

**BUSINESS LICENSING REGULATIONS
(POULTRY FARM AND HOUSE LICENSING CONDITIONS), 1981¹**

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 11B of the *Business Licensing Law*, 1968, and pursuant to Section 20 of the *Animal Diseases Ordinance*, 1945, and by the powers duly vested in me, I hereby enact the following Regulations:

Chapter One - General

1. Definitions :

In these Regulations:

"One Age" - Poultry hatching within a period of time not exceeding 10 days.

"SIG" (Sanitary Installation Guidelines) - As defined in the *Planning and Construction Regulations (Application for Permit, Conditions Thereof and Fees)* 1970, a copy whereof is deposited for perusal at each health bureau and at the regional offices of the Ministry of Agriculture.

"The Minister" - The Minister of Agriculture.

"Settlement" - smallholders' settlement, collective settlement, kibbutz, kevuza or any other settled area.

"Flock" - Groups of poultry in a house, being of one age, of one species and of one branch.

"Primary Breeding Flock" - Flock in which various hereditary traits are developed or improved.

"Multiplier Flock" - Flock in which crossbreeding is carried out between Primary Breeding Flocks or their offspring.

"Commercial Breeding Flock" - Flock in which crossbreeding is carried out between Multiplier Flocks or their offspring.

"House" - Structure or part thereof, including a shed, serving to raise poultry.

¹ K"t 4223, 8.4.1981, p. 868.

"New House" - House erected following the inception of these Regulations (hereinafter - "Inception Date").

"Existing House" - House erected prior to the Inception Date.

"Auxiliary Structure" - Egg storehouse, equipment storehouse, wardrobe, incinerator and decomposition pit.

"Director" - Director of the Veterinary Services at the Ministry of Agriculture or any veterinary surgeon empowered by him or her in the matter of these Regulations.

"Rendering Plant" - Plant for the processing of products from carcasses and cadavers, as these terms are defined in the *Animal Diseases Ordinance*, from parts of a carcasses not intended for human consumption, from day-old chicks and from hatching eggs or parts thereof designated for destruction.

"Growing Farm" - Poultry Farm on which poultry are raised during the period up to the start of laying.

"Multiplier Farm" - Poultry Farm on which Primary Breeding Flocks or their offspring are crossbred as Multiplier Flocks.

"Primary Breeding Farm" - Poultry Farm on which Primary Breeding flocks are produced.

"Poultry farm" - Place serving for the breeding of classes of poultry, including Houses and Auxiliary Structures.

"Existing Poultry Farm" - Poultry Farm established prior to the Inception Date.

"New Poultry Farm" - Poultry Farm established following the Inception Date.

"Broiler Farm" - Poultry Farm containing fattening cages used for the purpose of force-feeding, from the time of removal of the poultry from the growing Farm to the time of their marketing to the slaughterhouse.

"Commercial Breeding Farm" - Poultry Farm on which Multiplier Flocks or their offspring are crossbred to create breeding material.

"Species" of poultry - Chickens, turkeys, quail, pheasant, pigeons, ducks, geese, swans, guinea fowl and mollards.

"Veterinary Surgeon" - Veterinary surgeon authorised by the Minister under Section 6A of the *Business Licensing Law*, 1968.

"Emergency Slaughter" - Slaughtering performed on a Poultry Farm.

"Branch" - Poultry designated for breeding, for laying or for fattening.

2. Conditions for Grant of License:

No license shall be granted for a Poultry Farm under item 165 of the *Business Licensing Order (Businesses Requiring Licensing)*, 1973, except if the provisions of these Regulations have been complied with to the Director's satisfaction.

