



## **EBONYI STATE GOVERNMENT**

### **MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR THE INSPECTION OF MEAT BY EBONYI STATE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Law [CAP. 34] Laws of Ebonyi State of Nigeria 2009 Vol. 2 and Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazette Animal Disease (Control) Act, 2022, Schedule 12 page, 284

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Approved Slaughter Slab
2. Standard Storage Facility
3. Source of Power
4. Correct Weighing balance
5. Clean Environment
6. Dressing and Safety kit

#### **STEPS:**

1. Application from intending butcher indicating his/ her interest for meat inspection to be directed to the Veterinarian, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Block 11 Centenary City, Abakaliki.
2. The inspection fee for a sizeable cow, goat, or sheep ranges from N3,000 to N5,000 respectively as the case maybe and subject to change from time to time, with due notice to stakeholders.

3. The butcher pays to the Ebonyi State Internal Revenue account using a self-service portal on the website [www.irs.ebsgov.org/pay-tax](http://www.irs.ebsgov.org/pay-tax) or any of the State Government Commercial Banks (UBA, Heritage Bank or First Bank) and present the teller for confirmation of payment to the veterinary officer.
4. The veterinary officer goes to the abattoir for the meat inspection as early as 6am on the next slaughter day.
5. When an animal is confirmed to be infected or unwholesome, the veterinary professional will give indication for it to be disposed or buried. However, if the animal is confirmed healthy and wholesome, it is approved and certified to be processed for consumption.

**TWO TYPES OF INSPECTION DONE BY THE VETERINARY OFFICER ARE:**

1. Ante-Mortem: The animals to be slaughtered the next day are kept in the garage.
2. Post- Mortem: Inspect slaughtered animal to check for the appearance of any disease (Wooden tongue, TB lesions, Parasites) organ by organ;
  - a) The Head
  - b) The Nose
  - c) The tongue
  - d) Hands and Legs
  - e) Skin
  - f) Internal Organs (Heart, Liver, Spleen, Kidney mesentery, large and small intestine)

## **Delivery Timeline**

Time frame for the whole process is two days.

## **Contact Information:**

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**Signed:**

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Princess Nkechinyere Iyioku', is written over the printed name.

**Princess Nkechinyere Iyioku**  
Honorable Commissioner  
Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources

