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BELIZE AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (POULTRY HEALTH) REGULATIONS, 2022

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REGULATIONS made by the Minister, after consultation with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 86 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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Citation

2. In these Regulations, unless otherwise specifically provided –

Interpretation

“accredited veterinarian” means a veterinarian recognized and approved by the Authority to conduct sanitary activities and other functions under these Regulations;

“Act” means the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act;

“animal feed” means a mixture of nutrients that are produced under hygienic conditions that comply with the requirements of each species, age, and type of production, either as the only source of feed or as a supplement;

“biosecurity” means a set of management and physical measures designed to reduce the risk of introduction, establishment and spread of animal diseases, infections or infestations to, from and within an animal population;

“commercial poultry establishment” means any business or enterprise that is duly registered in Belize under Chapters 247 or 250 to carry out any economic activity involved in the movement of poultry, poultry products, poultry by-products, or poultry litter on a regular and sustained manner;

“epidemiological unit” means a group of birds with the same likelihood of exposure to a pathogenic agent. In certain circumstances, the epidemiological unit may be a single bird;

“establishment” means the place where poultry are kept or processed, including farms, feed mills and hatcheries, table eggs depots, spent hens depots, and bird markets;

“event” means a single outbreak or a group of epidemiologically related outbreaks of a given listed disease or emerging disease that is the subject of notification. An event is specific to a pathogenic agent and strain, when appropriate, and includes all related outbreaks reported from the time of the initial notification through to the final report. Reports of an event include susceptible species, the number and geographical distribution of affected birds and epidemiological units;

“flock” means a number of animals of one kind kept together under human control or a congregation of gregarious wild animals. A flock is usually regarded as an epidemiological unit;

“live bird market” means a market where poultry from various sources are resold for slaughter, slaughtered, or sold for further rearing or production;

“notifiable disease” means a poultry disease listed in Part A of the First Schedule which be reported to the Authority, in accordance with Regulation 26 as soon as it is detected or suspected;

“reportable disease” means a poultry disease listed in Part B of the First Schedule which shall be reported to the Authority, in accordance with Regulation 26 as soon as it is detected or suspected;

“OIE” means the World Organisation for Animal Health;

“OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code” means the most up-to-date version of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code as approved and published by the OIE;

“poultry” means all birds reared or kept in captivity for the production of any commercial animal products or for breeding for this purpose, fighting cocks used for any purpose, and all birds used for restocking supplies of game or for breeding for this purpose, until they are released from captivity. Birds that are kept in a single household, the products of which are used within the same household exclusively, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or

<p>indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities. Birds that are kept in captivity for other reasons, including those that are kept for shows, racing, exhibitions, zoological collections and competitions, and for breeding or selling for these purposes, as well as pet birds, are not considered poultry, provided that they have no direct or indirect contact with poultry or poultry facilities;</p> <p>“poultry product” means any poultry meat, egg or fibre (feather), or part thereof;</p> <p>“poultry by-product” means manure and litter together with waste from eggs and poultry processing;</p> <p>“processing facility” means a plant or premises where animals are slaughtered for human consumption, or where meat or meat products are processed, but does not include rendering plants;</p> <p>“rendering plant” means an establishment where dead animals or any part or portion thereof, are processed for the purpose of obtaining the feathers, hide, skin, grease, residue, or any other biproduct whatsoever;</p> <p>“sample” means any bodily fluid, tissue, organ, carcass, waste water, feed and feed ingredients, or other product from poultry or an establishment, which is used to conduct laboratory diagnostic tests.</p> <p>3. These Regulations shall apply to commercial poultry establishments in Belize.</p> <p>4. (1) The Belize Agricultural Health Authority is the competent authority with responsibility for ensuring the implementation of these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) The Competent Authority shall have such powers and exercise such functions as are conferred upon it by these Regulations and by any other written law.</p> <p>5. (1) The Authority may, in writing, designate an officer of the Authority to administer and enforce the provisions of these Regulations;</p> <p>(2) A designation under sub regulation (1) does not prevent the Authority from exercising the power, duty or function in question;</p> <p>(3) The Authority may, at any time, revoke in writing, a designation given under sub regulation (1).</p> <p>6. For the purposes of these Regulations, an officer designated by the Authority shall have:</p>	<p>Application</p> <p>Competent Authority and functions</p> <p>Designation of officers</p> <p>Power of inspection of</p>
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<p>(a) the powers of entry, inspection and certification given by section 78 of the Act;</p> <p>(b) the power to inspect animals before slaughter, in accordance with the provisions of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Animals) (Ante Mortem) (Inspection) Regulations;</p> <p>(c) the power to inspect carcasses in accordance with the provisions of the Food and Drugs (Meat) (Post Mortem) (Inspection) Regulations.</p>	<p>designated officers CAP. 211</p> <p>S.I 23/2001 CAP. 211</p> <p>S.I. 20/1970 CAP. 291</p>
<p>7. (1) The Authority may designate a veterinarian who has been accredited under the National Accreditation Programme to provide the services required under these Regulations.</p> <p>(2) An accredited veterinarian designated under sub regulation (1) shall comply with the conditions of his designation in the exercise of his functions.</p> <p>(3) The Authority may designate a laboratory that has been accredited under the National Laboratory Accreditation Programme to provide the services required under these Regulations.</p> <p>(4) Laboratories designated under sub regulation (3) shall comply with the conditions of their designation.</p>	<p>Designation of accredited veterinarians and accredited laboratories</p> <p>S.I. 59/2012</p>
<p>REGISTRATION OF POULTRY ESTABLISHMENTS</p>	
<p>8. (1) Every owner or keeper of a commercial poultry establishment shall register with the Authority in accordance with Regulation 9:</p> <p>(a) within six months from the date of commencement of these Regulations; or</p> <p>(b) within seven days of the completion of construction of a new establishment;</p> <p>(2) Notwithstanding that owners or keepers of such establishments may have registered with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, such owners or keepers shall be required to register under these Regulations.</p> <p>Provided that any establishment registered in accordance with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Service Fees) Regulations, 2022, shall be deemed to have registered under these Regulations.</p>	<p>Compulsory Registration</p> <p>S.I. 34/2022</p>

