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Regulations for Issue of Licences to Slaughter to Self-Suppliers of Pigs

Licences are issued by Food Executive Officers to self-suppliers to slaughter pigs for home consumption, and pigs may not be killed by or for individual owners or pig clubs unless the following conditions have been observed, and a licence has been obtained.

I.—REGISTRATION OF PIGS

Every person who intends to fatten a pig for home consumption must register that pig with the Food Office within seven days of acquiring it.

Every person who buys or breeds a pig for home consumption must therefore complete a declaration of ownership and intention to slaughter. The declaration form can be obtained from any Food Office, and should be completed and sent to the Food Office for the area where the pig is kept. If the declaration is satisfactory the Food Office will register the pig and forward to the owner a form on which to apply for a licence to slaughter. The licence will not be issued for any date earlier than four calendar months from date of registration, and the application for the licence must be made to the Food Office for the area where the pig is kept fourteen days before the proposed date of slaughter.

II.—CONDITIONS FOR ISSUE OF LICENCES

A licence will only be issued for a pig/s registered as above.

A. Individual Self-Suppliers

Licences are issued to applicants for slaughter of not more than two pigs per household during the year 1st September to 31st August under the following conditions :—

1. Ownership and care of pigs.—The pigs must have been in the sole ownership of the applicant for not less than four calendar months immediately preceding the date of slaughter, and kept continuously during those four months on premises owned or rented or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant. For the whole of this time the pigs must have been regularly fed and tended solely by the applicant, or by a living-in member of his private household or person in his domestic whole-time employ at the address on the applicant's ration book, or by a farm worker in his whole-time employ. "Fed" means served with food at feeding times. It does not mean sending or bringing food for some other person to feed the pig.

2. Shared Sties.—Where two persons each keep a pig or pigs together in one sty the work of feeding and tending the pigs must be shared equally by both owners (or equally by members of each of

their households or employees of each of them as in paragraph 1 above).

Note.—A licence will not be granted to any person who has bought a pig and simply paid for its keep. No person is entitled to obtain a slaughtering licence automatically by reason of having obtained coupons for the purchase of rationed feeding stuffs. Licences will not be issued for slaughter of pigs in joint ownership nor where more than two persons keep their pigs in one sty.

3. Slaughter.—The pig/s must be slaughtered at premises authorised for the area by the Ministry of Food unless the applicant can show that it has been his practice to have pigs for his home consumption slaughtered on his own premises or can show that there would be undue hardship if a pig had to be slaughtered on premises other than his own. In such cases the licence may designate the applicant's own premises as the place of slaughter for the pig, provided this is permitted by local regulations and bye-laws. The local Food Office will supply the addresses of authorised premises for the area.

Applicants must state on their application forms the precise date on which they propose to have their pigs slaughtered.

Where slaughter is permitted at any premises other than a Government slaughterhouse or bacon factory the slaughterman must be approved by the Food Executive Officer and the applicant must obtain on his application form a signed declaration by the slaughterman that he agrees to slaughter the pig/s.

4. Curing is permitted on any premises nominated by the applicant and approved by the Food Executive Officer.

5. Self-suppliers Contribution.—Before a licence is granted to an individual self-supplier, he is required either (a) to surrender 52 bacon coupons in respect of each pig, or (b) to undertake to sell one whole side of the pig.

A licence can only be granted to a person living in a catering establishment if he undertakes to sell a side of the pig, and he must at the same time give an undertaking that none of the pig meat will be used in any form for the purposes of the catering establishment.

(a) **Surrender of Bacon Coupons.**—Where the applicant chooses to give up bacon coupons he may either have 52 coupons cancelled from one ration book or have the coupons cancelled in blocks of 26 weeks from 2 ration books. The applicant should state the date at which he wishes

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cancellation in each ration book to begin, but this date may not be earlier than the date at which the pig is slaughtered. If there are not enough valid bacon coupons for surrender in the current ration books, cancellation can be carried forward into the next ration year, but no longer, and the current ration books will be marked to that effect.

At the end of the period of cancellation in each ration book the applicant must apply to the Food Office either personally or by post for re-registration for bacon, and he will not be able to obtain bacon from his retailer until he has registered with him again.

