

Wholesome Meat and Fish (Import, Export and Transhipment) Rules 1999

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**WHOLESOME MEAT AND FISH ACT 1999
(ACT 5 OF 1999)**

**WHOLESOME MEAT AND FISH (IMPORT, EXPORT AND TRANSHIPMENT)
RULES 1999**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1999, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Wholesome Meat and Fish (Import, Export and Transshipment) Rules 1999 and shall come into operation on 10th December 1999.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appropriate fee”, in relation to any matter for which a fee is payable, means the fee therefor as specified in the Wholesome Meat and Fish (Fees) Rules 1999 (G.N. No. S 553/99);

“basic packaging unit”, in relation to any meat product or fish product, means —

- (a) where the meat product or fish product is a prepackaged product, each package of the meat product or fish product; or
- (b) where the meat product or fish product consists of a carcase or part of a carcase which has not been prepackaged, each such carcase or part thereof;

“customs office or station” means any place that is prescribed as a customs office or station under the Customs (Offices and Stations) Regulations (Cap. 70, Rg 7) and, in relation to any meat product or fish product which has been imported into Singapore, means the customs office or station at which the meat product or fish product arrived in Singapore;

“export health certificate”, in relation to any consignment of meat products or fish products that is to be exported to a foreign country, means a certificate issued by the Director or a veterinary public health officer stating to the effect that the consignment has been examined in accordance with the requirements of that country and has been found to be fit for human consumption and in compliance with the requirements of that country;

“health certificate”, in relation to any consignment of meat products or fish products that originates from a foreign country, means a certificate issued by a competent authority of that country stating to the effect that there are in place in that country, such animal health and veterinary public health control programmes or, where applicable, such shellfish sanitation programmes, which conform to such requirements as may be specified by the Director;

“licence” means a licence required under section 5 of the Act for the import, export

or transhipment of any meat product or fish product;

“licensee” means a person who holds a valid licence;

“package”, in relation to any meat product or fish product, means any box, bag, wrapper, packet, can, bottle or other article in which the product is contained or packed;

“permit” means a permit required under section 6 of the Act for the import, export or transhipment of any consignment of meat products or fish products.

Person to whom licence or permit may be granted

3.—(1) The Director shall not grant a licence or permit to any person unless the person is carrying on business in Singapore and is —

- (a) registered under the Business Registration Act (Cap. 32); or
- (b) in the case of a company, incorporated or registered under the Companies Act (Cap. 50).

(2) The Director may refuse to grant a licence to an applicant if he is satisfied that the applicant or one of his partners or, if the applicant is a body corporate, one of its directors —

- (a) had previously been convicted of an offence under the Act or these Rules;
or
- (b) was the holder of a licence which had been revoked under section 8 of the Act.

Licence and permit not transferable

4.—(1) No licensee shall transfer or assign the benefit of his licence or any permit granted to him to any other person.

(2) A licensee who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

Licensee importing or transshipping meat products and fish products to submit certain documents

5.—(1) A licensee who has imported or who is transshipping any consignment of meat products or fish products shall, before the removal of the consignment from the customs office or station, submit to a veterinary public health officer a copy each of —

- (a) the health certificate relating to the consignment (if required by the