

Resolution No. 706 of the Government of the Russian Federation “On Approval of the Regulations on State Veterinary Supervision in the Russian Federation” dated June 19, 1994

The Government of the Russian Federation hereby resolves:

to approve the attached Regulations on State Veterinary Supervision in the Russian Federation, pursuant to Article 8 of the Law of the Russian Federation “On Veterinary Science and Medical Practice”.

Chairman of the Government
of the Russian Federation

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**Regulations
on State Veterinary Supervision in the Russian Federation
(approved by Resolution No. 706 of the Government of the Russian Federation
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I. General Provisions

1. State veterinary supervision in the Russian Federation is a system of control over the compliance:

by enterprises, institutions and organisations, irrespective of their subordination and form of ownership, by foreign legal entities, officials and citizens of the Russian Federation and foreign citizens and stateless persons (hereinafter the “enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens”) with plans of anti-epizootic measures (including measures aimed at prevention and liquidation of diseases affecting equally humans and animals), and over organisation and implementation of measures to prevent or liquidate infectious and non-infectious diseases, protection of the territory of the Russian Federation against import of infectious animal diseases from foreign states;

with veterinary rules in respect of production, processing, storage and sale of animal products, import to the Russian Federation, transit through the territory of the Russian Federation and export of cargoes controlled by the veterinary service, production, use and sale of veterinary preparations and equipment, rules in respect of designing, construction and reconstruction of animal farms, poultry farms, meat processing and packing plants, other enterprises producing or warehousing animal products, rules in respect of organisation of peasant farms and personal farms; and control over the standardisation of veterinary and sanitary requirements, characteristics and harmful properties of fodder, forage additives and animal products, to ensure their safety for human and animal health.

II. Structure and Essence of State Veterinary Supervision

2. Administrations, institutions and agencies of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation shall act as state veterinary supervision authorities:

The Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation jointly with the All-Russian Research Institute for Control, Standardisation and Certification of

Veterinary Preparations, central research and production laboratories and radiological laboratories, special agencies for state veterinary supervision at cross-border and on transport routes, directly subordinated to it;

Veterinary departments of executive authorities of the Russian Federation regions;

Veterinary departments (offices) of administrations of districts and cities;

Animal diseases fighting stations, veterinary laboratories of the Russian Federation regions, districts and cities;

District veterinary clinics, veterinary stations and centres;

Cross-border and transport veterinary control stations, laboratories of veterinary and sanitary examination in the marketplace, subdivisions of state veterinary supervision at enterprises dealing in processing and storage of animal products.

3. State veterinary supervision shall be carried out by the following members of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation:

head of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation – deputy chief state veterinary inspector of the Russian Federation;

his deputies, unit chiefs of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation – deputy chief state veterinary inspectors of the Russian Federation;

chief and senior veterinarians of units of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation – state veterinary inspectors of the Russian Federation;

chiefs of veterinary departments of republican governments – chief state veterinary inspectors for the republics;

deputy chiefs of veterinary departments of republican governments – deputy chief state veterinary inspectors for the republics;

chief veterinarians of units of veterinary departments of republican governments – state veterinary inspectors for the republics;

heads of veterinary departments of administrations of autonomous regions, autonomous districts, territories, regions, the cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg – chief veterinary inspectors for the said Russian Federation regions;

deputy heads of veterinary departments of administrations of autonomous regions, autonomous districts, territories, regions, the cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg – deputy chief veterinary inspectors for the said Russian Federation regions;

heads of veterinary departments (offices) of district and city administrations – chief state veterinary inspectors for districts and cities;

deputy heads of veterinary departments (offices) of district and city administrations – deputy chief state veterinary inspectors for districts and cities;

heads of special agencies of state veterinary supervision at cross-border and on transport routes – chief state veterinary inspectors of special agencies of state veterinary supervision at cross-border and on transport routes;

deputy heads of special agencies of state veterinary supervision at cross-border and on transport routes – deputy chief state veterinary inspectors of special agencies of state veterinary supervision at cross-border and on transport routes;

chiefs of territorial, regional and municipal animal diseases fighting stations, veterinary laboratories – deputy chief state veterinary inspectors for such territories, regions and cities;

chiefs (directors) of district and municipal animal diseases fighting stations, district and municipal veterinary laboratories – deputy chief state veterinary inspectors for such districts and cities;

directors (heads) of district veterinary clinics, veterinary districts, stations – state veterinary inspectors for localities in which they operate.

