

# **Wholesome Meat and Fish Bill**

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### **Wholesome Meat and Fish Bill**

#### **Bill No. 52/1998**

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An Act to regulate the slaughtering of animals and the processing, packing, inspection, import, distribution, sale, transshipment and export of meat products and fish products and for matters connected therewith, and to repeal the Slaughter-houses and Meat Processing Factories Act (Chapter 307 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to certain provisions of the Fisheries Act (Chapter 111 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

#### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

#### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1998 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### **Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“animal” means any bird, mammal, reptile or amphibian;

“authorised examiner” means any person or body of persons designated by the Director under section 3(5) to carry out any inspection, examination and

certification of any meat product or fish product under this Act and includes any veterinary public health officer;

“cold store” means any chiller, freezer, cold room or other refrigerated facility used for the storage of meat products or fish products and includes any refrigerated conveyance used for transportation of meat products or fish products in the course of any trade or business;

“conveyance” includes any aircraft, vessel, train, vehicle or any other artificial contrivance, whether mechanically propelled or otherwise, used or capable of being used as a means of transport on land, water or air;

“Director” means the Director of Primary Production appointed under section 3 of the Animals and Birds Act (Cap. 7);

“Director-General of Customs and Excise” means the Director-General of Customs and Excise appointed under section 4(1) of the Customs Act (Cap. 70);

“disease” means any animal disease and any other disease as is likely to infect human beings;

“examination” includes laboratory analysis;

“export” does not include the taking out of Singapore of any goods in transit or any goods which are being transhipped;

“fish” means any species of fish and includes crustacea, shellfish, echinoderm, mollusc, and the young and eggs thereof;

“fish product” means —

(a) any fish or part thereof; and

(b) any product or by-product of any fish,

which is intended for human consumption;

“goods in transit” means goods that are brought into Singapore solely for the purpose of taking them out of Singapore and that which remains at all times on the conveyance that brought them into Singapore;

“import” does not include the bringing into Singapore of any goods in transit or any goods which are being transhipped;

“label” means any written, printed, pictorial or other descriptive matter that is to be applied or attached to or included in, or that accompanies or is to