

## SEKONDI TAKORADI METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (STMA)

IN exercise of the  
Governance

181 of the Local

(SLAUGHTERHOUSE) BYE-LAW, 2017

IN exercise of the powers conferred on the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly by section 181 of the Local Governance Act, 2016 (Act 936), the following Bye-law is hereby made.

Title

I. This Bye-law may be cited as the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (Slaughterhouse) Bye-law, 2017 and shall apply to the area of administration of the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (hereinafter called "the Assembly").

Slaughtering of Animals Restricted

1. No person shall slaughter any cattle or other domesticated animal for human consumption at any place in any of the towns within the jurisdiction of the Assembly other than the places appointed for that purpose at the said town by the Assembly.

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Prohibition of Sale of Meat Slaughtered Elsewhere.

2. (1) No person shall sell or offer for sale in any town within the administrative area of the Assembly or within the precincts of such town the flesh of any cattle or domestic animal not killed in a slaughterhouse or other place appointed for the slaughter of animals except where the flesh or meat is imported and cleared through the Customs, Excise and Preventive Service.
- (2) In case of emergency, animals may be slaughtered by an order of the Metropolitan Director of Health Services at a place other than a public slaughterhouse, provided that in every such case, the carcass and all the organs of the animal so slaughtered are brought without delay to the Medical Officer of Health for examination by the officer or person authorized by the Assembly.

Time of Slaughter

1. Animals may be slaughtered between the hours of 5 a. m. and 5 p. m. each day.

Care of Animals Awaiting Slaughter

2. It shall be the duty of the person in charge of any animal awaiting slaughter to provide it with sufficient water and to protect it from any influence tending unnecessarily to cause it pain or harm.

Inspection of Animals before Slaughter

3. Every animal brought to the slaughterhouse for slaughter shall be inspected, both before and after slaughter, by the Director of Health of Veterinary Services or by an officer appointed by him/her. All organs and parts of the slaughtered carcasses shall, after the said inspection, be stamped or otherwise marked so as to make each organ or part readily identifiable as meat qualified and passed by the Director of Health of veterinary services as fit for human consumption.

#### Method of Slaughtering

7. (I) All animals slaughtered shall be killed by cutting the throat after stunning slaughter or by means of a "captive pistol" to be used only by a person authorized by the Director of Health of Health Services.
  1. No animal may be slaughtered within the sight of another living animal.
  2. No person shall treat the skin of any animal after slaughter by the application of harmful methods such as burning of vehicle tyres.
  3. Subject to the provisions Of the foregoing subaccount, a Health Officer or any person employed by the Assembly to exercise control over a slaughterhouse or other place appointed for the slaughter of animals shall have power to direct the manner in which the animal shall be slaughtered so as to prevent any unnecessary cruelty to the animal, and may issue such directions which shall be obeyed by any person using a slaughterhouse or such designated places.

#### Transport after Slaughter

8. No vehicle other than a vehicle hygienically equipped and approved by the Director of Health of Health Services for the purpose shall be allowed to transport or convey meat so qualified for sale from the slaughterhouse or other approved place to the meat markets, meat shops, distribution centers, hospitals or other organizations, except with the approval and under a permit issued and signed by the Director of Health of Health Services.

#### Surrender of Diseased Carcass

9. Any carcass or any organ of the slaughtered animal found to be diseased or unfit for consumption shall be surrendered by the owner or person responsible for such carcass or organ to be impounded by the officer-in-charge who will arrange for its proper disposal or destruction.

#### Butcher's License

10. (I) NO person shall be allowed to slaughter an animal for sale to the public in the Metropolis or any other approved slaughterhouse within the jurisdiction of the Assembly unless he is a holder of an appropriate license duly issued by the Assembly as specified under the Schedule hereto.

- (2) All butchers and their apprentices shall be medically examined by a Medical Officer once every twelve months as part of the conditions for the grant and renewal of the license.

#### Revocation of License

I I. Subject to the approval of the Assembly, any license may be suspended or cancelled and the holder's name removed from the register by the Director of Health Services where:

1. an owner or a registered person has been convicted of an offence under this Bye-law; or
2. the Director of Health of Health Services is satisfied that an owner or a registered person has committed an offence against any order or direction in connection with the slaughter of animals or sale of meat; or
3. the conduct and behavior of such person is contrary to the intent and purpose of this Bye-law.

#### Cleaning and Disinfection

12. (I) the officer-in-charge shall at all times arrange for the proper cleaning and disinfection of the slaughterhouse and its precincts after the slaughtering and dressing of carcass are completed.
- (2) All persons engaged in slaughter, dressing or sale of animals shall wear: aprons approved by the Director of Health Services.

#### Offence and Penalty

1. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bye-law or of any direction or any of the conditions of any license issued thereunder commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of at least 100 penalty units and at most 250 penalty units, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both.

Revocation

2. All previous Bye-laws regulating slaughterhouses are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

15. In this Bye-law, unless the context otherwise requires -  
"Assembly" means the Metropolis Health Department of the Assembly.

SCHEDULE 1

Section 3 (2)

SEKONDI TAKORADI METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (STMA)  
(SLAUGHTERHOUSE) BYE-LAW, 2017

LICENCE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF LIVESTOCK

(LICENCE for the Slaughter of Livestock at a place other than the Slaughterhouse or other approved place)

Licence is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
for the slaughtering of livestock at \_\_\_\_\_

This licence is valid up to the . \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20. \_\_\_\_\_

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Metropolitan Director of Medical Services

- 1 . Any nuisance caused by the slaughtering must be abated by the person responsible without delay, whether or not notice is given to such person.
  1. No flesh of any animal, which has not been slaughtered under this license, shall be sold as food for human consumption.
  2. The Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly (Slaughterhouse) Bye-law, 2017 must be complied with.

SCHEDULE 2

(Section 10 (I))

SEKONDI TAKORADI METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (STMA)  
(SLAUGHTERHOUSE) BYE-LAW, 2017

LICENCE FOR BUTCHER

License is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ as a butcher for the slaughter of animals in the Slaughterhouse

or at any other approved place within the Sekondi Takoradi Metropolitan Assembly area.

This license is valid up to the ..... Day of ..... 20.  
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Metropolitan Director of Health Services

SCHEDULE 3  
(Section 10 (2))

SEKONDI TAKORADI METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY (STMA)  
(SLAUGHTERHOUSE) BYE-LAW, 2017  
LICENCE FOR BUTCHER 'S ASSISTANT

License is hereby granted to .....  
of ..... as a butcher's assistant for the year ending 31st  
December, 20.....

Fee €..... Date.....

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Metropolitan Director Of Health Services