

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 153.

The following Bye-laws are published.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 12th March, 1902.

BYE-LAWS

Made by the Officer Administering the Government in Council, this 11th day of March, 1902, under section 15 of Ordinance 17 of 1887, as amended by section 5 of Ordinance 12 of 1894, for regulating the Slaughter-houses outside the Limits of the City of Victoria.

The following Bye-laws are hereby substituted for those heretofore in force :—

1. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall provide all persons necessary for the purpose of slaughtering animals and dressing the carcasses thereof, together with a sufficient supply of hot water, and shall have the same in readiness at all times for the service of persons making use of the slaughter-houses. Provision of slaughter men and hot water.
2. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall at all times allow any person to slaughter any animal or dress any carcase for sale on payment to him of a fee not exceeding twenty cents for each animal weighing less than one picul or forty cents for each animal weighing more, besides the blood of such animal, which the lessee may retain. Charges for slaughtering.
3. The weight of each animal for the purposes of the preceding rule shall be ascertained before it is slaughtered. Weight of animals.
4. Each slaughter-house shall be provided with a hanging shed, in which the carcase of every animal slaughtered shall be hung as soon as it is dressed. Such carcasses shall continue hanging in such shed until they are removed to the markets, which removal shall be by means of a wheeled and covered vehicle or in a boat in either of which the carcasses can be hung, and not otherwise. Hanging sheds and carriage of meat.
5. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall cause the means of ventilation and drainage provided in or in connexion with the slaughter-houses to be kept, at all times, in proper and efficient action. Ventilation and drainage of slaughter-houses.
6. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall cause the means of water-supply provided in or in connexion with the slaughter-houses to be kept, at all times, in proper order. Water supply of slaughter-houses.
7. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall provide a sufficient number of vessels or receptacles, properly constructed of some non-absorbent material, and furnished with closely fitting covers, for the purpose of receiving and conveying from the slaughter-houses all blood, manure, garbage, filth, or other refuse products of the slaughtering of animals, or the dressing of any carcase therein. He shall forthwith upon the completion of the slaughtering of animals or the dressing of any carcase in the slaughter-houses cause such blood, manure, garbage, filth, or other refuse products to be collected and deposited in such vessels or receptacles, and he shall cause all the contents of such vessels or receptacles to be removed from the slaughter-houses at least once in every twenty-four hours. He shall cause every such vessel or receptacle to be thoroughly cleansed immediately after it shall have been used for such collection and removal, and shall cause every such vessel or receptacle when not in actual use to be kept thoroughly clean. Removal of blood, filth, etc., in proper receptacles.
8. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall provide the proper instruments, appliances, and utensils required for the purpose of slaughtering and he shall cause all such articles to be thoroughly cleansed immediately after the completion of the process of slaughtering in which they have been used, and he shall also cause every such utensil when not in actual use to be kept thoroughly clean. Provision and cleansing of appliances.

9. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall cause every part of the internal surface of the walls and every part of the floors of the slaughter-houses to be kept, at all times, in good order and repair, so as to prevent the absorption therein of any blood or liquid refuse or filth which may be spilled or splashed thereon, or any offensive or noxious matter which may be deposited thereon or brought in contact therewith. He shall cause every part of the internal surface of the slaughter-houses above the floor to be either thoroughly washed with hot lime-wash or tarred, at least four times in every year. He shall cause every part of the floors of such slaughter-houses, and every part of the internal surface of every wall on which any blood or liquid refuse or filth may have been spilled or splashed, or with which any offensive or noxious matter may have been brought in contact during the process of slaughtering or dressing in such slaughter-houses, to be thoroughly washed and cleansed within three hours after the completion of such slaughtering or dressing.

Cleansing of slaughter-houses.

10. The owner of any animal that is slaughtered shall cause the hide or skin, fat, and offal of such animal to be removed from the slaughter-house within twenty-four hours after the completion of the slaughtering of such animal.

Removal of hides, skins, fat, &c.

11. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall not at any time keep any dog or cause or suffer any dog to be kept in any of the slaughter-houses. He shall not at any time keep, or cause, or suffer to be kept in any of the slaughter-houses any animal of which the flesh may be used for the food of man, unless such animal be so kept in preparation for the slaughtering thereof upon the premises, and he shall not keep such animal or cause or suffer such animal to be kept in any of the slaughter-houses for a longer period than may be necessary for the purpose of preparing such animal for the process of slaughtering. He shall cause all animals kept in preparation for slaughtering to be confined in the stalls, pens, or lairs provided on the premises for this purpose.

Dogs in slaughter-houses prohibited.

Keeping of animals in slaughter-houses prohibited except under certain conditions.

12. The lessee of the privilege of slaughtering animals shall cause every animal brought to any of the slaughter-houses, and confined in any stall, pen, or lair upon the premises previous to being slaughtered, to be provided during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of wholesome water.

Animals in slaughter-houses to be supplied with water.

13. Animals confined in the stalls, lairs, or pens, attached to the slaughter-houses shall have at least the following space allotted to them, viz. :—

Space allotted for animals.

Every ox or cow (8 feet by 2 feet),.....16 superficial feet.

Every sheep or pig (4 feet by 1 foot)..... 4 superficial feet.

14. No person shall convey or cause to be conveyed or attempt to convey any dead carcase of any animal into any of the slaughter-houses for any purpose whatsoever.

Conveyance of carcasses into a slaughter-house prohibited.

15. The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, or other officer authorized by the Governor in that behalf, may from time to time cause a stamp or stamps or other instrument or instruments to be made for the purpose of marking or stamping beef and mutton before the carcasses leave the slaughter-house, and may from time to time change or alter such mark or stamp; and every such mark or stamp, for the time being in use at any slaughter-house under the authority of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon or such officer as aforesaid, shall be the official stamp or mark within the meaning of the Cattle Diseases, Slaughter-houses and Markets Ordinance, 1899, and of every Bye-law made under any Ordinance relating to Slaughter-houses.

Official stamps.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
HONGKONG.

R. F. JOHNSTON,
Acting Clerk of Councils.

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Notice is hereby given that WONG KAM SHANG of the Wong Fuk Ching Shop, No. 345A, Queen's Road West, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, has complied with the requirements of Ordinance 18 of 1898, for the registration in this Colony of his Mark No. 12, as applied to a Tobacco Wrapper in Class 45; and that the same has been duly registered.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 10th March, 1902.