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Public Health (Animals And Birds)

(Amendment) Regulation 2001

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 3 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance (Cap. 139))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for the Environment and Food by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Designated points of entry for imported birds

Regulation 7B of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.) is amended---

(a) in subregulation (2), by repealing "and";

(b) by adding---

"(2A) No quail intended to be slaughtered for food shall be brought into Hong Kong unless---

(a) it is carried in or on a vehicle, a vessel or an aircraft; and

(b) no other bird (other than a quail) is carried in or on the vehicle, vessel or aircraft at the same time.".

3. Imported birds other than quails to be taken to designated places

Regulation 9A(1) is amended by adding "(other than quails)" after "birds".

4. Regulation added

The following is added---

"9B. Imported quails to be taken to specified premises

Subject to the permission of the senior veterinary officer under regulation 7B(3), quails that are brought into Hong Kong for the purpose of being slaughtered for food shall be taken forthwith by the most direct route to the premises specified in a licence granted under regulation 5 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.) as premises at which quails may be sold or offered for sale.".

5. Regulation added

The following is added---

"9C. Quails to be transported separately within Hong Kong

No person shall carry---

(a) any quail that is intended to be slaughtered for food, from one place to another, at the same time with any other bird (other than a quail); or

(b) any quail that is intended to be slaughtered for food, in or on a vehicle, a vessel or an aircraft if the person knows that any other bird (other than a quail) is carried in or on the same vehicle, vessel or aircraft."

6. Penalty

Regulation 57 is amended---

(a) in subregulation (1), by repealing "of \$2,000" and substituting "at level 1";

(b) in subregulation (2)---

(i) by repealing "or (3) or 9A(1)" and substituting ", (2A) or (3), 9A(1), 9B or 9C";

(ii) by repealing "of \$25,000" and substituting "at level 4".

7. Designated Place

Schedule 6 is amended, in section 2, by adding "(other than quails)" after "birds".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.) to require that---

(a) quails that are brought into Hong Kong for the purpose of being slaughtered for food be transported separately from birds other than quails (section 2(b));

(b) imported quails intended to be slaughtered for food be taken directly to the premises specified in a licence granted under regulation 5 of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) (Animal Traders) Regulations (Cap. 139 sub. leg.) as premises at which quails may be sold or offered for sale (section 4); and

(c) quails intended to be slaughtered for food be transported separately within Hong Kong from birds other than quails (section 5).