4. Officials of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation shall, in their respective territories, carry out the functions of state veterinary supervision in respect of:

compliance by enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens with veterinary rules and prescribed anti-epizootic and veterinary and sanitary measures, and measures aimed at liquidating concentrations of infectious and contaminative non-infectious animal diseases and measures for protection of territories against import and spread of animal diseases that are particularly dangerous and subject to quarantine;

compliance with veterinary rules for the purposes of production, procurement, storage, shipment, including exports and imports, and sale of animal products and raw materials, and for the purposes also of allocation of sites for construction, reconstruction, modernisation and putting into operation of enterprises dealing with production and storage of animal products.

5. The main purpose of state veterinary supervision is to prevent infectious and contaminative non-infectious diseases in animals and ensure safety of animal products in veterinary and sanitary terms by preventing, uncovering and prosecuting any infringements of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation.

State veterinary supervision shall be carried out at (and in respect of):

enterprises producing meat, milk, eggs on industrial basis, fur farms, fish farms and bee-keeping farms and ancillary farms, irrespective of their subordination and forms of ownership, and private farms;

meat and fish processing plants, milk plants, refrigerators and other enterprises dealing in processing and storage of animal products and enterprises engaging in procurement of and trade in such products, markets, trade fairs, exhibitions and other marketplaces;

fishing vessels procuring fish and sea-food, factory ships and other fish-processing enterprises and plants producing fish flour and other fodder from fish and sea-food;

biological complexes and factories, research and pilot-production shops, bases and enterprises supplying biological resources, veterinary pharmacies and other enterprises producing, storing and selling veterinary preparations and equipment;

complexes, plants and other enterprises producing fodder and forage additives;

railway stations and bus terminals, stations, seaports and river ports, airports and airdromes, other locations specially equipped for passage of persons, transport, animals and animal products, and routes (itineraries) for the passage of cattle;

veterinary and sanitary certification of production, quality of animal products, fodder and forage additives and their certification;

procedure for acquisition, depositing and use for research purposes of strains of micro-organisms and their genetic mutations;

licensing of import to and export from the Russian Federation of contaminants carrying infectious animal diseases, vaccine strains and samples containing live micro-organisms;

practice of veterinary experts;

naval stations and military airdromes, other points of acceptance (passage through state border) of military transport returning from abroad, military (naval) foodstuffs bases and warehouses, military trade enterprises, ancillary farms maintained by bodies of troops, and military hunting ground.

6. Officials of the State Veterinary Service of the Russia Federation engaged in state veterinary supervision, shall be liable for non-fulfilment or improper fulfilment of their tasks and functions in accordance with the legislation in force.

III. Procedure for Conducting State Veterinary Supervision

7. State veterinary supervision in respect of construction, reconstruction, modernisation and launching of biological complexes, other enterprises producing vaccines and other means of preventing animal diseases, animal farms, meat processing and packing enterprises, refrigerators, other enterprises producing, processing and storing animal products, and organisation of private farms shall be performed in the stage of technology planning and allocation of sites for construction, construction planning and putting completed construction into operation.

Measures carried out for the purposes of state veterinary supervision shall be aimed at implementing veterinary rules in the process of designing and development of enterprises and farms, and include consideration and coordination of federal requirements in respect of technology planning, veterinary examination and issuance of report on project documentation, draft site allocations and units brought into operation.

8. State veterinary supervision at the units listed in Article 5 above shall take the form of inspections of controlled units to be carried out by state veterinary inspectors. The goals, extent and regularity of the inspections, the procedure for issuing documents summarising the findings of such inspections (acts, protocols, resolutions, prescriptions) and decision-making, and the procedure for carrying out measures to prevent the uncovered infringements of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation, shall be determined by the rules, instructions, directives and other regulatory documents, duly issued and approved by the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Foodstuffs of the Russian Federation based on the legislation in force.

