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Procedure For Applying To Build A New Abattoir



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LEGISLATION: MEAT SAFETY ACT, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000)

PURPOSE

- To provide for measures to promote meat safety and the safety of animal products.

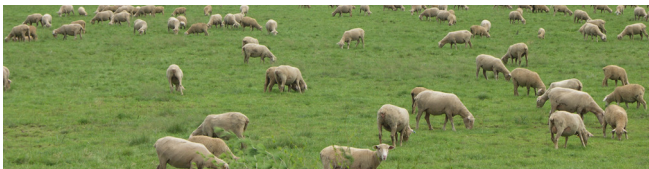
MISSION

- Establish and maintain essential national standards in respect of abattoirs.



SAFE MEAT ACCORDING TO MEAT SAFETY ACT, 2000 (ACT No. 40 of 2000)

- Safe meat refers to meat obtainable from healthy animals that were slaughtered at an approved abattoir.
- At the abattoir, meat is inspected by qualified meat inspectors.
- Inspected meat can be recognised by the purple approval stamp written "PASSED" on each quarter of the carcass or packaged meat.



APPROVED ABATTOIR

- A slaughter facility which has been issued with the registration certificate by the Provincial Executive Officer (PEO) appointed in terms of the Meat Safety Act, 2000.



PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING TO ERECT A NEW ABATTOIR

- You can cut the costs of your new abattoir considerably by following the correct procedures that apply to your area. We urge you to speak to the friendly and well trained personnel dealing with veterinary public health matters in your province who will advise you regarding important preparatory aspects involved in planning your abattoir.
- You will be informed of related laws and departments whom you need to contact during the crucial planning stages of your abattoir amongst others the Municipality/Local authority for zoning and building requirements, Department Environmental Affairs who may require an environmental impact assessment (EIA), Department of Water Affairs regarding waste water disposal and others.
- Remember that construction on your 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.

PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING TO BUILD A NEW BUTCHERY

- The site/stand where the butchery is to be located should be zoned for such business. More information on the applicable regulations should be available from the Town Planning/Development Department of the municipality.

