

Regulations on the Branch of the State Veterinary Supervision Authority at Enterprises Engaged in Processing and Storage of Livestock Products
(Adopted by the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation on October 14, 1994, # 13-7-2/173)

Also please refer to Letters ## 2-13/1274, 136 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation dated October 5, 1994.

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1. General provisions

1.1. These Regulations have been developed on the basis of the Law of the Russian Federation "On Veterinary" and the Regulations on the State Veterinary Supervision Authority in the Russian Federation, adopted by Resolution # 706 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated June 19, 1994.

1.2. Branches of the State Veterinary Supervision Authority at the enterprises engaged in processing and storage of livestock products shall be created at all enterprises, irrespective of their institutional affiliation and ownership status engaging in the slaughtering of cattle (poultry), procurement, processing and storage of food and technical raw materials of animal origin.

1.3. The branch shall have the status of a constituent entity in the structure of the regional (city) Veterinary Disease Control Station or Veterinary and Sanitation Control Station at the locale where the enterprise in question is situated.

On the establishment of branches of the State Veterinary Supervision Authority under Veterinary Disease Control Stations in the Administrative Districts of Moscow. Please refer to Resolution # 16 of the Moscow City Government dated January 3, 1995.

1.4. The branch shall be staffed with veterinarians, veterinary medical assistants, trichinelloscopists, and veterinary hospital attendants (thermometrists, sample cutters and selectors). To carry out laboratory research of raw materials and products based on the parameters stipulated by the Veterinary Sanitation Rules, the branch may incorporate a veterinary laboratory located directly at the enterprise, or send material to be tested to a state veterinary or any other accredited laboratory.

1.5. The number of staff of the branch shall be determined proceeding from the output of the enterprise in question and the need to ensure that the is capable of carrying out the full list of tasks including veterinary examination of the animals to be slaughtered, veterinary and sanitary examination and assessment of slaughter products, veterinary and sanitary control over enterprise operations in accordance with the requirements stipulated by effective regulatory documents.

1.6. Operations of the branch shall be independent of the producer, supplier and consumer of the products; the branch shall protection of the state in discharging its statutory duties.

1.7. The branch shall be headed by the Chief of Branch reporting directly to the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the rayon (city).

The Chief of a Branch of the State Veterinary Supervision Authority shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the rayon (city) in coordination with the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the subject of the Russian Federation.

Other branch employees shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the rayon (city) upon presentation by the chief of the branch in question.

1.8. The branch chief shall ensure selection and employment of veterinary experts, supervise their work, organize vocational training and advance professional training, defines official duties of staff members of the State Veterinary Supervision Authority at the enterprise in question, and submits the staff duties for approval to the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the rayon (city).

1.9. Branch experts shall work in accordance with the Operation Rules of the enterprise in question, regarding the working hours, labor safety, sanitation regime and operation of premises, equipment, other equipment and communication facilities provided by the enterprise administration to the branch to enable the performance of the branch' functions.

1.10. The branch shall have a round stamp and a stamp with the image of the official name of the branch, brands and stamps for meat branding, and logbooks and forms of veterinary documents in accordance with the established format.

1.11. On consent of the local administration the branch shall be financed using budgetary resources of the territory in question, as well as resources received on the basis of entering into contracts on rendering veterinary services the list of which is approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation in coordination with the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation.

Please refer to the Rules of Rendering Paid Veterinary Services adopted by Resolution # 898 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated August6, 1998.

1.12. The enterprise shall provide the branch with free office and household space, communication facilities, equipment, tools and instruments, protective clothing, transport for travel on business related to enterprise activities, and compensate the branch for operational and maintenance expenses.

1.13. Activities of the branch shall be guided by the Law of the Russian Federation "On Veterinary", Regulations on the State Veterinary Supervision Authority in the Russian Federation adopted by Resolution # 703 of the Government of the Russian Federation dated June 19, 1994, other resolutions and directives of the Government of the Russian Federation in the field of Veterinary, executive orders and instructions of the Department of Veterinary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation, Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the subject of the Russian Federation and these Regulations.

2. Objectives

2.1. Organization and implementation of state veterinary supervision to monitor observance by the enterprise of requirements set by the veterinary rules pertaining to the production, processing, storage and sales of livestock products at all production sites and facilities.

2.2. Veterinary and sanitary examination of meat and meat products; ensuring that the output of food, fodder, technical products and raw materials of animal origin is safe in veterinary and sanitary terms.

2.3. Organization and control over the implementation of diagnostic measures, preventing the spread and elimination of communicable human and animals diseases transmitted through slaughtered animals (poultry), slaughter products and production wastes.

2.4. Dissemination of veterinary and sanitary knowledge among workers of the enterprise.

3. Duties

3.1. State veterinary control of the slaughtered cattle (poultry), raw meat and auxiliary materials subject to veterinary inspection received by the enterprise in question, including checking the correctness of registration of the veterinary documents, their conformity with the quality and quantity of the livestock actually received, observance of transportation rules.

3.2. Development of plans stipulating measures to prevent outbreak and proliferation of, and liquidate quarantine diseases of animals (poultry) and control over the execution thereof.

- 3.3. Identifying reasons of epizooty of cattle (poultry) upon delivery and on the territory of the enterprise.
- 3.4. Veterinary inspection of cattle (poultry) at the enterprise gateway prior to slaughter.
- 3.5. Control over the observance of quarantine rules and conditions of pre-slaughter stay of animals (poultry) to be slaughtered.
- 3.6. Full-scale veterinary and sanitary examination of meat and other products of cattle and poultry slaughter in accordance with the procedure established by the effective veterinary rules.