<p>(3) Every importer and every exporter of poultry, poultry products and poultry by-products shall be registered in accordance with Regulation 9.</p> <p>(4) Application for registration shall be made on or before January 31st every year.</p> <p>(5) Any person required by this Regulation to apply for registration and fails to do so, commits an offence.</p> <p>9. (1) A person required by Regulation 8 to Register with the Authority shall submit a duly completed application for registration to the Authority in the form set out as Form 1 in the <i>Second Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(2) An importer or exporter whose establishment is required to register with the Authority shall submit a duly completed application for registration to the Authority in the form set out as Form 2 in the <i>Second Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(3) The Authority shall carry out an inspection of the premises indicated in the application and shall evaluate the application on the basis of the criteria for registration established in Regulation 10.</p>	<p>Application for Registration. <i>Second Schedule</i></p>
<p>10. (1) Where an application made under Regulation 9 refers to a new commercial establishment, the Authority shall register the establishment if it is satisfied that:</p> <p>(a) the premises are fit and proper for that purpose;</p> <p>(b) the operations of the establishment will not create or allow to be created any unacceptable risk of spreading diseases;</p> <p>(c) the premises have been duly inspected by an authorized officer;</p> <p>(d) the applicant has met the requirements of Regulation 18; and</p> <p>(e) the applicant has paid the relevant fees specified in the <i>Third Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(2) Where the Authority registers an establishment, it shall assign to it a registration number and issue the applicant with a registration certificate in the form set out in the <i>Fourth Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(3) A registration certificate issued under sub regulation (2) shall specify:</p> <p>(a) the address, referenced with geographical coordinates, of the establishment to which the certificate refers;</p>	<p>Registered establishments</p> <p><i>Third Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Fourth Schedule</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">(b) the name of the owner;(c) the purpose for which the registration is granted;(d) the period of its validity;(e) any conditions to which the registration is subject; and(f) the registration number assigned to the establishment.	
<p>11. The following types of establishments shall be registered by the owner or keeper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) poultry farms;(b) hatcheries;(c) feed mills;(d) live bird markets;(e) table egg depots;(f) spent hens depots;(g) breeder farms;(h) broiler farms;(i) processing facilities;(j) rendering plants.	Types of establishments
<p>12. (1) Where the Authority grants a registration certificate to an establishment, it shall be a condition for such registration that the owner or keeper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) keeps a record of the movement of poultry, poultry products and animal feed into and out of the establishment;(b) implements good production or good manufacturing practices in the establishment;	Conditions for Registration

<p>(c) establishes a system which allows the owner or keeper of the establishment to demonstrate that the requirements in sub paragraphs (a) and (b) are being met.</p> <p>(2) Where the Authority grants a registration certificate to an establishment, that establishment shall additionally:</p> <p>(a) keep records of the mortality in each epidemiological unit within the premises for the type of production carried out and the result of any epidemiological surveillance carried out by the owner or keeper; and</p> <p>(b) comply with any epidemiological surveillance requirement.</p> <p>13. (1) The Authority may refuse to grant a registration certificate if it is satisfied that:</p> <p>(a) the applicant does not meet the requirements for registration specified in Regulation 9; or</p> <p>(b) that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a certificate.</p> <p>(2) In determining whether an applicant is a fit and proper person, the Authority may consider, <i>inter alia</i>, the applicant's history of compliance with enactments relating to animal health, animal welfare, food safety, agriculture, public health or public safety.</p> <p>(3) Where the Authority refuses to grant a certificate of registration, or grants it under specific conditions, it shall notify the applicant, in writing, of the reasons for the refusal or for the imposition of conditions.</p>	<p>Refusal to register an establishment</p>
<p>14. (1) The Authority may, by notice in writing to the holder of a registration certificate, suspend or revoke a registration certificate if it is satisfied that:</p> <p>(a) the holder of the certificate has not complied with or is not complying with the conditions for registration or with the provisions of these Regulations;</p> <p>(b) the establishment is not being operated for the purposes for which the certificate was granted, or has ceased to operate;</p> <p>(c) it is necessary to suspend or revoke the certificate to prevent or limit the risk of spread of disease.</p> <p>(2) A notice issued under this Regulation shall specify:</p>	<p>Suspension or revocation of registration</p>

