

SLAUGHTERING REGULATIONS 1923. <sup>(1)</sup>

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Slaughtering Regulations 1923.* <sup>(1)</sup>

R. 2 rep.  
by Regs.  
gazetted on  
15.5.1925.

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3. In these Regulations unless the contrary intention appears—  
 “Cattle” includes bull ox steer cow heifer calf ram ewe wether lamb goat kid or swine.  
 “Slaughtering” means and includes the killing and cutting up for human consumption of any cattle.

(1) The *Slaughtering Regulations 1923* (made under the *Administrator's Powers Ordinance 1923-1938*) comprise the original *Slaughtering Regulations 1923*, as amended by the other regulations referred to in the following Table:—

TABLE.

## PART I.—REGULATIONS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

Description.	Date on which made by Administrator.	Date on which published in N.G. Gaz.	Date on which took effect.
<i>Slaughtering Regulations 1923</i>	23.11.1923	27.11.1923	1.12.1923 ( <i>N.G. Gaz.</i> of 27.11.1923)
<i>Amending Regulation</i>	30.4.1925	15.5.1925	15.5.1925 <sup>(a)</sup> ( <i>N.G. Gaz.</i> of 15.5.1925)
<i>Amending Regulation</i>	22.11.1930	2.12.1930	“Forthwith” <sup>(b)</sup> ( <i>N.G. Gaz.</i> of 2.12.1930)
<i>Amending Regulation</i>	2.9.1931	15.9.1931	“Forthwith” <sup>(b)</sup> ( <i>N.G. Gaz.</i> of 15.9.1931)

(a) Section 3 of the *Administrator's Powers Ordinance 1923*, which took effect from 8.2.1923, prescribed that regulations made pursuant to the power contained in Section 2 of that Ordinance should be published in *N.G. Gaz.* and take effect from the date of publication or from a later date specified therein. Section 3 was repealed by the *Administrator's Powers Ordinance 1938* which came into operation on 24.8.1938. The *Amending Regulation* dated 30.4.1925 and published in *N.G. Gaz.* of 15.5.1925, was made while Section 3 was operative, and stated in its introductory part that it was “to come into operation on the fifteenth day of May, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.” However, this *Amending Regulation* of 30.4.1925 was as follows:—

“Regulation 2 of the *Slaughtering Regulations 1923* is repealed as from the first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.”

(b) Each of the sets of Regulations to which this note (b) applies stated in their respective introductory parts that they were “to come into operation forthwith.” At the relevant dates in 1930-1931 there was no Ordinance or regulation (other than Section 3 of the *Administrator's Powers Ordinance 1923*, for the provisions of which see note (a) above) of general application providing for the publication of regulations, the date on which they took effect, or the meaning of “forthwith”.

## PART II.—REGULATIONS MADE BY THE ADMINISTRATOR IN COUNCIL.

Description and number and year.	Date on which made by Administrator in Council.	Date on which published in N.G. Gaz.	Date on which took effect and came into operation.
<i>Amending Regulations (1941, No. 7)</i>	26.8.1941	15.9.1941	15.9.1941 ( <i>N.G. Gaz.</i> of 15.9.1941)

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“Local Medical Authority” means, in relation to the District of New Britain, the Director of Public Health or such other medical officer as the Director of Public Health may, in writing, appoint to act as a local medical authority in that District, and means, in relation to any other District, a medical officer in the District, and includes, in the event of there being, in any District at any time, no medical officer, the District Officer of the District.

Sub. by 1941,  
No. 7, r. 1.

“Inspector” means a person appointed by the Administrator by notice in the *New Guinea Gazette* to be a Slaughtering Inspector, or an officer of the Public Service of the Territory appointed in writing by the local medical authority to be a Slaughtering Inspector, or a European member of the New Guinea Police Force.

Sub. by Regs.  
gazetted on  
2.12.1930,  
r. 1.

3A.—(1.) The Administrator may, by notice in the *New Guinea Gazette*, appoint a person to be a Slaughtering Inspector.

Appointment of  
Slaughtering  
Inspector.

(2.) The local medical authority may in writing appoint an officer of the Public Service of the Territory to be a Slaughtering Inspector.

R. 3A. sub. by  
Regs. gazetted  
on 15.9.1931,  
r. 1.

4.—(1.) No person shall, unless he has first obtained from the District Officer a licence in the form set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations, slaughter any cattle within the boundaries of any town or within a distance of one mile from and outside the boundaries of any town or within any area defined by the Administrator by notice<sup>(2)</sup> in the *New Guinea Gazette*.

