down the minimum standards for the keeping of broilers in the territory of Malta.

(3) The provisions found under these regulations shall apply without prejudice to the rules laid down under Legal Notice 266 of 2003: Farm Animals (Protection) Regulations, 2003.

Interpretation.

2. (1) For the purpose of these regulations –

(a) "broiler" means a chicken of the species *Gallus gallus* kept for the production of meat;

(b) "Competent Authority" means the Veterinary Services as provided under article 2 of the Veterinary Services Act, 2001;

(c) "batch" means the number of chickens purchased from the same hatchery bearing the same batch-code;

(d) "flock" means the maximum number of chickens as stipulated on the licence to be kept in one place at one time;

(e) "producer" means a person who rears and keeps broilers intended for sale for human consumption;

(f) "establishment" means a production site on which broilers are kept;

(g) "single house of an establishment" means a house or a separated part of a house where broilers with the same batch-code are kept;

(h) "MEPA permit" means a permit issued by the Malta Environment and Planning Authority.

Licence.

3. (1) Any person or establishment rearing or keeping 20 broilers or more shall apply for a licence with the Competent Authority.

(2) The application for a licence shall be received by the Competent Authority at least six weeks before the activity takes place and according to the specifications of Schedule A to these regulations.

(3) The rearing or keeping or the intention to rear 20 broilers or more shall also be covered by a MEPA permit, except in the case of establishments built prior to 1968. The producer shall apply to sanction the premises with MEPA for any illegalities that may exist on site and shall provide the Competent Authority with a copy of this application:

Provided that in case no MEPA permit is required written proof of this shall be provided to the Competent Authority.

(4) The licence shall specify the maximum number of broilers which can be kept by a particular producer at a specific place, and it may not be transferred unless the licensed premises are sold or rented to the transferee or if otherwise a change in the person over the right of the specific premises is established, and the Competent Authority approves the transfer.

(5) The licence shall be valid for one year and may be renewed by the Competent Authority from year to year. An annual fee shall be payable to the Competent Authority for issuing a licence.

(6) No license shall be issued or renewed unless the Competent Authority is satisfied that the conditions of these regulations and of any regulations regarding waste management are being complied with, in which case -

(a) If such conditions are met, the Competent Authority will provide or renew a licence for the activity;

(b) If such conditions are not met, the Competent Authority shall recommend measures and, if necessary, it shall suspend or prohibit the activity with immediate effect.

(7) Producers who did not have their licence renewed may apply for a new licence according to the conditions of these regulations.

Conditions for rearing broilers.

4. (1) The stocking density per square metre shall at no time exceed 13 birds or a totality of 28 kilograms live weight:

Provided that producers may keep chickens at a higher stocking density not exceeding 30 kilograms live weight and 20 birds per square metre at any time in the establishment or single houses of an establishment provided approval by the Competent Authority.

(2) Producers shall rear at least three flocks of broilers annually. There shall be a minimum resting period of 3 weeks between each batch.

(3) Producers rearing less than three flocks of broilers shall have a written authorisation issued by the Competent Authority.

(4) Chickens with different batch codes shall not be housed together in the single houses of the establishment without the approval of the Competent Authority.

5. Broilers shall only be slaughtered in accordance with the regulations laid down under the Animal Slaughter or Killing (Protection) Regulations, 2003. This shall only take place in slaughtering establishments approved by the Competent Authority: Conditions for slaughtering broilers.

Provided that the Competent Authority may authorise certain special conditions for slaughtering of broilers outside slaughtering establishments authorised by the Competent Authority.

6. (1) No producer shall order or purchase broilers without informing the Competent Authority at least 30 days prior to the purchase of the chickens. Authorisation form and pink form.

(2) The pink form as found under Schedule D to these regulations shall be collected from the Competent Authority at least three weeks prior to the date of slaughter of the broilers and shall be returned fully completed immediately after slaughter.

7. The Competent Authority shall take the necessary measures to ensure that inspections to monitor compliance with the provisions of these regulations are carried out. These inspections may be carried out on the occasion of checks made for other purposes and at any time. Inspection.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations and of the Animal Welfare Act, a person who infringes any of the provisions arising from these regulations, shall, on conviction be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than two thousand Maltese liri and not exceeding six thousand Maltese liri. Penalty for non-fulfilment of obligations.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation, the Court may also order any person who is found guilty of committing an offence under these regulations, to pay for the expenses incurred by the Veterinary Services as a result of the said offence as well as the revocation of the permit issued under these regulations.

9. The Poultry (Broilers) Keeping Regulations, 1989 are hereby being repealed. Repeal of Legal Notice 156 of 1989.

SCHEDULE A

This application can only be used to apply for a licence for the keeping of chickens for meat production. The Competent Authority shall accept only typed and fully completed forms accompanied by the MEPA permit or written proof of the MEPA permit. The Competent Authority will treat all information on this form in strictest confidence.

