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Adulteration of Meat



Sale of meat adulterated with water or other fluid

According to Section 51A of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance, Cap. 132:

- no person shall, by injection or any other means, introduce or cause the introduction of any water or other liquid into the tissues of the carcass, meat or offal of any animal, bird or reptile sold for human consumption or offered, exposed or intended for sale for human consumption.
- no person shall sell for human consumption or offer or expose for sale or have in his possession for the purpose of sale for human consumption, any carcass, meat or offal of any animal, bird or reptile into the tissue of which there has been introduced by injection or other means any water or other liquid.

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- If any instrument for the introduction of water or other liquid is found on any premises in which any carcass, meat or offal of any animal, bird or reptile intended for human consumption is kept or stored or is sold or is offered or exposed for sale, the person who carries on such business and the manager of the business shall each be guilty of an offence.
- The maximum penalty is a fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 3 months.

Example of Adulterated Meat

- Beef undergone a unique technique using a highly developed method of inserting soluble oil into lean meat.
- Poultry meat introduced with brine raw materials by means of injection.

Advice to Trade

- Trade is advised not to import and sell adulterated meat even though the practice and substance(s) injected may be acceptable to the exporting country.
- To clarify with the exporter on whether the imported meat has been adulterated, if in doubt.
- Import licence will not be issued for importation of adulterated meat even though they are accompanied with valid official health certificates.

~Thank You~