

EBONYI STATE OF GOVERNMENT

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

PROCEDURE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND CONTROL OF ANIMAL FARMS BY EBONYI STATE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

STEPS:

- 1. Application from intending farmer indicating his/ her interest to establish a farm is to be directed to the Director of Veterinary services, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Block 11 Centenary City, Abakaliki.
- 2. The veterinary officer will inspect the proposed site within 72hrs
- 3. If the proposed site is suitable for farm, the application will be approved under Director of Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Approval is within 48hrs.
- 4. Payment for animal farms registration is N1,000 payable to the Ebonyi State Internal Revenue account using a self-service portal on the website www.irs.ebsgov.org/pay-tax
- 5. Issuance of Certificate of registration to the applicant- applicant having met the requirement after site inspection is issued with certificate to enable him/her to operate. Certificate issuance is within 48hrs.
- 6. Inspection of the Animals in the farm which attracts Animal inspection fee of N500 per Animal to Ebonyi State Internal Revenueaccount using a self-service portal on the website www.irs.ebsgov.org/pay-tax

NB: The purpose of Animal control post is to differentiate the diseased animals in order to avoid infecting already existing animals and humans in the farm.

However, there are periodic on-the-spot inspection in the farm by the Veterinary Officer.

Delivery Timeline

Time frame for the whole process is one week.

Legal Basis

- 1. Diseases of Animals Law [CAP. 34] Laws of Ebonyi State of Nigeria 2009 Vol. 2
- 2. Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazzette Animal Disease (Control)Act, 2022, Schedule 12

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DISEASES OF ANIMALS LAW

1. of N. 1948, Cap. 55. N.L.N 131 of 1954, L.E.N. Cap. 35. 1963

A Law to make provision for Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Infectious or Contagious Disease amongst Animals.

(25th October, 1917

Short title.

This Law may be cited as the Diseases of Animals Law.

Interpretation

2. In this Law:

"animal" includes stock, camels, dogs and ostriches, and any animal or bird which the Commissioner may by notice in the Ebonyi State of Nigeria Gazette declare to be included in the term "animal" for the purpose of this Law;

"carcass" includes the carcass of an animal and part of a carcass and the meat, bones, hide, skin, hooves, horns, offal or other part of an animal, separately or otherwise or any part thereof;

"cattle" includes bulls, cows, oxen, heifers and calves;

"commissioner" means the commissioner responsible for health

"disease" includes African coast fever, anthrax, black-quarter, cattle plague (rinderpest), farcy, foot and mouth disease, glanders, lymphangitis (epizootic and uncerative), mange piroplasmosis, pleuro-pneumonia, rabies, scab, sheep pox, swine erysipelas, swine fever, trypanosomiasis and tuberculosis, and any other disease of an infectious or contagious nature which the Commissioner may by notice in the Ebonyi State of Nigeria Gazette declare to be included semen in relation to which this offence is committed shall be forte

12.-(1) To enhance risk based active disease surveillance of zoonotic and transboundary animal diseases, any person who establishes or intends to establish a commercial farm of up to 10-50 dairy cattle, 10 beef cattle, 50 small ruminants, 50 pigs, 500 fish or other aquatic animals, 250 birds or hatchery

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shall be required to have a consulting veterinary surgeon and to obtain a licence for its establishment from the DVS in which the farm or hatchery is situated.

(2) All animal farms, livestock value chain operators, and traders in the States shall be registered with the office of the State DVS.

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- (3) The operators of such animal farms, in order for their farms to be registered before they commence such activities, shall inform the State DVS as set out in the Fourteenth Schedule.
- (4) Operators of the animal farms, as stated in subsection (3), shall inform the State DVS concerned of any-
 - (a) changes in the animal farms concerning the matters referred to in subsection (3); and
 - (b) cessation of activity by the operator or animal farm concerned.
- (5) The State DVS shall forward registration information, from time to time, to the National Animal Health Database in the office of the CVON.
- (6) A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for registration and operation of animal farms or hatchery in any part of Nigeria, with the objective of disease prevention and control through the enhancement of biosecurity measures, shall be prepared and reviewed, from time to time, by the CVON.
- (7) The State DVS or his representative shall routinely visit such farms or hatchery to ascertain level of compliance with biosecurity and disease prevention measures, and shall report same to the CVON.
- (8) The State DVS in the state shall renew the annual license to operate farms or hatcheries if the operator complies with the measures.
- (9) All existing commercial farms and hatcheries are required to be registered within six months of the coming into effect of this Act.
- (10) The owner of a regastered animal farm or hatchery shall manage and maintain such commercial farm or hatchery in a reasonable hygienic condition and comply with all treatments and vaccination measures required

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