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PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW WHEN APPLYING TO BUILD A NEW ABATTOIR.

Step 1 Contact the office of the sub-directorate: Veterinary Public Health of the Department of Agriculture. (see contact number above) Discuss your intentions and plans. The procedures to follow will be discussed with the applicant in detail by a Veterinary Public Health Officer (VPHO). A site inspection will also be arranged with the applicant after the consultation.

SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW:

- Step 2 To determine if a full Environmental Impact Assessment is needed or not, complete and submit a preliminary environmental assessment questionnaire/checklist to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning. Obtain and submit a letter from the said Department, stating that they have no objection to the building of an abattoir on the site. (Contact persons: Mr. Eldon van Boom (manager) Eldon.vanBoom@westerncape.gov.za or Me. Taryn Dreyer – Taryn.Dreyer@westerncape.gov.za)
- Step 3 Obtain and submit a letter from the local municipality in which area the proposed abattoir will be built, that they have no objection to the building of an abattoir on the proposed site. Possible rezoning of the proposed abattoir site. (Contact the City/Town planning department of the local municipality)
- Step 4 Obtain and submit a letter from the Department of Water & Sanitation, stating that they have no objection to the building of an abattoir on the proposed site. (Contact persons: Mr. W. Dreyer, cell no. 082 600 8684 or land line no. 021 941 6185 or dreyerw@dwa.gov.za)
- Step 5 Submit a complete set of drawings together with all three letters of no objection for the establishment of an abattoir by the said authorities, to the Veterinary Public Health Officer, in whose area the proposed abattoir will be built, for evaluation against the requirements of the Regulations. (Final drawings to be submitted in duplicate) Construction may only commence once written approval of the plans has been received from the Technical Manager, Veterinary Public Health.
- Step 6 Liaise and arrange the following with the Veterinary Public Health Officer, (VPHO) at the start, as well as during the course of the construction of the abattoir:
- 6.1 Give notice when construction will commence.
 - 6.2 Frequent inspections during construction will be carried out by the responsible VPHO.
 - 6.3 Give notice when construction is completed.
 - 6.4 A final site inspection will be carried out and should the premises, structure, equipment and other applicable hygiene management requirements, comply with the applicable legislation, a date will be set for a trial slaughter.
 - 6.5 After completion of a successful trial slaughter, the applicant must apply for an Abattoir Registration Certificate.
- Step 7 In accordance with the Meat Safety Act (Act 40 of 2000), meat inspection is compulsory at all abattoirs. The abattoir owner must procure an independent meat inspection service for the abattoir. (meat inspection personnel must be present at all times during the slaughter process)

CONTACT LIST OF YOUR NEAREST VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE (FOOD SAFETY):

- Mr. E. Plaatjies (044-272 6077 - Oudtshoorn);
- Mr. P. Roodt (028-514 1670 - Swellendam);
- Mr. T. Dyers (044-874 1632 - George);
- Mr. E. Van Rooi (028-424 2219 - Bredasdorp);
- Mr. C. Carstens (023-414 2154 – Beaufort West);
- Ms. B. Nangamso (022-913 2947 - Piketberg);
- Mr. R. Els (078 511 2566 - Durbanville).

CONTACT LIST OF MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE PROVIDERS:

- Mr. Dewald Korf – AFSQ – 082 903 8098
- Mr. Pieter Coetzee – IMQAS – 072 010 3345

CONTACT DETAILS OF COMPANY SUPPLYING ABATTOIR STAMP OF APPROVAL:

- Pagliari - 021-423 7335