<p>(a) the reasons for the suspension or revocation;</p> <p>(b) the date on which the revocation or suspension takes effect; and</p> <p>(c) in the case of suspension, the date on which, or the event in relation to which, the suspension ceases to have effect;</p> <p>(3) A person whose certificate has been suspended or revoked in accordance with this regulation shall forthwith surrender his certificate to the Authority, and in any event, not later than seven days from the date of receipt of the notice, whether or not the revocation or suspension is the subject of any reconsideration or revision.</p> <p>15. (1) The Authority may, on its own initiative or on the application of the owner or keeper of an establishment, modify a registration certificate and such modification may include the modification of any condition of the certificate.</p> <p>(2) Where the owner or keeper of an establishment wishes the modification of a registration certificate, he shall submit an application to the Authority in the form and manner specified by the Authority and provide the Authority with such information as the Authority may reasonably require.</p> <p>(3) Where the Authority modifies a registration certificate on its own initiative or denies an owner's or keeper's application for modification, it shall, by notice in writing to the owner or keeper specify:</p> <p>(a) in the case of modification, the modification, the date on which it takes effect, and the reasons for the modification;</p> <p>(b) in the case of denial, the decision to deny the application and the reasons therefor.</p> <p>16. Any person who is aggrieved by the decision of the Authority to grant, refuse, suspend, revoke or modify a certificate of registration may, within twenty-one days from the date of receipt of the notification from the Authority, apply to the Minister in writing for a review of the decision of the Authority.</p> <p>17. (1) The Authority shall establish and maintain a register of the establishments registered in accordance with Regulation 9.</p> <p>(2) The Authority shall make the Register available for inspection by the public free of charge at reasonable hours, and afford members of the public to obtain a copy of any entry in the register, upon payment of reasonable charges.</p>	<p>Modification of registration certificate</p> <p>Aggrieved persons</p> <p>Register of establishments</p>
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<p>18. (1) Every person wishing to establish premises for the purposes of commercial poultry production shall consult with the Authority prior to undertaking any construction to ensure that the establishment will be fit for registration. The Authority shall require that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) new establishments are located in an isolated geographical location, where feasible, and should consider, inter alia:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the location of or proximity to other poultry and animal establishments;(ii) wild bird concentrations in the area;(iii) distance of the premises from roads used to transport poultry, poultry litter and poultry products;(b) new poultry establishments are located and constructed to provide adequate drainage for the site. Run-off or untreated waste water shall not be discharged into waterfowl habitats;(c) poultry barns and hatcheries shall be designed and constructed with preferably smooth and impervious material to facilitate effective cleaning and disinfection. Areas immediately surrounding poultry barns and hatcheries shall, where feasible, also be paved with concrete or other impervious material to facilitate cleaning and disinfection;(d) new establishments are surrounded by a security fence with a secured gate to prevent the entry of unwanted animals and unauthorised persons;(e) a sign indicating restricted entry is posted at the entrance to the establishment. <p>(2) In addition to the requirements in sub regulation (1), the Authority shall be satisfied that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the establishments are designed to house a single species and a single production type, and where feasible, adopt the “all-in-all-out” single age group principle. If this is not feasible, the establishment shall be designed so that each flock can be managed as a separate epidemiological unit;	<p>Location and design of establishments</p>
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<p>(b) poultry premises and buildings used to store feed, eggs or other material are constructed and maintained in such a way as to prevent the entry of wild birds, rodents and arthropods;</p> <p>(c) poultry premises are designed and constructed, where feasible, with concrete or other impervious materials to facilitate the effective cleaning and disinfection;</p> <p>(d) where feasible, animal feed is delivered into the farm from outside the security fence;</p> <p>(e) the design of the hatchery takes into account work flow and air circulation needs;</p> <p>(f) the hatchery buildings have physical separation of the different areas and spaces.</p> <p>(3) The requirements established in sub regulations (1) and (2) shall apply to any request for registration in accordance with Regulation 9. Provided that existing establishments shall present to the Authority for its approval, a plan for the gradual adoption of the measures required by sub regulations (1) and (2).</p>	
<p>19. (1) Every owner or keeper of an establishment shall maintain records of movements of live birds, poultry products, animal feed and poultry by-products for the purposes of traceability in the form set out in <i>Fifth Schedule</i>. These records shall be kept for a period of at least one year after flock disposal and shall be made available to the Authority upon request.</p> <p>(2) Every owner or keeper of an establishment shall report any movement referred to in sub regulation (1) to the Authority within thirty days from the date of such movement.</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of this Regulation, every owner or keeper or person having control of movement of live birds, poultry products, animal feed or poultry litter shall record the change of a new owner or keeper, regardless of change of establishment, and shall report this change to the Authority within thirty days of such change.</p> <p>(4) Every owner or keeper of an establishment shall apply in the Form specified in the <i>Sixth Schedule</i>, to the Authority for a Movement Permit to move spent hens and poultry litter and the Authority may issue a Movement Permit in the Form set out in the <i>Seventh Schedule</i>.</p>	<p>Duty to record movement</p> <p><i>Fifth Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Sixth Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Seventh Schedule</i></p>

<p>(5) Movement permits issued by the Authority shall be valid for the movement of live poultry, poultry products and poultry by-products within any part of Belize.</p> <p>(6) Every person who contravenes this Regulation commits an offence.</p> <p>20. (1) The Authority shall undertake epidemiological surveillance of notifiable and reportable poultry diseases. The need and frequency of active surveillance of a poultry disease listed in the <i>First Schedule</i> shall be determined by risk analysis.</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of prevention, control and eradication of poultry diseases, the official laboratory tests for the diagnosis of poultry diseases shall be those determined by the Authority and which meet the OIE Terrestrial Manual guidelines, including serological and molecular screening and confirmatory tests.</p> <p>21. (1) The Authority shall develop, approve and implement a Poultry Disease Programme for notifiable poultry diseases and reportable poultry diseases in Belize and shall identify the poultry population relevant to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p> <p>(2) The Authority shall apply measures to prevent, diagnose, control or eradicate poultry diseases regardless of the breed and purpose of production, and shall:</p> <p>(a) establish a system for the registration and access to documentation, including those required for movement control;</p> <p>(b) keep an updated list of official and accredited veterinarians and laboratories for the collection of samples and analysis;</p> <p>(c) establish and implement an emergency preparedness response and control plan for poultry diseases listed in Part A of the <i>First Schedule</i> to address emergency situations for the purposes of preventing, controlling and eradicating a disease;</p> <p>(d) develop a strategy for training of stakeholders;</p> <p>(e) establish a poultry feed inspection plan for the prevention and control of poultry diseases;</p>	<p>Epidemiological surveillance</p> <p>Establishment of the Poultry Disease Programme</p>
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<p>(f) establish procedures for the collection of samples and their submission to the designated laboratories in Belize or to approved international diagnostic laboratories;</p> <p>(g) establish procedures to address confirmatory diagnosis of poultry disease;</p> <p>(h) adopt procedures for the provision of technical assistance aimed at strengthening biosecurity;</p> <p>(i) develop and implement a strategy for awareness and communication regarding poultry diseases;</p> <p>(j) establish a specific programme for addressing surveillance, monitoring, and prevention and control of diseases in backyard poultry, in collaboration with the Ministry with responsibility for agriculture, relevant community leaders and other stakeholders; and</p> <p>(k) develop guidelines on biosecurity, animal welfare and antimicrobial resistance measures which are consistent with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, for implementation in establishments.</p> <p>(3) The Authority shall designate a National Poultry Health Coordinator to coordinate activities of the Poultry Disease Programme.</p>	
<p>22. The components of the Poultry Disease Programme shall include:</p> <p>(a) the establishment of methods for risk analysis;</p> <p>(b) the establishment and implementation of methods, including those for the collection of data and sampling frequency, designed to categorize risk and classify animals as positive cases, suspected cases or cases free of the poultry disease listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>;</p> <p>(c) the establishment and implementation of surveillance and quarantine procedures designed to detect positive cases or suspected cases of poultry disease and to reduce the risk of introduction and spread of a disease;</p> <p>(d) the adoption of procedures for the notification and provision of information to the OIE of OIE listed poultry disease;</p> <p>(e) the development of operational procedures for addressing suspected and confirmed cases of poultry diseases listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>;</p>	<p>Components of the programme</p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p>