Farm Details

Name ____

Address ____

____

Phone number ____

Owners' Details

Name ____

Surname ____

Address ____

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Phone number / mobile number ____

Id. Number ____

Date of birth ____

Responsible person for day-to-day care of the birds

Name ____

Surname ____

Address ____

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Phone number / mobile ____

Id. Number ____

Date of Birth ____

I / we do hereby certify that to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, the above particulars are true.

Dated this …………………………. day of…………………….., 200….

(Signed)……………………………

The completion and return of this application form will be followed by a visit from an officer of the Competent Authority to inspect the premises prior to a license being granted.

SCHEDULE B

(1) Owners or keepers shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the welfare of animals under their care and to ensure that those animals are not caused any unnecessary pain, suffering or injury.

(2) Any legal or natural person who employs or engages persons to attend to chickens or to catch and to load them ensures that any such person has received instructions and guidance on the relevant animal welfare requirements, including those concerning the culling in the establishment, and has received sufficient training to perform their task.

(3) Drinkers shall be positioned and maintained in such a way that spillage is avoided. [Where nipple drinkers are used they shall be regularly raised during the growth period in order to maintain them at a level on which the chickens have to raise their head and neck to reach them].

(4) Producers shall ensure that food is kept in a dry and clean manner and stored in a separate room away from the broiler housing.

(5) Feed must not be withdrawn from chickens for more than 12 hours before the expected slaughter time.

(6) All chickens shall have permanent access to litter, which is dry and friable on the surface.

(7) All chickens shall be inspected at least twice a day. The keeper shall establish a procedure, which ensures that the inspecting person passes all chickens at a distance of not more than three metres.

(8) Birds that are seriously injured or show signs of poor health such as those having difficulties in walking, severe ascites or severe malformations, and are likely to suffer, shall be culled immediately.

(9) Those parts of buildings, equipment or utensils which are in contact with the chickens shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected every time after depopulation is carried out, before a new batch of chickens is introduced into the unit.

(10) Ventilation shall be sufficient to avoid overheating and, where necessary in combination with heating systems, to remove moisture. Ventilation and heating systems shall be designed and operated in such a way that inlet air and heating is evenly distributed to the chickens. The air quality, including dust levels and the concentration of gases shall be kept at a level, which does not harm the chickens.

(11) The sound level shall be minimised. Ventilation fans, feeding machinery or other equipment shall be constructed, placed, operated and maintained in such a way that they cause the least possible amount of noise.

(12) Broilers, which do not have access to daylight, should be given at least eight hours of artificial lighting each day. It is important for bird welfare to provide them with a period of darkness, not less than 1 hour in each 24-hour cycle.

(13) All buildings shall have light with an intensity of at least 20 lux during the light periods, measures at bird eye level. A temporary reduction of the light level may be allowed when necessary following veterinary advice.

(14) A twilight period should be given in the dimming of lights sufficient to permit birds to settle without disturbance or injury.

(15) Without prejudice to the provisions of point 19 of the Schedule to the Farm Animals (Protection) Regulations, 2003 (Legal Notice 266 of 2003), the Competent Authority may authorise beak trimming provided that it is carried out by qualified staff on chickens that are less than ten days old. Furthermore the Competent Authority may authorise the castration of chickens. The castration shall only be carried out

under veterinary supervision by personnel, which have received training authorised by the Competent Authority.

(16) Additionally to the records kept in accordance with point 5 of the Schedule to the Farm Animals (Protection) Regulations of 2003 (Legal Notice 266 of 2003), owners or keepers shall maintain a record for each unit of an establishment of the -

- Number and origin of chickens brought in;
- Number of chickens sent for slaughter;
- The number of culls with reason for cull, leg culls shall be specifically identified;
- Medicine and vaccine administration records, these records shall include the prescription, duration of treatment, dosage and signature of the veterinary surgeon.

(17) The records shall be retained for a period of at least three years and shall be made available to the competent authority when carrying out an inspection or when otherwise requested.

SCHEDULE C
(Yellow Form)

AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE CHICKS

Reference: ____________

Date of issue: ____________

Mr. __________ is granted authority to purchase __________ chicks on _________ and up to **15 days** after, and must be kept at:

Premises code: ____________ ____________
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The birds may not be moved from the above premises, except for immediate slaughter, without written permission from the Director General of the Veterinary Services.

This authority may be revoked at any time, and is subject to the number of ______ chickens kept at the premises never exceeding the authorised capacity of _______ birds.

Signature of issuing officer:

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For: **Director General**
Food & Veterinary Regulation Division

Signature of producer:

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SCHEDULE D
(Pink Form)

BROILER CHICKS

Batch code: ___________
Batch size: ___________ chicks
Arrival date: ___________

Supplier: _____________
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Producer: ___________
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License No. _____________

Broiler Sales List

Sub-batch Code	**Date of Despatch**	**Processor Code**	**No. Broilers Supplied**	**Total kg Live weight**
		TOTAL -	________	________ **kg**

Number for home consumption: __________

Number that died on farm: __________

Number which is unaccounted for: __________

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Director General Veterinary Services | **Producer** | **Processor**

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