Sub-reg. (1)  
sub by 1941,  
No. 7, r. 2.

(2.) Application for such licence shall be made in writing to the District Officer in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations.

(3.) No licence shall be issued unless the application therefor shall have been recommended by the local medical authority.

(4.) All licences shall expire on the 30th day of June next after the date of issue thereof.

(5.) The fee for such licence shall be Two pounds payable in advance.

5. Slaughtering shall be carried out in a humane manner. No person shall ill-treat any animal or resort to unnecessary cruelty in slaughtering any cattle.

6. No animal shall be slaughtered which the licensee knows or could with reasonable diligence know to be diseased or in any way unfit for human consumption.

7. It shall be lawful for the licensing officer the local medical authority or any inspector at all times to enter any premises in or

(2) Pursuant to Regulation 4, the Administrator, by notice dated 1.9.1941, published in *N.G. Gaz.* of 15.9.1941, and printed on p. 2443, defined an area of the District of Morobe to be an area within which no person shall slaughter any cattle without a licence.

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upon which slaughtering takes place within the areas prescribed in regulation 4 hereof and to inspect any animal or carcass or part thereof found therein and to order the removal or destruction of any animal or carcass or part thereof which is diseased or unfit for human consumption and neither the licensee nor the owner of any such animal or carcass or part thereof so removed or destroyed shall have any claim to compensation.

8. Slaughtering shall be carried out only in the slaughter-house or place for slaughtering cattle mentioned in the licence. Such building shall be provided with a flooring of some impervious material and with ample water supply and an adequate drainage system.

9. No meat from any animal slaughtered on any premises upon which slaughtering is carried out under these Regulations shall be removed from such premises without the permission of the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector.

10. No meat from any one slaughtered animal shall be permitted to come into contact with any meat from any other slaughtered animal until such time as permission shall have been given by the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector to remove all such meat as provided in the last preceding regulation.

11. Every slaughterman and every person assisting slaughtermen in the dressing of carcasses shall provide himself with proper and sufficient working clothes for the purpose to the satisfaction of the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector and every person acting as a slaughterman or assistant shall keep such clothes clean. Penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

12. Immediately any animal slaughtered is discovered to be diseased the slaughterman shall stop the work of dressing such animal for food and report the fact to the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector and shall not proceed further with such dressing until authorized by the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector.

13. No carcass shall be "stripped" whether for bodying or otherwise until the sanction therefor of the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector has been obtained.

14. It shall be the duty of slaughtermen to see that the organs of diseased carcasses are not mixed up with the organs of healthy carcasses.

15. No slaughterman or other person shall smoke while dressing carcasses or handling meat. Penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

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16. No dogs shall be brought upon or allowed to remain in the slaughter-house. Penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

17. Every person engaged in loading or handling meat at the slaughter-house shall wear clean clothing of suitable material or clean overalls and a clean cap covering the head to the satisfaction of the local medical authority or slaughtering inspector. Penalty not exceeding Five pounds.

18. No person suffering from tuberculosis or any infectious or contagious disease or from eruption affecting the skin of the hands arms face or any portion of the body shall work in or load or handle meat at a slaughter-house.

19. All slaughtering shall be carried out between the hours of five and seven o'clock in the forenoon and at no other time.

20. No person shall, unless he has first obtained the approval in writing of an inspector or the local medical authority, bring or send into any area in respect of which a licence under these Regulations is required any carcass or meat of an animal which has been slaughtered in any area in respect of which no licence under these Regulations has been issued.

Sub. by 1941,  
No. 7, r. 3.

21. Every person intending to slaughter any animal shall send or give at least twelve hours' notice in writing to the local medical authority of such intention.

22. Any person guilty of a breach of or non-compliance with any provision of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall where no other punishment or penalty is provided upon conviction before a District Court be liable to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months and upon proof of such conviction the licensing officer may cancel the licence of such person.

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FIRST SCHEDULE.

TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA.

LICENCE TO SLAUGHTER.

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of having paid the  
fee of Two pounds is hereby Licensed to slaughter animals at <sup>(1)</sup>  
during the year ending on the Thirtieth day of June 19 subject to the provisions  
of the *Slaughtering Regulations 1923.*

Dated the  
Fee paid: £2.

day of

19  
Licensing Officer.

(1) Here insert situation and description of premises.

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SECOND SCHEDULE.

TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO SLAUGHTER.

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Name of applicant (in full)

Address

Occupation

Nationality

Description and situation of premises where slaughtering is to be carried out

Dated the

day of

19

Witness to signature of Applicant.

Signature of Applicant.  
Local Medical Authority.