9. Decisions, requirements and directives of officials of State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation carrying out state veterinary supervision of issues pertaining to their competence shall be binding on the enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens.

10. Actions (inaction) of officials of State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation carrying out state veterinary supervision may be appealed within a month with the chief state veterinary inspector of a higher rank.

11. Decisions of the state veterinary inspectors may be appealed judicially.

IV. Rights and Obligations of Officials of State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation Carrying out State Veterinary Supervision

12. The Chief State Veterinary Inspector of the Russian Federation, chief state veterinary inspectors of special departments of state veterinary supervision at cross-border and on transport routes, chief state veterinary inspectors of the Russian Federation regions and their deputies shall have the right to:

a) determine the causes, and conditions of occurrence and spread of infectious and contaminative non-infectious animal diseases, and animal products unsafe in veterinary and sanitary terms;

- b) require that enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens undertake anti-epizootic, veterinary and sanitary and other measures or rectify violations of veterinary rules and monitor their compliance with such requirements;
- c) suspend or ban until the required measures have been undertaken or violations of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation rectified, the production, storage, shipment and sale of animal products, production and use of veterinary preparations and equipment;
- d) consider cases of violation of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation and impose administrative penalties, solicit cancellation of licenses held by enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens in respect of production, procurement, shipment, storage and sale of animal products, raw materials, fodder, veterinary preparations and equipment, or, in the case of expert veterinarians, for the right to engage in commercial activity; transfer the files to investigation authorities with a view to bringing criminal action;
- e) commission veterinary and sanitary examinations and present their findings in the form of a report complied according to the effective veterinary rules to federal executive authorities and executive authorities of the Russian Federation regions, enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens, regarding:
 - federal norms of technology planning, standards and specifications in respect of new animal products, fodder, forage additives, veterinary preparations and equipment;
 - contractual documentation for delivery to the Russian Federation of cargoes controlled by veterinary service;
- f) submit proposals to state government authorities and local administrations:
 - on due creation of emergency anti-epizootic commissions;
 - on introducing quarantine in certain territories, imposing other restrictions aimed at preventing the spread of and treatment of concentration of infectious and contaminative non-infectious animal diseases;
 - on suspending the economic activities of enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens due to violations of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation on their part, or failure to comply with decisions of veterinary supervision authorities regarding suspension or termination of such activity;
- g) take decisions on:
 - carrying out diagnostic investigations and vaccination of animals according to epizootic prescriptions, disinfection, eradication of insects and rodents in localities of epizootic concentration and in territories where conditions for occurrence and spread of infectious animal diseases persist;
 - the admissibility of and procedure for import to the Russian Federation and terms of shipment of cargoes controlled by veterinary service within the country;
 - alienation of animals and confiscation of animal products for the purposes of treatment of concentrations of dangerous animal diseases;
- h) receive, without limitation, any information and documents required to perform the functions of supervision bodies, from enterprises, institutions, organisations and citizens;
- i) draw samples of cargoes controlled by the veterinary service for veterinary and sanitary examination.

13. The rights provided under subsections 'a', 'b', 'h' and 'i' of Article 12 above shall be granted to chiefs of subdivisions, expert veterinarians; those provided under subsection 'i' shall extend to laboratory assistants working for corresponding agencies of state veterinary supervision.

14. The rights provided under second paragraph of subsection 'g' of Article 12 above shall be granted to chiefs of cross-border and transport veterinary control points in respect of suspension and prohibition of import to the Russian Federation of cargoes controlled by the veterinary service.

15. Officials of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation performing state veterinary supervision shall:

use their authority timely and to its full extent to prevent, uncover and prosecute infringements of veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation;
not disclose restricted and other information constituting state, military or commercial secrets which may become known to them in the course of the supervision.

16. State veterinary inspectors and other officials of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation performing state veterinary supervision shall wear uniform while on duty, and shall be governed by the veterinary legislation of the Russian Federation. Any form of pressure on such persons preventing them from doing their duty or interference with their activities are prohibited.