3. Application for License:

The applicant for a license for a Poultry Farm shall submit to the licensing authority an application form enclosing the following documents:

- (a) Engineering drawings, on a scale of 1:100, of the plan of the House, yards and Auxiliary Structures, in accordance with the sample drawings appearing in the SIG, and specifications setting forth:
 - (1) The width, length, height, area and designation of each of the structures of the Poultry Farm.
 - (2) For Houses equipped with forced ventilation, the installations and their capacities shall be indicated.
 - (3) Marking of the entire plumbing system.
- (b) Any person desiring to establish a New Poultry Farm or to erect a New House on an Existing Poultry Farm, shall also enclose with his or her application a drawing, on a scale of 1:500, showing all the structures up to a distance of 500 meters from the Poultry Farm or the house in respect of which the license is sought.
- (c) Any person desiring to establish a Primary Breeding Farm, Multiplier Farm, Commercial Breeding Farm or Growing Farm for pullets, shall present to the licensing authority a license issued to him or her under the *Control of Commodities and Services Law (Establishment*

and Operation of Farms for the Primary Breeding, Multiplication and Commercial Breeding of Poultry and the Growing of Poultry), 1981.

4. Population of the Poultry Farm:

- (a) No license shall be granted for erecting a New House on an Existing Poultry Farm, for a species or branch not existing in the settlement where the farm is located, except with the Director's written authorisation and upon such terms as he or she shall determine.
- (b) No license shall be granted for a new Poultry Farm, except if it is to contain poultry of a species, of one branch and of one age.

Chapter Two - Conditions for Operating an Existing Poultry Farm

5. Structure of the House:

A House shall be built so as to prevent the incursion of animals.

6. Surroundings of the House:

The House shall be surrounded by compacted borders at least 1.20 meters wide. The area shall be kept free of weeds, scrap and any other object.

7. The Water System:

- (a) The poultry shall be given drinking water suitable for human consumption.
- (b) The drinking water shall be kept inside a tightly sealed, leak-proof tank.
- (c) All excess water on the Poultry Farm shall be drained so as to prevent the formation of puddles.

8. Unpleasant Odours:

There shall be no unpleasant odours or other nuisances on the Poultry Farm.

9. Refuse:

Refuse accumulating on the Poultry Farm shall be removed from the House, after each flock, to a place and in a manner so as not to pose a sanitary risk or hazard to humans.

10. Pest Extermination:

Pest extermination shall be carried out on the Poultry Farm.

11. Disinfecting the House:

The House and its surroundings on a Poultry Farm shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, following every removal of a flock therefrom, using disinfectants approved by the Director.

12. Removal of Carcasses:

All poultry carcasses on a Poultry Farm shall be disposed of in a decomposition pit or incinerator installed on the farm, or in another place approved by the Director, or by transporting them to a Rendering Plant, in accordance with the Director's decision.

13. Feed Containers :

- (a) The feed on the Poultry Farm shall be stored in tightly sealed containers, to prevent the incursion of birds and rodents.
- (b) The containers shall be installed outside the House, on a solid and clean surface that is easily cleaned and disinfected.

14. Handling of Eggs:

- (a) The eggs gathered shall be stored in a clean, shaded and cool structure, separate from the House and intended solely for this purpose.
- (b) Notwithstanding that stated in Subregulation (a), on a Poultry Farm numbering less than 5,000 layers, the eggs may be stored in a clean and cool place during a period of time not exceeding 24 hours.

15. Packing Materials for Eggs:

The packing materials for eggs shall be kept in a clean and tightly sealed storeroom to prevent the incursion of birds and rodents.

16. Medications and Pesticides:

- (a) Medications intended for the poultry shall be kept in a clean and locked cabinet. The contents of each package of medication shall be indicated on the outside of the package.
- (b) Disinfectants and pesticides shall be kept in another locked cabinet, in a separate place. The contents of each package of disinfectant or pesticide shall be indicated on the outside of the package.

17. Fire-fighting:

Each House shall contain suitable fire-fighting means, according to the instructions of the relevant authorities.

