



THE DURATION OF THIS COURSE IS 2 DAYS

UNDERSTANDING THE SOUTH AFRICAN INDEPENDENT MEAT INSPECTION (IMI) SCHEME (REGULATION R.634)

This training aims to give knowledge of the South African Independent Meat Inspection applicable in the meat industry for abattoirs. It provides in depth explanation on the mandate of Veterinary Public Health (VPH), regulations of animal slaughter, registration of abattoirs, mandate of meat inspection assignees and responsibilities of abattoirs as required by South African Meat Safety Act of 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000).

The training outlines the integration of the legal processes involving the National Executive Officer (NEO), Provincial Executive Officer (PEO), State Veterinarian, Veterinary Public Health Officer (VPHO) and their relevance to the implementation of the IMI. The training explicitly provides explanation on the responsibility of the abattoir and other compliance requirements and how to tackle them without breaking the applicable laws and by-laws.

Content further includes different implementation approaches as required by the IMI gazetted statutes to ensure full compliance. The training further provides clear and cost-effective guidelines on the integration of the IMI with other applicable and parallel regulations such as Agricultural Product Standard Act (APS), Health Act to comply with at the abattoir.

The training is fully aligned to the National Independent Meat Inspection (IMI) requirements for personnel performing meat inspection in a poultry abattoir, as it provides sufficient knowledge and skills on how to execute the duties as required by IMI.



TUTORSHIP AND FRAMEWORK

This training is aligned to the South African Independent Meat Inspection (IMI) gazette number 40965 of 2017.

CERTIFICATION:

Certificate will be issued on successful completion of the training.

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ON COMPLETING THIS PROGRAM, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Candidates will be able to guide an abattoir to implement Independent Meat Inspection at any level of management.
- Integrate mandatory IMI requirements with other laws applicable at the abattoir.
- Ensure proper configuration of meat inspection staff as required by the NEO and PEO.
- Seamless transition of meat inspection assignee and abattoir.
- Cost effective allocation of meat inspection staff as required by IMI and Meat Safety Act.
- Ability to take informed and legal decision in meat inspection staff components at your abattoir.
- Adequate compliance to IMI as required by the PEO.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP:

- Abattoir managers/owners.
- Abattoir supervisors.
- Abattoir Quality control personnel.
- Aspiring managers who possess PME Level 2 training.

HOW THE TRAINING IS OFFERED:

- This training is presented in the form of theoretical sessions and practical sessions are based on scenarios to ensure that the outcomes of the IMI are understood.

MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT:

- Matric/Grade 12 from a recognised high school approved by Department of Education.
- Fluency in writing and reading skills of English as language is required.



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TRAINING CONTENT:

- Introduction to Independent Meat Inspection Scheme.
 - South African approach
 - The evolution of meat inspection in South Africa
 - Duration of IMI scheme
 - Legislative mandate of IMI scheme
 - Meat inspection personnel
 - Jurisdiction and mandate
 - Duties of inspection staff as required by IMI scheme
- Role of the abattoir.
 - Abattoir responsibility
 - Sourcing of IMI scheme assignees
 - Abattoir management structure as required by the IMI scheme
 - Termination of assignee contracts and abattoir obligation
 - Integration of abattoir and IMI designated staff
- Role of the assignee.
 - Assignee and their roles in the implementation of IMI scheme
 - Terms of reference for assignee mandate at an abattoir
 - Assignee and how does it fit in the abattoir environment
 - Meat safety vs Meat quality assignees and applicable legislations
 - Appointment of assignees and their jurisdiction
- Role of the State in enforcing IMI scheme.
 - Role of NEO in monitoring the IMI scheme compliance
 - Role of PEO in monitoring the IMI scheme compliance
 - Role of VPHO in monitoring the IMI scheme compliance
 - Designation of meat inspection staff
- Independent Meat Inspection Personnel.
 - Independent vs abattoir meat inspection teams
 - Meat inspection personnel qualification and entry requirement
- Meat/Veterinarian Inspection teams at the abattoir.
 - Duties and activities
 - Allocations
 - Record keeping
 - Mandatory requirements

- Composition of Meat inspection personnel.
 - Dual meat inspection systems of South African Abattoirs
 - Single meat inspection system of South African Abattoirs
 - Exemptions of IMI scheme at an abattoir
 - Applying the requirements of IMI in HT, LT, Rural abattoirs & Infrequent slaughter
- Legislation related aspects.
 - Hygiene Assessment System (HAS)
 - Independent Meat Inspection (IMI) scheme
 - Meat Safety Act 40 of 2000
 - Reporting to the NEO, PEO and VPHO
- Complaints and appeals.
 - Complain procedure as required by IMI scheme
 - Execution of a complaints according to the IMI scheme prescripts



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