<p>(f) the development of communication strategies to ensure public awareness of poultry disease in general, and specifically of those listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>, as well as on the importance of biosecurity, and to ensure that supporting information is available;</p> <p>(g) the coordination of presentations to OIE of declarations of disease-free status of the country, a zone or a compartment, or the loss or recovery of such status.</p> <p>23. (1) The Poultry Health Committee is hereby established to support the Authority with the planning, coordination and implementation of poultry disease programmes.</p> <p>(2) The Poultry Health Committee shall be comprised of a representative from each of the following agencies and entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, not being the National Poultry Health Coordinator;(b) the Ministry with responsibility for health;(c) the Ministry with responsibility for agriculture;(d) the Department of the Environment;(e) the Forestry Department; and(f) the Belize Poultry Association or a representative of the private sector selected by the poultry associations. <p>(3) The Chairperson of the Committee shall be the National Poultry Health Coordinator.</p> <p>24. The functions of the Committee shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) advise the Authority on emergency and emerging issues;(b) coordinate the implementation of the poultry disease programmes to prevent, control and eradicate poultry diseases;(c) develop, coordinate and monitor the activities of the poultry disease programmes;	<p>Establishment of the Poultry Health Committee</p> <p>Functions of the Committee</p>
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- (d) within three months of its establishment, develop an emergency response plan for poultry diseases;
- (e) formulate and coordinate activities to sensitise the public on poultry health and on the importance of preventing, controlling and eradicating poultry diseases;
- (f) develop strategies for addressing training needs of stakeholders;
- (g) collect data and advise the Authority on technical innovations in poultry health and the prevention, control and eradication of poultry diseases;
- (h) identify and advise the Authority on lawful sources of funding, including contributions, donations and bequests, to finance the activities of the poultry disease programmes;
- (i) facilitate inter-agency and multidisciplinary cooperation between governmental and non-governmental agencies;
- (j) make recommendations to the Authority on all aspects of the prevention, control and eradication of poultry disease in Belize; and
- (k) perform any other function as directed by the Authority for the proper implementation of these Regulations.

25. (1) The Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary or expedient for the transaction of its business and such meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Committee may determine.
- (2) The Committee may invite any person or entity to attend meetings or deliberations of the Committee for the purpose of advising it on any matter under discussion, but that person shall not be entitled to vote.
- (3) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings but if the Chairman is unable to attend a meeting, the members present and constituting a quorum shall elect one of their numbers to preside at that meeting.
- (4) The quorum of the Committee shall be four members.
- (5) The Committee's decision shall be by majority of votes, and in addition to an original vote, the Chairman or other person presiding at a meeting shall have a casting vote in any case in which the voting is equal.

Procedures and Meetings

<p>(6) Subject to this Regulation, the Committee shall regulate its own proceedings and meetings.</p>	
<p>26. All testing required for the surveillance and monitoring of diseases under these Regulations shall be carried out at the official laboratory of or at the laboratories designated or approved by the Authority.</p>	<p>Testing Schedules</p>
<p>27. (1) No person shall sell, manufacture, import, package, label or distribute animal feed that is not registered by the Veterinary Drugs Control Unit under Regulation 9 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulations.</p>	<p>Feed Safety S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>(2) Every premises, establishment or outlet that manufactures, repackages, rebottles, relabels, sells, imports, exports, bottles, packages, labels or exports animal feed, shall apply to be registered in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulations.</p>	<p>S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>(3) Persons and entities registered in accordance with sub-regulations (1) and (2) shall be deemed to have registered in accordance with Regulation 9.</p>	
<p>(4) The Authority shall establish and implement an animal feed plant inspection plan which shall be consistent with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and good manufacturing practices.</p>	
<p>(5) The animal feed plant inspection plan established under sub regulation (4) shall contain procedures for the sanitary auditing of the facility, evaluation, testing and control of poultry feed, premix, additives and ingredients, the products, components and waste of which can pose a risk of spreading the pathogenic agent of any of the diseases listed in the <i>First Schedule</i> of these Regulations.</p>	<p><i>First Schedule</i></p>
<p>(5) No person shall import animal feed for poultry except in accordance with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulations.</p>	<p>S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>28. (1) No person shall sell, manufacture, import, package, label or distribute veterinary drugs or veterinary pesticides for use in the production of poultry or poultry feed that are not registered by the Veterinary Drugs Control Unit under Regulation 9 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulations.</p>	<p>Veterinary drugs and pesticides S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>(2) Every premises, establishment or outlet that manufactures, repackages, rebottles, relabels, sells, imports, exports, bottles, packages, labels or exports</p>	