(b) **Sale of a side.**—If an individual self-supplier gives an undertaking in his application for a licence to sell one whole side of his pig, stating who is the intended purchaser, he will not be required to surrender any bacon coupons.

If the pig is slaughtered at a Government Slaughterhouse the side can only be sold to the Wholesale Meat Supply Association, and if it is slaughtered at a Class A Bacon Factory the side can only be sold to the Factory. (The address of a Depot of the Wholesale Meat Supply Association or of a Class A Bacon Factory can be obtained from the Food Office.) The price payable in either case will be at the appropriate rate for a standard pig of that class and weight as set out in the current Pig Prices Schedule.

If slaughter takes place on any other premises the side must be sold to a local general butcher, and the price payable will be 1s. 0d. per lb. where the whole carcase weighs less than 240 lbs. and 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per lb. where the whole carcase weighs 240 lbs. or more.

In all cases the above prices are for sides which have been passed by a Meat Inspector as fit for human food, and which are delivered to the approved purchaser.

Note.—Sale of any part of a carcase, except as above, is prohibited.

B. Agricultural Workers

Licences are issued to individual agricultural workers for slaughter of pigs kept on their employers' premises for not less than four months immediately preceding the date of slaughter. No other conditions concerning ownership, housing and feeding apply to these licences. The application must be made by the worker, not by the employer.

1. Slaughter.—For conditions of slaughter see paragraph A.3. Slaughter may also be permitted on the premises of the employer of an agricultural worker.

2. Contribution.—Before a licence of this kind is issued the employer of the agricultural worker must have given a written undertaking on the application form to sell to the Ministry a live pig for each pig slaughtered under the licence, and the worker must either have surrendered 52 bacon coupons or have undertaken to sell half the pig (see paragraph A5 above).

Note.—An individual self-supplier's licence will be issued to any agricultural worker who has kept his own pig under the conditions for issue of such licence.

The maximum benefit obtainable by an agricultural worker is two pigs during the year 1st September—31st August.

C. Pig Clubs.

Licences to slaughter pigs may be granted to Secretaries of Co-operative Pig Clubs, Works Canteen Pig Clubs, Agricultural Workers' Hostel Pig Clubs (when there is a relatively static resident population in the hostel), School Canteen Pig Clubs and Institution Pig Clubs provided that the club is registered with the Small Pig Keepers' Council (64, Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.), or, in the case of Scotland, with the Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society (28, Rutland Street, Edinburgh). Enquiries concerning registration and membership of Pig Clubs should be made to these organisations.

1. Conditions.—The total number of pigs slaughtered by a pig club may not exceed the equivalent of two per member per year. To qualify for the grant of licences any such Pig Club must sell to the Ministry of Food as many live pigs as are slaughtered for the purposes of the Pig Club during any year 1st September—31st August. The live pigs must be sold either through a Collecting Centre or through an Area Pig Allocation Officer (addresses can be supplied at the Food Office), and each pig sold should normally be of not less than eight score live weight.

Members of these Pig Clubs are not required to surrender bacon coupons. Sale of any part of a pig owned by such club is prohibited. Except in the case of Co-operative Pig Clubs, where the pig meat is shared among the members, the consumption of the pork, bacon or offal from the pig is restricted to the establishment with which the Club is concerned. In the case of a day school, either a School Canteen Pig Club or a Co-operative Pig Club may be formed.

Note.—Institutions may be permitted to slaughter pigs under licences issued by Area Meat and Livestock Officers (in which case the meat counts as part of the Institution's meat entitlement). Licences permitting cure of the carcasses of pigs kept at Institutions will be issued by the Food Executive Officer under the same terms as for pigs kept at catering establishments (see paragraph A5 overleaf).

2. Slaughter.—The pig/s must be slaughtered at premises authorised by the Ministry of Food unless the club can show that it has been their practice to have their pigs slaughtered on the club's premises, in which case these premises may be authorised for slaughter of the club's pigs.

A declaration from the slaughterman must be obtained as in paragraph A.3 above.

Individual Owners Pig Clubs.—A member of such club may obtain a licence to slaughter only on the same terms as apply to individual self-suppliers. No licences are issued to the Secretaries of such clubs on behalf of the club.

Failure to carry out the terms and conditions of a licence to slaughter may disqualify the licensee from receiving any further licence to slaughter.