

Wholesome Meat and Fish (Processing Establishments and Cold Stores) Rules 1999

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WHOLESOME MEAT AND FISH ACT 1999 (ACT 5 OF 1999)

WHOLESOME MEAT AND FISH (PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS AND COLD STORES) RULES 1999

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1999, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Wholesome Meat and Fish (Processing Establishments and Cold Stores) Rules 1999 and shall come into operation on 10th December 1999.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“harmful substance” means any substance, material or other article which, if introduced into or allowed to come into contact with any meat product, fish product or processing ingredient, would —

- (a) adulterate or contaminate the meat product, fish product or processing ingredient; or
- (b) otherwise render the meat product, fish product or processing ingredient unfit for human consumption, and includes any pesticide residue, organic or inorganic compound, hormone, hormone-like substance, growth promoter, antibiotic, anthelmintic, therapeutic or prophylactic agent, radio-active fallout, which may be harmful to human health if ingested;

“licence” means a licence granted by the Director under section 13 of the Act which permits the holder thereof to use any premises as a processing establishment or cold store;

“licensee” means a person who holds a valid licence;

“processing ingredient” means any substance which is used or intended to be used in the processing of meat products or fish products by being added to such products, and includes any preservative or dye-stuff.

Person to whom licence may be granted

3.—(1) The Director shall not grant a licence to any person unless the person is carrying on business in Singapore and is —

- (a) registered under the Business Registration Act (Cap. 32); or
- (b) in the case of a company, incorporated or registered under the Companies Act (Cap. 50).

(2) The Director may refuse to grant a licence to an applicant if he is satisfied that the applicant or one of his partners or, if the applicant is a corporate body, one of its directors —

- (a) had previously been convicted of an offence under the Act or these Rules;
or
- (b) was the holder of a licence which had been revoked under section 8 of the Act.

Licence not transferable

4.—(1) No licensee shall transfer or assign the benefit of his licence to any other person.

(2) A licensee who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Licence to be exhibited

5.—(1) A licensee shall exhibit his licence in a conspicuous position in the processing establishment or cold store in respect of which the licence has been granted.

(2) A licensee who fails to comply with paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

No alteration to buildings or premises

6.—(1) A licensee shall ensure that no alteration or change shall be made to the buildings or premises of his licensed processing establishment or cold store unless plans of the alteration or change are first submitted to the Director or a veterinary public health officer and his prior written approval is obtained.

(2) A licensee who fails to comply with paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Prohibition against employment of persons suffering from certain diseases, etc.

7.—(1) No licensee shall employ or permit any person to work in his licensed processing establishment or cold store if he knows or has reasonable grounds for suspecting that such person —