On the veterinary and sanitary examination of livestock please refer to Executive Order # 7 of the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation dated February 21, 1994.

- 3.7. Organizing and carrying out trichinelloscopy activities.
- 3.8. Carrying out laboratory research of meat, slaughter products, fodder and technical raw materials of animal origin in case the appropriate indications are in place.
- 3.9. Carcass branding according to the Instruction on Veterinary Meat Branding.
- 3.10. Control over neutralization, including observance of the required temperature regime, and processing of conditionally acceptable meat and other slaughter products produced or received by the enterprise, and observance of veterinary and sanitary requirements and temperature regime in the shop producing technical products.
- 3.11. Exercising on-going control over the conditions of processing and storage of imported meat and meat products of Categories A, B and C.
- 3.12. Exercising control over timely recycling or destruction of animal (poultry), carcasses, confiscated veterinary materials, defective meat and other products of slaughter and processing.

Also please refer to the Veterinary and Sanitary Rules of Gathering, Recycling and Destruction of Biological Wastes adopted by the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation on December 4, 1995, # 13-7-2/469.

- 3.13. Veterinary and sanitary examination and selective laboratory control of raw meat at the refrigerator gateway and organoleptic analysis of meat released for sales or further processing; control over the observance of rules during product storage, and sequence of meat and meat products processing.
- 3.14. Work progress registration in logbooks of the established format, veterinary reporting, keeping the account of the revealed diseases.
- 3.15. Issuance of veterinary certificates, opinions and other veterinary documents in accordance with the established formats confirming veterinary and sanitary purity of the merchandise produced.
- 3.16. Registering veterinary opinions and issuing certificates on defective meat, meat products and technical raw materials.
- 3.17. Immediately informing the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the rayon (city) about the identification in the course of pre- or post-slaughter veterinary and sanitary examination of zoonanthroposous, contagious, zoonosous or other diseases which had not been previously detected in the raw materials zone of the enterprise.
- 3.18. On-going control over operations of veterinary and sanitary facilities; and correct implementation of disinfection, deratization and disinsection measures, as well as preparation, storage and use of sodium nitrate.

4. Rights

Branch specialists shall have the following rights:

- 4.1. To provide the management and experts of the enterprise in question with recommendations on of veterinary issues with the purpose of maintaining appropriate veterinary and sanitary and epizootic conditions, and ensuring that raw materials and products turned out by the enterprise conform to veterinary and sanitary requirements and rules.
- 4.2. To take samples of raw materials, products and other material for veterinary and sanitary tests.
- 4.3. To receive from the management and experts of the enterprise in question data as necessary for the performance of its statutory objectives.
- 4.4. To have free access to all production facilities of the enterprise in question.
- 4.5. To inform the higher Chief State Veterinary Inspector on the necessity to suspend operations of individual units, machines, shops or the enterprise as a whole with a view to preventing production and sales of goods in cases when violations of veterinary and sanitary requirements have been identified.
- 4.6. To decide on the possibility and conditions of receiving animals for slaughter, as well as meat and other products of animal origin for storage and processing.
- 4.7. To request that the veterinary services of supplier companies share the information on epizootic, veterinary and sanitary conditions.
- 4.8. To issue veterinary opinions on projects involving construction and reconstruction of enterprise facilities.
- 4.9. To apply to the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the district (city) requesting that sanctions be applied to those responsible violating the requirements of the Law of the Russian Federation "On Veterinary" and veterinary and sanitary rules.

5. Responsibility

- 5.1. In accordance with the applicable legislation, the Chief and staff members of the Branch shall be responsible for:
 - correct and timely implementation of measures to ensure that the products are safe from the veterinary and sanitary standpoint;
 - preventing the spread of communicable diseases via slaughter animals and products;
 - correct organization of the branch of the State Veterinary Supervision Authority at the enterprise level;
 - validity of the opinions on veterinary and sanitary safety of food, fodder and technical products of animal origin;
 - correct registration of veterinary certificates and other veterinary documents outgoing products;
 - proper keeping of registration and accounting documentation and its submission at the appropriate dates;
 - full use of the rights afforded to them by the Regulations on the State Veterinary Supervision Authority in the Russian Federation adopted by Resolution # 706 of the Government of the Russian Federation on June 19, 1994, and these Regulations.
- 5.2. Branch staff members shall not be liable for the quality of the products in terms of the parameters not stipulated by the veterinary and sanitary rules.

6. Interaction with the Management and Production Departments of the Enterprise

- 6.1. The branch shall methodologically manage the work of production, veterinary and technical services of the enterprise in question on issues related to the maintenance of appropriate veterinary and sanitary condition of the enterprise and its product, and ensuring safety of the parameters provided by the veterinary and sanitary rules.
- 6.2. The management (owner) and subordinated services shall have an obligation to ensure:

implementation of preventive actions stipulated by veterinary and sanitary rules and norms;
maintaining in good working order the facilities intended for protecting the enterprise from the spread and dissemination of communicable diseases of animals and poultry;
carrying out general and special actions to liquidate communicable diseases of animals (poultry), identified before or after slaughter;
organizing the work to ensure that the enterprise meets requirements of technological, sanitary and veterinary rules and norms in the production process, including the production of technical raw material and livestock fodder.

The adoption of these Regulations invalidates the Regulations on the State Veterinary Inspector in Charge of Veterinary Control at Meat-Packing Plants of the Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry adopted by the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the USSR on October 23, 1979; and Regulations on the Department of Production and Veterinary Control at Enterprises (Associations) of the Meat Industry adopted by Executive Order # 185 of the Ministry of the Meat and Dairy Industry of the USSR dated August 27, 1980 agreed on with the Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the USSR on July 29, 1980.

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