Chapter Three -**Establishment/Erection and Operation of a New Poultry Farm or New House****18. Location of Poultry Farm:**

No license shall be granted for a New Poultry Farm, unless it fulfils all of the following conditions:

- (1) It is removed a distance of at least 30 meters from a road connecting Poultry Farms for poultry of different species, branches or ages.
- (2) It is located a distance of at least 12 meters from another Poultry Farm for poultry of the same species, branch or age.
- (3) It is located a distance of at least 300 meters from another Poultry Farm for poultry of a different species, branch or age.

19. Location of House:

No license shall be granted for a New House on an Existing Poultry Farm, unless -

- (1) It is located a distance of at least 12 meters from another House.
- (2) The distance between the New House and the boundary of the farm is not less than 6 meters.

20. Exemption:

The Director, in consultation with the Poultry Department Director and with the Chief Veterinary Officer for Poultry Diseases at the Ministry of Agriculture, may grant an exemption from any or all of the provisions of Regulations 18 and 19.

21. Approaches to and Within the Farm:

The approaches to the Poultry Farm, to the Houses and to the Auxiliary Structures shall remain unobstructed throughout the year.

22. Fencing of Area of the Poultry Farm:

- (a) The Poultry Farm shall be enclosed with a fence preventing the entry of humans and animals; the said fence shall have a gate with a lock.

- (b) The fence shall be anchored in the ground and shall reach a height of at least 1.50 meters above the ground.
- (c) The provisions of Subregulations (a) and (b) shall not apply to a Poultry Farm located inside a fenced-off area.

23. Floor of the House and Its Surroundings:

- (a) The floors of the house shall be of concrete, asphalt or other material that is impermeable to water and easily cleaned and disinfected.
- (b) The floors of the house and its surroundings, as stated in Regulation 6(a), shall be elevated at least 30 cm above the surroundings.

Chapter Four - Goose Farms

24. Goose Farm:

- (a) Goose runs shall be located in the highest Section of the farm lot.
- (b) A drainage channel shall be installed in the lowest Section of the yard, to convey water and sewage to a cesspool or to a central drainage system.
- (c) The ground in the yard shall be at a slope of at least 3% in the direction of the drainage channel.

25. Yard, Shed and Cages on a Goose Fattening Farm:

- (a) The fattening cages shall be installed at least 60 cm above the floor of the shed. The floor of the cages shall be built of slats with a distance of at least 1.5 cm between them.
- (b) The floor of the shed shall be solidly built, at a slope of 3%, of a material that is impermeable to water and easily disinfected and cleaned.

26. Drainage on a Goose Fattening Farm:

- (a) On each Goose Fattening Farm, a cesspit with a minimum capacity of 15 cu.m. shall be installed for every 200 geese, with the floor and walls impermeable to water.
- (b) The pit shall be emptied of its contents before filling up.
- (c) On both sides of the shed, or in its centre, drainage channels shall be installed draining into the cesspit.
- (d) The floors, sheds, cages, channels, troughs and gavage tubes shall be rinsed every day with water.

27. Slaughter of Geese on a Goose Fattening Farm:

- (a) The feeding of geese designated for slaughter shall be discontinued 12 hours before the time of their slaughter, except if the Director shall direct otherwise.
- (b) On each Goose Fattening Farm a place shall be set aside for Emergency Slaughter, having a solid floor that is impermeable to water and easily disinfected and cleaned, as well as a slaughtering funnel and blood receptacle.
- (c) No Emergency Slaughter shall be performed on geese following their death.

Chapter Five - Miscellaneous

28. Supervision and Reporting:

A Veterinary Surgeon shall supervise the implementation of the provisions of these Regulations and shall report to the Director on his or her activities in this regard.

29. Inception:

These Regulations shall take effect, with respect to a New Poultry Farm - on the date of their publication, and with respect to an Existing Poultry Farm - 3 months after the date of their publication.

30. Preservation of Laws :

These Regulations are intended to supplement any other law.

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