

(Control of Slaughter-Houses/Slabs) Bye-Laws, 2017

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Adentan Municipal Assembly by section 181 subsection 1 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 Act (936) this Bye-law is hereby made.

Title

This Bye-law may be cited as Adentan Municipal Assembly (Control of Slaughter Houses/Slabs) Bye-Law, 2017.

Premises for slaughter house

1. (1) No premises or place shall serve as a slaughter house unless the premises has been approved by the AdMA as such. To that extent the AdMA shall oversee every slaughter house in the city of Accra.
(2) The AdMA shall form a Task Force to check persons operating slaughter houses not approved by the Assembly and cause them to cease operations.
(3)The slaughter-house shall be opened for the slaughter of animals during the hours of 5am and 3pm only, but in special circumstances and upon the payment of such extra fee as the AdMA may think fit, allow the slaughter of an animal at any other time, under a written permission.
(4)Every slaughter house shall pay a fee to be fixed by a special resolution of the Assembly for the issuance of a permit to operate a slaughter house,
(5) The AdMA before issuing the permit shall be guided by the expert advice from the Veterinary Officer and the Environmental Health Officer of the AdMA.

Operational manual

2. The Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers shall fix at a conspicuous place in the slaughter house a notice showing: -
 - (i) The hours of working of the slaughter house.
 - (ii) The fees payable and
 - (iii) Any other directions that the slaughter house may see fit to issue.

Display of Slaughter house Bye-law

3. A copy of this Bye-Law and a list of the registered slaughter-men shall be pasted at a conspicuous place in the slaughter-house to enable all persons working therein to know the Bye-law.

Infected person

4. (i) A person infected with tuberculosis, or any other infectious or contagious disease shall not enter the slaughter house.
(ii) The Veterinary and Environmental Officers shall require any person using the slaughter-house to submit to a medical inspection which shall be done before working in the slaughter house.

Entry

5. No person other than the AdMA staff on duty, inspecting officers, butchers slaughter-men and their assistants or bonafide servants shall enter the slaughter house premises during the process of slaughtering, flaying or cutting up of carcasses.

Prohibitions

6. Any person who contravenes the paragraphs 4 (i) and 5 of this Bye-Law shall be removed from the slaughter house summarily under the directions of Veterinary Public Health Officer.

7. (i) No person shall rub or cause to be rubbed the inner sides of the skins upon the ground within any portion of the slaughter house.

(ii) Hides and skins shall not be dragged within the slaughter house premises except on the hairy sides.

8. No gut scrapping trips cleaning manufacture or preparation of articles of food meant for animals, house hold washing or work of any nature, other than is involved in the slaughter house of animals and the dressing of carcasses, shall be permitted in the slaughter house.

Inspection of animals

9. Every animal intended for slaughter shall be brought to the Lairage and presented for inspection to the Veterinary and Environmental Officers.

10. The Veterinary Public Health Officer shall not approve an animal for slaughter, if: -

(i) It is less than 15 months old.

(ii) It is in a febrile condition or is excessively old.

(iii) It is pregnant or is with unweaned young.

(iv) It is deceased or in a dying condition provided that an animal which has been injured in an accident, but is otherwise healthy may be approved.

(v) It shows symptoms of having been treated cruelly by over-trucking, over-driving, or other acts.

(vi) A dog or

(vii) Any animal not meant for slaughter or for the slaughter of which the slaughter house is not provided.

Any animal brought into the slaughterhouse in contravention of this Bye-Laws shall be summarily removed under the orders of the Veterinary and Environmental Officers.

Maintenance of register

11. The Veterinary and Environmental Officers shall maintain a register in which he shall record:

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(i) The age, class, sex and a brief description of each animal presented for slaughter.

(ii) Name and address of the owner of the animal.

(iii) Result of ante-mortem inspection.

(iv) Result of post mortem inspection and

(v) Fees recovered.

Rejected animal

12. An animal rejected for slaughter shall not be brought again to the slaughterhouse.

Infectious animal

13. Animal found to be affected by any zoonotic disease or which are reasonably suspected of being so affected shall, if the Veterinary and Environmental Officers so directs, to be quarantined forthwith

Approved animals

14. Animals approved for slaughter shall be branded or marked with a distinctive mark on the ears, hoofs or horns and admitted to the waiting yard, provided that no animal shall be admitted to the lairage, if the prescribed fee has not been paid.