<p>veterinary drugs or veterinary pesticides, shall apply to be registered in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulations.</p>	<p>S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>(3) All veterinary drugs and pesticides intended for retail sale in Belize shall be properly labelled in English and contain the information required by Regulations 13 and 14, respectively, of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulation.</p>	<p>S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>(4) No person shall import veterinary drugs or veterinary pesticides except in accordance with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Veterinary Drugs and Animal Feed) (Registration and Control) Regulations.</p>	<p>S.I. 184/2001 CAP 211</p>
<p>(5) Only registered veterinarians shall sell or use veterinary drugs that are categorized as "PRESCRIPTION ONLY".</p>	
<p>DISEASE CONTROL</p>	
<p>29. For the purposes of these Regulations:</p> <p>(a) notifiable poultry diseases and reportable poultry diseases shall be those listed in the <i>First Schedule</i> and any other poultry disease as the Minister may from time to time by Order declare to be an animal disease within the meaning of the principal Act;</p> <p>(b) reference to establishment shall mean all those within the country of Belize and shall not be limited to only commercial poultry establishments.</p>	<p>Poultry diseases</p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p>
<p>30. (1) A person who knows or has reasonable grounds, including by reason of the appearance or behaviour of any bird, to suspect, or has diagnostic evidence to show that any bird is affected or may be affected, or was or may have been affected at the time of its death, by any infection, infestation or any of the diseases listed in Part A of the <i>First Schedule</i> of these Regulations, whether the bird is alive or dead, and shall notify the Authority within twenty-four hours of the suspicion or evidence of the disease.</p> <p>(2) Every owner or keeper of an establishment having in his possession or under his charge any diseased bird shall keep such bird separate from any animal not so diseased.</p> <p>(3) A person who gives notice to the Authority in accordance with sub regulation (1) of this regulation shall provide all relevant information, including:</p>	<p>Duty to report</p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p>

<p>(a) the name of the owner or keeper of the establishment where the bird is or was kept;</p> <p>(b) the geographical location of the establishment where the bird is or was kept;</p> <p>(c) details of the clinical signs presented by the affected bird;</p> <p>(d) measures taken to separate the affected bird from the non-affected ones; and</p> <p>(e) measures taken to dispose of the affected bird.</p> <p>(4) Where the person giving notice under sub regulation (1) is not the owner or keeper of the animal, that person shall also notify the fact or suspicion to the owner or person in possession or control of the bird.</p> <p>31. The Authority shall send to the OIE notification of the following events of poultry diseases:</p> <p>(1) within twenty-four hours of their occurrence:</p> <p>(a) first occurrence in the country, zone or compartment;</p> <p>(b) reoccurrence of an eradicated poultry disease following the final report that declared the event ended;</p> <p>(c) first occurrence of a new strain of a pathogenic agent of a poultry disease;</p> <p>(d) reoccurrence of an eradicated strain of a pathogenic agent following the final report that declared the event ended;</p> <p>(e) a sudden and unexpected change in the distribution or increase in incidence or virulence of, or morbidity or mortality caused by the pathogenic agent of a poultry disease present within the country;</p> <p>(f) occurrence of a poultry disease in an unusual host species;</p> <p>(2) weekly reports subsequent to a notification under sub regulation (1) until a final report is submitted.</p>	<p>Notification to the OIE</p>
<p>32. For the purposes of these Regulations:</p>	<p>Confirmed and suspected cases</p>

<p>(a) a confirmed case of a poultry disease listed in the <i>First Schedule</i> is established when the bird is confirmed as being positive by a reference laboratory designated by the Authority pursuant to these Regulations;</p> <p>(b) a suspected case of a poultry disease listed in the <i>First Schedule</i> is established when a bird exhibits changes in its neurological, respiratory and/or digestive nature, including changes in behaviour, or in motor ability, or in sensitivity, or a progressive deterioration of its general state of health, including a failure to respond to any type of specific treatment or in which it has not been possible to make a tentative diagnosis after a clinical examination.</p> <p>33. (1) Immediately upon receipt of a report of the infection, or reasonable suspicion of infection, of birds by any of the diseases listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>, the Authority shall cause an epidemiological investigation to be conducted at the establishment where the affected animals are kept;</p> <p>Provided that every case identified through serological diagnosis as positive or suspect must be confirmed by pathogen isolation, culture and typing, PCR, or any other technique approved by the Authority for that purpose.</p> <p>(2) The authorized officer may give directions in relation to the steps which should be taken in dealing with any poultry affected with disease and with any other poultry, or poultry products, fomite, fodder, poultry by-products or other thing, whether similar to the foregoing or not, vehicles, utensils, implements, within the infected place and the occupier of every such infected place shall comply with such directions.</p> <p>34. (1) Where a report has been made in accordance with Regulation 30, the owner or keeper of an establishment shall not:</p> <p>(a) move, or cause or permit another person to move poultry, poultry products, poultry litter or other thing that has been used in, with or for poultry products or poultry by-products, from or unto the establishment where the diseased animal or animal product is located;</p> <p>(b) spread or cause or permit another person to spread slurry or poultry by-products on any land or establishment; or</p> <p>(c) otherwise dispose of, or cause another person to dispose of, poultry, poultry products, fomite, fodder, poultry by-products or other things used therein, therewith or therefor, which is or is suspected to be infected or diseased</p>	<p>The Authority to investigate</p> <p>Restriction on movement</p>
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<p>for a period of seven days, except in accordance with a permit in writing, given by an authorized officer.</p> <p>(2) An authorized officer may issue a movement permit, subject to such conditions as such officer deems necessary, if such officer is satisfied that the movement will not, or is not likely to, result in the spread of any of the diseases listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(3) An authorized officer may suspend or cancel a movement permit issued in accordance with sub regulation (2) if he reasonably believes that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) any condition under which the permit was issued or is contained in the permit, has not been complied with;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the applicant knowingly or recklessly provided false information to obtain the permit;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) it is necessary to avoid the spread of any disease listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(4) Any person moving poultry or poultry products under a movement permit issued in accordance with sub regulation (2) shall carry the permit, or a copy thereof, at all times and present it, on request, to an authorized officer for inspection.</p> <p>(5) A person who acts in contravention of this regulation commits an offence.</p>	<p><i>First Schedule</i></p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p>
<p>35. (1) Where an authorized officer has reasonable cause to suspect that poultry, poultry products, poultry litter or other thing that has been used in, with or for poultry or poultry products is or has been affected or exposed by contact or otherwise, to a risk of being so infected or diseased, he may serve a Restriction Notice in respect of such poultry, poultry products, poultry litter or other thing that has been used in, with or for poultry or poultry products, or of the establishment where these are located.</p> <p>(2) A Restriction Notice shall be in the form set out in the <i>Eighth Schedule</i> and shall prohibit the movement of poultry, poultry products, poultry litter or other thing that has been used in, with, or for poultry or poultry products from the establishment where they are located.</p> <p>(3) A Restriction Notice shall remain in force until withdrawn by a Withdrawal Notice in the form set out the in the <i>Ninth Schedule</i> to these Regulations.</p> <p>(5) A person who acts in contravention of this regulation commits an offence.</p>	<p>Restriction Notice</p> <p><i>Eighth Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Ninth Schedule</i></p>

