



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
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SLAUGHTERING AND SALE OF MEAT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Public Health Department is requesting that all persons who are desirous of slaughtering animals for sale during the Christmas season contact their district Environmental Health Officer. Persons may also contact the Public Health Department at telephone number 456-1991 by Friday, 17th December 2021 for registration and further information.

Please be reminded that slaughtering of animals should be done under hygienic conditions approved by the Department. Meat offered for sale should be stored in a manner that protects it from the elements of the weather and against contamination such as flies and dust.

All slaughtermen and butchers must ensure that they have a valid Food Handlers' Certificate. During this season, meat inspections will be conducted between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Please be advised that pursuant of the Public Health Act No.9 of 1977, no person shall sell or expose for sale, or bring into any market or have in his possession any meat for man, in a tainted, adulterated, diseased or unwholesome state, or which is not fit for food. As a result, meat that is offered for sale that is not inspected by or met the requirements of the Public Health Department may be subject to condemnation.

Butchers and slaughtermen are advised to follow all COVID -19 protocols during the slaughtering and sale of meat and follow the meat inspection guidelines.

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