CONTROL OF GOODS (IMPORTATION OF EGGS AND POULTRY MEAT) REGULATIONS (under section 3)

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1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Control of Goods (Importation of Eggs and Poultry Meat) Regulations.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations-

"eggs" means the eggs of any domestic fowl;

"the Government poultry office" means the principal office in Gaborone of the department of the Government for the time being concerned with the regulation of the production of eggs and poultry meat;

"import permit" means a permit such as is referred to in regulation 3;

"officer" has the same meaning as in the Customs and Excise Duty Act;

"place of entry" means a place of entry for the purposes of the Customs and Excise Duty Act;

"**poultry meat**" means the meat, including the blood, bones, fat and flesh, of any domestic fowl, whether fresh or dried, frozen, tinned or otherwise preserved.

3. Restriction on importation of eggs and poultry meat

No person shall import eggs or poultry meat except under and in accordance with a written permit issued under these Regulations by the Minister for the time being responsible for agriculture or by a person authorized by him in that behalf:

Provided that a person may, without a permit issued under these Regulations, import for consumption by himself or his immediate family not more than 36 eggs and 5 kg of poultry meat at any one time.

4. Application for import permit

Any person wishing to obtain an import permit shall lodge an application, in such form as the Minister for the time being responsible for agriculture may require, at the Government poultry office.

5. Import permit to be presented at place of entry

The importer of eggs or poultry meat under an import permit shall present the import permit or cause it to be presented for verification to an officer at the place of entry of the eggs or poultry meat.

6. Validity of import permit

(1) An import permit shall be valid in respect of one consignment alone whether of eggs or poultry meat or of both eggs and poultry meat.

(2) An import permit shall, in any event, cease to be valid at the expiry of 30 days immediately after the date of issue stamped thereon.

7. Return of import permit to Government poultry office

Every holder of an import permit shall surrender the permit at or transmit it by post to the Government poultry office not later than seven days immediately after the day on which the eggs or poultry meat to which the permit relates were imported or on which the permit ceased to be valid by virtue of regulation 6(2), whichever is the earlier.

8. No fees payable in respect of import permit

No fee shall be payable in respect of an application for or the issue of an import permit.

9. Power to suspend Regulations

The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, suspend the operation of these Regulations either indefinitely or for such period as he may specify in the order and subject to such conditions as he may specify in the order.