<p>36. (1) The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Authority, by Order published in the <i>Gazette</i>, declare any area in Belize as an infected area by reason of the existence of any poultry disease listed in the <i>First Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(2) The Order referred to in sub regulation (1) shall specify the limits of the infected area.</p> <p>(3) The owner or keeper of an establishment within an infected area shall cause his animals to be confined in a coop, pen or other enclosure unless an inspector/authorized officer, in writing, directs otherwise.</p> <p>37. (1) Owners and keepers of establishments shall establish procedures and quarantine measures aimed at detecting, controlling and eradicating poultry diseases, and the Authority shall review and approve such procedures.</p> <p>(2) The Authority shall inform an owner or keeper of an establishment, in writing, of its intention to quarantine a flock or flocks, the reason for the quarantine and the procedure for the removal of the birds into quarantine.</p> <p>(3) The Authority may impose a precautionary quarantine where the official or accredited veterinarian detects positive cases or suspected cases of poultry diseases listed in Part A of the <i>First Schedule</i>.</p> <p>(4) For the purposes of sub regulation (3), the Authority shall lift the precautionary quarantine when all the birds in the epidemiological unit test negative, and those that tested positive are killed or slaughtered following approved procedures.</p> <p>(5) The Authority may impose a definitive quarantine:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) where birds infected with any of the diseases listed in Part A of the <i>First Schedule</i> are confirmed positive by culture and typing or any other applicable test approved by the Authority; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) when the Authority determines that the presence of pathogens or infectious agents is indicated through epidemiological studies.</p> <p>(6) The owner or keeper of exposed animals under definitive quarantine must keep the exposed animals until depopulation or until the completion of the tests for the lifting of the quarantine.</p>	<p>Declaration of infected area</p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p> <p>Quarantine measures and lifting</p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p> <p><i>First Schedule</i></p>
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<p>(7) The Authority may lift a definitive quarantine where two consecutive tests with negative results have been obtained from all the exposed animals and the owner or keeper has complied with all other quarantine measures.</p> <p>(8) A person intending to move animals that have been under definitive quarantine shall notify the Authority of the movement of such animals out of the establishment and the Authority shall record such movement.</p> <p>38. (1) An authorized person may cause any diseased or suspected bird or any animal which has been on the same land, or in the same flock as, or in contact with, any diseased or suspected animal, whether or not any such land has been declared to be an infected place or is within an infected area, to be killed or slaughtered in order to prevent the spread of the disease, and for such purpose the Officer may give all such directions as he may consider necessary.</p> <p>(2) The owner or keeper of an establishment shall conduct the killing or slaughter in the manner and under the conditions approved by the Authority, and which shall be consistent with the standards approved in the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.</p> <p>(3) An authorized officer may take possession of or retain any animal liable to be killed or slaughtered in accordance with sub regulation (1) for the purposes of observation and treatment.</p> <p>39. For the purposes of avoiding contamination or spread of diseases:</p> <p>(1) subject to section 57 of the Act, every person involved with the disposal of poultry carcass, poultry products, poultry litter or fomites shall adopt any of the following measures or any other measure approved by the Authority, and shall follow the process approved by the Authority, after consultations with the Ministry with responsibility for the environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) burial;(b) incineration;(c) chemical treatment;(c) composting; or(d) rendering, except in cases of diseased poultry and poultry products <p>provided that the measure adopted does not contaminate or otherwise adversely impact the environment, human or animal health.</p>	<p>Depopulation</p> <p>Disposal of dead animals and farm waste CAP. 211</p>
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<p>(2) poultry establishments shall follow the guidelines established by the Authority for the treatment of waste water to ensure its sanitary disposal;</p> <p>(3) the disposal of poultry litter:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) requires a movement certificate issued by an inspector/authorized officer where such litter is sought to be moved outside of the establishment where it was produced;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) requires the adoption of procedures approved by the Authority to ensure that its transportation does not create spills;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) requires the authorization of the Authority if it is to be processed in a treatment plant, to ensure that the necessary sanitary conditions to protect the health of animals, employees and other persons are met;</p> <p>(4) in the event that a poultry disease listed in Part A of the First Schedule is identified in an establishment, or a declaration of an infected area is made in accordance with Regulation 36, poultry litter and bedding in the contaminated area shall be disposed of in accordance with the guidelines established by the Authority, after consultations with the Ministry with responsibility for the environment.</p> <p>40. Where poultry is killed or slaughtered in accordance with section 56 of the Act, the compensation for the slaughter caused by a risk of the spread of poultry disease shall be in accordance with section 58 of the Act.</p> <p>41. (1) A person desiring to import poultry, poultry products or biologicals into Belize shall apply to the Authority and pay the applicable fees for the conduct of an import risk analysis, which may also require an <i>in situ</i> visit. All fees and charges shall be borne by the importer.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) The results of the import risk analysis shall determine approval of the importation and the conditions on which it will be granted.</p> <p>42. A person who engages in the exportation of live poultry, poultry products, poultry litter or biologicals shall meet the conditions of importation of the importing country.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BIOSECURITY</p>	<p>Compensation CAP. 211</p> <p>Importation</p> <p>Exportation</p>
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<p>43. (1) Every owner or keeper of an establishment shall adopt biosecurity measures aimed at reducing the risk of introduction or spread of disease, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) constant and consistent cleaning and disinfecting of barn areas;(b) establishment and maintenance of active footbaths at all barn entrances;(c) establishment and maintenance of other facilities, including shower rooms, perimeter fencing, storage facilities, etc;(d) properly cleaning and disinfecting equipment and containers;(e) limiting and monitoring access of visitors and vehicles to the barn areas;(f) removal of dead animals on a daily basis and their disposal in accordance with Regulation 39 (1);(g) cleaning and disinfecting all contaminated areas of the establishment whenever a reactor is identified;(h) organic matter found in the contaminated area shall be removed with soap and water before disinfecting.(i) all bedding material and poultry by-products in the contaminated area shall be properly disposed of in accordance with Regulation 39 (4). <p>(2) All disinfecting activities shall be conducted using disinfectants that are registered with, and are approved by, the Authority.</p> <p>(3) All biosecurity measures referred to in sub regulation (1) shall be consistent with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and shall be approved by the Authority.</p> <p>(4) Every person that has direct contact with poultry, poultry products and poultry by-products in an establishment shall always wear protective gear, including but not limited to gloves, masks, rubber boots, and follow all sanitary directions of the establishment.</p> <p>(5) For the purposes of this Regulation, reference to establishment shall mean all those within the country of Belize, and shall not be limited to only commercial poultry establishments.</p>	<p>Adoption of biosecurity measures</p>
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MISCELLANEOUS