15. While in the kraal the owner or the person in charge of the animal shall be responsible for its security, proper care, feeding and watering provided that the slaughter house may arrange for feeding of animals, while in the lairage and recover the expenses from the owner.

Collection of fees

16. Slaughter house/slab fee will be collected from the owners or person in charge for all the animals to be slaughtered after inspection has been completed. The fee will be fixed by the AdMA from time to time.

Inspection of slaughter materials

17. The Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers may inspect the instruments and appliances of every slaughter-man and may prohibit the use of any instrument or appliance by a slaughter-man, if in his opinion such instrument or appliance is not in proper working condition.

Place of slaughter

18. The Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers shall assign a place to each slaughter-man for slaughtering and no animal shall be slaughtered by a slaughter man at any other place than the place assigned to him.

Slaughter of animals

19. Every animal shall be slaughtered immediately over the drain and no blood shall be allowed to flow upon the floor. No animal shall be slaughtered in public view, or in view of another animal.

20. Slaughtered animals shall be disemboweled as soon as possible after slaughter, to the satisfaction of the Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers.

21. That the offal of the slaughtered animals shall not be washed into the drain or allowed to drop on the floor but shall be emptied into receptacles provided for the purpose by the slaughter house/slab.

Burial of carcass

22. The Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers may cause to be buried or destroyed any carcass or part of a carcass found to be blown or stuffed.

23. All carcasses shall after flaying and the cleaning be presented to the Veterinary Public Health Officer for inspection.

24. (i) Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers, shall have his own knives, wipe and instruments for examining carcasses and parts and organs thereof.

(ii) Knives and other instruments that have been used for cutting or examining any diseased organ, gland or tissue shall not again be used for any purpose until they have been properly disinfected.

Condemned meat

25. All meat examined and condemned shall be destroyed, buried or otherwise disposed of under the orders of the Veterinary Public Health Officer.

Passed meat

26. All carcasses which have been examined and passed by the Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers as fit for human consumption shall be marked "Examined and Passed" along with an identifying mark for the kind of meat.

Removal of carcass

27. No person shall remove any carcass from the slaughter house premises until it has been duly examined and passed by the Veterinary and Environmental Health Officers.

28. (1) No person shall remove or cause to be removed from the premises of the slaughter house/slab any carcass or meat except in a clean receptacle and covered in such a manner as to be screened from public view and adequately protected against flies and dust.
- (2) If any carcass or meat is removed onto a vehicle the meat shall be conveyed in such a way that provides adequate ventilation but at the same time invisible. The carcasses shall be hanged on hooks and not dumped on the floor of the vehicle.

Conveyance of meat

29. Every person who conveys or causes to be conveyed meat from the slaughter house:
- (1) Shall cause to be kept clean the inside and covering of the vehicle, the receptacle in which the meat is placed and such parts or any slings or other implements or apparatus used for loading or unloading as come into act with meat or its covering.
- (2) If the vehicle is open at the top, back or sides shall cause the meat to be adequately screened and protected by means of a clean cloth or other suitable material ,and
- (3) Shall not permit any live animal or any other article to be conveyed in the vehicle at the same time as meat

Precautions

30. Every person engaged in the handling or transport of meat shall take such precautions as are necessary to prevent the meat from coming into contact with the ground or being otherwise or subject to contamination.

Penalty

31. A person who commits a breach of the provisions of any of this Bye-law shall, on conviction be liable to a fine of 150 penalty units or six months imprisonment or to both.

Application

32. This Bye-law shall apply within the area of authority of the Assembly

Interpretation

33. In this Bye-law unless the context otherwise requires;
“ AdMA” means Adentan Municipal Assembly

Revocation

34. Any Bye-law on Control of Slaughter-Houses/Slabs within the area of authority of the Assembly in existence immediately before the coming into force of this Bye-law is hereby revoked.

Presiding Member

Municipal Coordinating Director

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Regional Minister

Regional Co-ordinating Director