

LEGAL NOTICE No. 156

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT, 1990

BYE-LAWS

MADE BY THE PENAL/DEBE REGIONAL CORPORATION UNDER SECTION 208  
AND CONFIRMED BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER SECTION 223 OF THE  
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT

THE ABATTOIR (PENAL/DEBE) BYE-LAWS, 1996

1. These Bye-Laws may be cited as the Abattoir (Penal/Debe) Bye- Citation  
Laws, 1996.

2. In these Bye-Laws—

Interpretation

“abattoir” means the premises where animals are slaughtered  
or dressed for human consumption and includes all  
buildings, erections and appurtenances provided for the  
purpose;

“Act” means the Municipal Corporations Act, 1990;

Act No. 21 of  
1990

“Administrator” means the officer for the time being appointed  
by the Local Authority to be in charge of the abattoir;

“animal” includes a bull, cow, ox, steer, bullock, heifer, calf,  
sheep, lamb, pig, goat, turtle and any other animal which  
the Council may declare to be included within such term;

“Chief Executive Officer” has the meaning assigned to it in  
section 38 of the Act;

“Inspector” means a veterinary surgeon, sanitary inspector or  
other qualified person appointed by the Local Authority to  
inspect animals and meat at the abattoir;

“Local Authority” means the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation;

“meat” means the flesh of any animal and the carcass, organs  
and viscera thereof;

“Medical Officer” means the Medical Officer of Health.

3. The abattoir shall, subject to the direction of the Local Authority, Supervision  
be under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer.

4. The Administrator shall be responsible for the care and Care and  
cleanliness of the abattoir and shall without undue delay report any cleanliness  
mechanical, structural or other defects in relation to the abattoir and  
shall secure the due observance of these bye-laws.

(2) A slaughterman shall provide himself with clean towels for dressing the carcass before taking it away from the abattoir.

22. (1) No person shall fight or assault another person in the abattoir. <sup>Offences</sup>

(2) A person who commits an offence in paragraph (1) may, in addition to the penalty incurred by him for the offence, be forcibly removed from the abattoir by the Administrator or by a constable.

(3) No person removed from the abattoir for breach of this bye-law may re-enter the abattoir unless the permission of the Chief Executive Officer or an officer duly authorised by him in that behalf has been obtained.

(4) No person shall, in the abattoir—

- (a) curse, swear or make use of any violent, abusive, offensive, indecent or obscene language;
- (b) behave in a noisy, quarrelsome or indecent manner or cause a disturbance;
- (c) sing loudly or play a musical instrument;
- (d) light a fire or cook food except in such part of the abattoir as may be set apart for that purpose;
- (e) bring any intoxicating liquor within the precincts of the abattoir;
- (f) molest, hinder or obstruct the Inspector or any other officer of the abattoir in the performance of his duties;
- (g) smoke in any part of the abattoir;
- (h) spit or throw or drop on the floor or ground any offal, garbage, refuse or other matter.

(5) No person using the abattoir shall, at any time, refuse, neglect or omit to comply with the instructions of the Chief Executive Officer or other officer for the maintenance of order or regularity or for carrying any bye-law into effect.

(6) No person shall bring a dog or permit a dog to follow him into the abattoir.

(7) No person shall by contrivance or device or in any manner whatever, tamper with any scale, balance, beam or weight for the time being in the abattoir whether or not the same is the property of or in the possession of or under the control of such person.

(8) No person shall in any way damage a part of the abattoir or any bench, table, furniture, appliance or thing therein.

23. The charges to be paid at the abattoir are set out in the <sup>Charges</sup> Schedule. <sub>Schedule</sub>

24. (1) Where an owner does not comply with any bye-law imposing a duty on him with respect to any animal belonging to him, the Local Authority may without prejudice to its rights to institute summary proceedings for the breach of such bye-law undertake the execution of such duty. <sup>Execution of</sup> <sub>duty by Local Authority</sub>

(2) The expenses incurred for the purpose shall be a debt due from such owner to the Local Authority.

Recovery of  
expenses by  
Local  
Authority

25. (1) Where an owner defaults in the payment of any expenses due to the Local Authority, the Local Authority may recover the expenses due by summary proceedings or by the sale of an animal of the owner which is in the abattoir.

(2) The sale shall be by public auction after seven days advertisement and the proceeds realized from the sale shall be applied to defray the cost and expenses of the sale and the sum due to the Local Authority, and the surplus, if any, shall be paid to the person entered as the owner of the animal in the books of the Local Authority.

Penalty

26. A person who is guilty of an offence under these Bye-Laws is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine of one hundred dollars for each day that such offence is continued.

Repeal

27. All previous bye-laws relating to the management of abattoirs are repealed.

#### SCHEDULE

##### A. Slaughtering Fee

<i>Small Type</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Ox/Cattle ... ..	\$ 10.00 + VAT	\$40.00 per head
Calf ... ..	8.00 +VAT	\$30.00 per head
Pig/Hog ... ..	5.00	\$30.00 per head
Sheep ... ..	5.00	\$15.00 per head
Goat ... ..	5.00	\$15.00 per head

##### B. Processing of By-Products

<i>Small Type</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Preparation of pudding and tripe/offal	\$0.15 per lb. or equivalent kg	\$0.30 per lb. or equivalent kg

##### C. Lairage

<i>Small Type</i>	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Ox/Cattle ... ..	\$1.00 per day	\$ 3.00 per day
Calf ... ..	1.00 per day	\$ 3.00 per day
Pig/Hog ... ..	1.00 per day	\$ 3.00 per day
Sheep ... ..	1.00 per day	\$ 3.00 per day
Goat ... ..	1.00 per day	\$ 3.00 per day

N.B.: Council may charge/fix fee at the minimum, maximum or a figure between these rates, according to the circumstances within its confines.

Adopted by the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation at its monthly statutory meeting held on the 28th day of September, 1993.

Made by the Council of the Penal/Debe Regional Corporation this 25th day of July, 1996.

A. MOHABIR  
*Chairman,*  
*Penal/Debe Regional Corporation*

Confirmed by the President on the 31st day of December, 1996.

C. SOOKRAM  
*Secretary to Cabinet*