44. For the purpose of implementation of these Regulations, and consistent with section 6 of the Act, the Authority may enter into bilateral or multilateral arrangements, cooperation programs and activities, and any other relevant measure to promote, obtain or carry out the following, including but not limited to:

Cooperation with other agencies

- (a) mechanisms that promote exchange of information, knowledge or expertise;
- (b) technical support and training opportunities; and
- (c) funding mechanisms that provide financial support for the activities of the Authority under these Regulations.

45. (1) For the purposes of the implementation of these Regulations, the following records shall be kept by owners or keepers of establishments:

Records

- (a) data on flock health, production, medications, vaccination, mortality and surveillance;
- (b) for hatcheries, data on fertility, hatchability, vaccination and treatments;
- (c) of cleaning and disinfection of barns, hatchery buildings and equipment;
- (d) all other records required under these Regulations.

(2) All records required to be kept in accordance with sub regulation (1) shall be maintained for one years and should be readily available for inspection on site.

46. The Authority may take any of the following actions with respect to a person who fails to comply with the implementation of the Poultry Disease Programme:

Administrative measures

- (a) send a letter of notification requiring compliance within a specified period;
- (b) suspend or revoke a certificate or permit issued in accordance with these Regulations;
- (c) restrict the movement of animals owned by the person to slaughterhouses only;

FIRST SCHEDULE

POULTRY DISEASES

Regulation 2

PART A

LIST OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Avian infectious laryngotracheitis;

Infection with high pathogenicity avian influenza virus;

Infection of birds other than poultry including wild birds, with influenza viruses of high pathogenicity;

Infection of domestic and captive wild birds with low pathogenicity avian influenza viruses having proven natural transmission to humans associated with severe consequences;

Infection with Newcastle Disease virus.

PART B

LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES

Avian chlamydiosis;

Avian infectious bronchitis;

Avian mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma gallisepticum*);

Avian mycoplasmosis (*Mycoplasma synoviae*);

Duck virus hepatitis;

Fowl typhoid;

Infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease);

Pullorum disease;

Turkey rhinotracheitis;

Marek's disease.

SECOND SCHEDULE
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ESTABLISHMENT
Regulation 9(1)
FORM 1

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE:

TO: The Belize Agricultural Health Authority

TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT

- poultry farm
- hatchery

- feed mill
- live bird market
- table eggs depot
- spent hens depot
- breeder farm;
- broiler farm;
- processing facility;
- rendering plant;
- other establishment: _____

Name of Establishment: _____

Location: _____
(Geographic coordinates, street address, etc)

Mailing Address: _____

Company Representative (Person responsible for all matters related with registration)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Facilities:

Size of building(s) (sq ft):

1. _____

2. _____

- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Number of Employees:

Birds

Type of Bird	Number of Birds	Number of Barns

Density:

Production Data (per week)

Number of birds hatched::

Table Eggs:

Hatching Eggs:

Number of Birds Slaughtered:

Number of live birds (per production cycle):

Feed Mills:

Bags per production cycle (measured in mass)

Processing Facility

Type of product:

Source of raw materials:

Water Source:

Supplier Verification Program (Yes) (No)

Feed Safety Management Program (Yes) (No)

Facility's Traceability and Recall Programme (describe):

I declare, on penalty, that all the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

For Official Use:

Application received by: _____ -

Post: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Documents provided in support (attach copies to the application):

APPLICATION FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF IMPORTER/EXPORTER
Regulation 9(1)

FORM 2

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE:

TO: The Belize Agricultural Health Authority

TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT

- import
- export
- other: _____

Name of Establishment: _____

Location: _____
(Geographic coordinates, street address, etc)

Mailing Address: _____

Company Representative (Person responsible for all matters related with registration)

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Product imported/exported:

- hatching eggs/day old chicks
- live birds
- poultry meat fresh, chilled or frozen
- processed poultry meat
- laboratory biologicals and reagents
- poultry veterinary products including biologicals
- animal feed
- other product: _____

Frequency of importation/exportation:

Country of importation/exportation:

Quantity imported/exported per year:

I declare, on penalty, that all the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

For Official Use:

Application received by: _____ -

Post: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Documents provided in support (attach copies to the application):

THIRD SCHEDULE
REGISTRATION FEES
Regulation 10(1)

