

Mberengwa Rural District Council (Game Meat) By-laws, 2023

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Title

1. These by-laws may be cited as the Mberengwa Rural District Council (Game Meat) By-laws, 2023.

Application

2. These by-laws shall apply within the Mberengwa Rural District Council area and any local government area the administration, control and management of which is vested in Mberengwa Rural District Council.

Intepretation of terms

3. In these by-laws—

“authorised person” means the Medical Officer of Health, Environmental Health Officer, meat inspector or any health inspector employed by the Council;

“areas” means the areas referred to in section 2;

“council” means Mberengwa Rural District Council;

“game animal” means any elephant, hippopotamus, zebra and all aquatic and cloven-hoofed animals but does not include domestic bovine, ovine, caprine, porcine or equine animals;

“game meat” means meat or offal derived from a game animal, other than—

- (a) meat which has been thoroughly cooked; or

(b) meat which has undergone a sterilisation process and is contained in hermetically sealed containers; or

(c) biltong; or

(d) tallow, meat-meal, bone meal or any other by-product from a game animal which has been produced by a process of heat rendering;

“game rancher” means a person who, or an organisation which, holds a game cropping and sale permit issued by Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority;

“health inspector” means any person appointed by the Council as a health education officer, health inspector, hygiene officer or sanitary inspector;

“Medical Officer of Health’ means the Medical Officer of Health appointed by the Council, includes the Deputy Medical Officer of Health and any medical practitioner appointed to act in either capacity.

General conditions

4. (1) No game meat shall be sold to any member of the public in a council area or brought into a council area for sale unless it has been supplied by a game rancher registered with the Council.

(2) No game rancher shall be registered with the Council unless—

(a) the facilities and the premises which he or she uses for the handling and the dressing of game meat have been approved by the Medical Officer of Health; and

(b) he or she produces a current game cropping and sale permit issued to him or her by the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority.

(3) No vehicle shall be used for the purposes of conveying or transporting game meat unless—

(a) it is constructed in a manner which protects such game meat from contamination; and

(b) it is kept and maintained in a clean, wholesome and sanitary condition.

Inspection of game meat

5. (1) No game meat which has been brought into a council area from any place outside the council area shall be sold to any member of the public in the area, unless it has been inspected and marked in terms of this section by an authorised person.

(2) Any person who brings any game meat into a council area for the purpose of selling to the public shall—

(a) notify an authorised person; and

(b) produce such game meat to an authorised person for inspection at the place and time specified by such authorised person.

(3) If an inspection by an authorised person of game meat produced to him or her in terms of this section reveals that such game meat—

(a) is sound and wholesome and appears to be free from disease, the authorised person shall mark such meat with an indelible stamp indicating that such meat has been inspected;

(b) is not sound and wholesome or is diseased, he or she may seize and destroy such meat, in which case he or she shall issue a certificate in a form prescribed by the council.

Offences and Penalties

6. A person who—

(a) contravenes any provision of these by-laws; or

(b) fails to comply with any lawful requirements made by an authorised person in terms of these by-laws;

shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding sixty days or to both such fine and imprisonment.