



# Information on how to build a new abattoir

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Legislation: Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000)



Key  
PEO – Provincial Executive Officer  
VPH Manager – Deputy Director/Manager responsible for VPH  
Technical Manager – Control VPHO responsible for whole Province



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### WHAT IS AN APPROVED ABATTOIR?

- A slaughter facility will only be considered an abattoir if issued with a registration certificate by the Provincial Executive Officer (PEO) in the province in which it is located.
- Abattoirs are monitored by Veterinary Public Health Officials for compliance to the Meat Safety Act, 2000.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MEAT SAFETY ACT?

- To provide measures to promote meat safety, the safety of animal products and to establish and maintain essential national standards in respect of abattoirs.

### SAFE MEAT ACCORDING TO THE MEAT SAFETY ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 40 OF 2000)

- "Safe meat" refers to meat obtained from healthy animals that were slaughtered, inspected and approved for human consumption at an approved abattoir.
- At the abattoir, meat is inspected by qualified meat inspectors.
- Meat that has been inspected and approved for human consumption can be recognised by the purple approval stamp written "PASSED" on each quarter of the carcass or packaging material.

### PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING TO BUILD A NEW ABATTOIR

- The abattoir's approval and registration is done by the Department of Agriculture on provincial level. More information can be obtained from the State Veterinary Service Office.
- Constructing of abattoir may only commence once the Provincial Executive Officer (PEO) appointed in terms of the Meat Safety Act, 2000, has evaluated and approved your building plans.
- All abattoirs throughout the country are governed by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- Butcheries/retailers are governed by the Department of Health in conjunction with the municipalities.
- The contact information for VPH officials in each province is provided in this brochure.

### PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING TO BUILD A NEW BUTCHERY

- More information on this should be available from the town municipality's Planning and Development Department.

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