Registration fees for commercial establishments:

Type of Establishment	Size or Production	Registration Fee
breeder flocks	Less than 3000	\$50.00
	More than 3000	\$100.00
commercial layers	Less than 200	\$25.00
	More than 200	\$50.00
broilers	Less than 200	\$25.00
	More than 200	\$50.00
turkeys	Less than 25	\$25.00
	More than 25	\$50.00
hatcheries	Less than 100 per incubator	\$50
	More than 100 per incubator	\$100
feed mills	Small	\$250
	Medium	\$500
	Large	\$750
Vet drug facilities	Small	\$50
	Medium	\$100
	Large	\$250
other establishment		
<input type="checkbox"/> Table Egg Depots	100 crates or less per day More than 100 crates per day *crates consists of 30 eggs	\$50.00 \$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Spent Hen Depots	100 birds or less per week More than 100 birds per week	\$50.00 \$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Processing facilities (poultry)	Less than 40,000 per week More than 40,000 per week	\$500 \$750
<input type="checkbox"/> Live Bird Markets	Less than 100 per week More than 100 per week	\$50 \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Rendering Plants	Small Medium Large	\$250

□		\$500 \$750
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FOURTH SCHEDULE
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
Regulation 10(2)

CERTIFICATE NO. _____

Certificate of Registration of Establishment

This certifies that

owned by _____

(address, including geographical coordinates)

has been registered with the Belize Agricultural Health Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Poultry Health) Regulations, S.I. of 2022 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, Chapter 211 of the Laws of Belize, R.E. 2011, for the purpose of _____, and under the conditions set hereunder.

This registration is valid for the period _____ to _____.

Establishment Registration No: _____

Managing Director

Director of Animal Health

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Conditions:

FIFTH SCHEDULE
MOVEMENT RECORDS
Regulation 19(1)

**MOVEMENT RECORD OF LIVE BIRDS, POULTRY PRODUCTS, ANIMAL FEED
AND POULTRY LITTER (During disease outbreaks)**

Name:	Poultry Establishment No.			
Entry to Poultry Establishment	Date	Product	Origin	Quantity
Exit Poultry Establishment	Date	Product	Destination	Quantity
			Mortality	
Signature of owner				
Name of owner (print)				

SIXTH SCHEDULE
APPLICATION FOR MOVEMENT PERMIT
Regulation 19(4)

APPLICATION FOR MOVEMENT OF SPENT HENS AND POULTRY LITTER

1. The Director of Animal Health,
Belize Agricultural Health Authority
Belmopan
Belize

2. Date _____

3. Name of Applicant _____

4. Address of Applicant _____

5. Telephone Number/Email Address of Applicant _____

6. Poultry establishment of origin: Name and registration number

7. Destination of product:

8. Type of product: spent hens, poultry litter? (choose one):

8.1. Live Poultry
Spent hens

8.2 Poultry By-Products (specify)

9. Quantity

9.1 Product: spent hens, poultry litter (choose one)

Total quantity of product : Number of product/container :

Number of containers:

Type of containers:

I declare, on penalty, that all the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

1. Application received by _____

2. Movement certificate granted

by _____

Date _____

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED OFFICER

SEVENTH SCHEDULE
MOVEMENT PERMIT
Regulation 19(5)

Permit No:

MOVEMENT PERMIT

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that poultry establishment _____
belonging to _____, has as of the _____ day
of _____, 20 ____, been granted this Movement Permit pursuant to the Belize
Agricultural Health Authority (Poultry Health) Regulations, 2022.

THIS PERMIT:

- is valid for two month from the date of issuance hereof.

WITNESS my hand and the Public Seal of the Belize Agriculture Health Authority
this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Authorised Officer

EIGHTH SCHEDULE
RESTRICTION NOTICE
Regulation 35(2)

RESTRICTION NOTICE

**Restriction on Movement of Poultry, Poultry Products and Poultry Litter specified below onto or Off
Premises Where Poultry Disease, Infection or Infestation is Suspected**

To:

In Accordance with Regulation 7 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Poultry Health) Regulations, 2022 I, being a Veterinary Officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, reasonably believe that **Poultry, Poultry Products and Poultry Litter** kept on your premises is/are or may be infected with poultry disease, infection, infestation or emerging disease and I hereby give you notice as the occupier of the following premises:

that you must not move any **Poultry, Poultry Products and Poultry Litter** specified below onto or off the premises

Unless:

- You are issued with a licence authorising you to move them, or
- An official veterinary officer serves a notice to revoke this Notice.

The prohibition on movement contained in this notice does not apply to animals which are moved in an emergency to a place of slaughter or veterinary treatment so as to prevent the unnecessary suffering of that animal. In such cases full details must be given to an Inspector at the earliest opportunity.

I also give you notice that the following additional restrictions or requirements must be complied with in order to prevent the spread of disease:

This notice shall remain in force until such time as the **Poultry, Poultry Products and Poultry Litter** listed above die, are moved directly to a slaughterhouse under licence or it is withdrawn by a further notice in writing issued by an official veterinary officer. Failure to comply with the provisions of this notice is an offence under the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Health) Regulations, 2022.

Signature

Veterinary Officer
Name in BLOCK LETTERS

Date:

NINTH SCHEDULE
WITHDRAWAL NOTICE
Regulation 35(3)

WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

Withdrawal of Restriction Notice issued for **Movement of Poultry, Poultry Products and Poultry Litter specified below onto or Off Premises Where Poultry Disease, Infection or Infestation is Suspected**

To:

In accordance with Regulation 7 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority (Poultry Health) Regulations, 2022 I, being a Veterinary Officer of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority, reasonably believe that **Poultry, Poultry Products and Poultry Litter** kept on your premises is/are free of poultry disease, infection, infestation or emerging disease and I hereby withdraw give you notice as the occupier of the following premises:

that Restriction Notice issued to _____, dated the _____ is hereby withdrawn.

Signature

Veterinary Officer
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS)

Date: