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THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KITUI

FIRST COUNTY ASSEMBLY – (SECOND SESSION)

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER AND IRRIGATION

REPORT ON THE KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS BILL, 2014.

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INTRODUCTION

Mr. Speaker Sir, the Kitui County Abattoirs Bill (Assembly Bill No 8), was published in the special issue of the Kitui County Gazette Supplement No. 4 on 10th March 2014, pursuant to section 23 of the County Government Act No. 17, of 2012.

After its publication, the bill was then introduced to the County Assembly on 22nd May, 2014 for its first reading in accordance with the Interim County Assembly Standing order No. 120, after which it was committed to the Agriculture, Water and Irrigation Committee in accordance with the Interim County Assembly standing orders No.121(1).

Mr. Speaker Sir, pursuant to provisions of Article 196(1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, the Agriculture, Water and Irrigation Committee facilitated public participation through forums held in three different stations within the County of Kitui on the 17th day of June, 2014. The three stations included the multi-purpose in Kitui Central, Mwingi County hall in Mwingi town, and the chief's camp in Mutomo town as publicized in the Standard Daily Newspaper of 6th June, 2014. During this exercise of public participation, the committee was able to collect from members of the public, various views on the Bill from both Kitui and Mwingi towns, as well as a memorandum from Butchery Owners Association of Mutomo sub-county.

The Agriculture, Water and Irrigation committee would like to appreciate members of the public, who turned in good numbers to give their input on the Bill as well as those who submitted a memorandum, not forgetting members of the County Assembly and the Assembly staff who committed themselves to make the whole exercise of public participation a success.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Speaker Sir, interim County Assembly standing order No.191 (1) allows the establishment of sectoral committees with specific mandates among them studying and reviewing all county legislation referred to it, as well as making reports and recommendations to the county assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation, pursuant to interim County Assembly standing order no. 191(5c & g).

The Agriculture, Water and Irrigation Committee comprises of the following members:

1. Hon Titus Kasinga	Chairman
2. Hon Nzuki Wambua	Vice Chairman
3. Hon Nzyoni Manguye	Member
4. Hon Kalovo Musau	Member
5. Hon Kilonzo D. Kauthi	Member
6. Hon Jemimah M. Mbiti	Member
7. Hon Rodah Wambua	Member
8. Hon Deiys Mukala	Member
9. Hon Bernard Munyasya	Member
10. Hon Antony Muthui	Member
11. Hon Mwove Kinyala	Member
12. Hon. Jane Muli	Member
13. Hon. Allan Kavindi	Member

These members offered excellent guidance and leadership throughout the exercise of public participation on this bill on the date aforementioned, and thereafter committed themselves to a three (3) day retreat in the County of Machakos to put into consideration all the views and inputs submitted by the public, before arriving at the recommendations presented in this report.

During this retreat Mr. Speaker Sir, the committee took ample time to thoroughly scrutinize the bill, incorporating public views that it deemed necessary together with their own.

OVERVIEW ON THE KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS BILL 2014.

The bill seeks to provide for the establishment of Abattoirs, slaughter houses, and other meat export processing establishments, registration and licensing of Abattoirs, inspection of meat and regulation of the sale of meat within the County as well as regulating the meat meant for export and import. The Bill gives effect to section 1 (c) of part 2 of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 which provided for the establishment of County Abattoirs.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker Sir, after analysing, evaluating and integrating various suggestions and proposals, the committee recommends the following amendments to the bill:

In the entire bill, all the areas using the word “section”, be amended by replacing it thereof with the word **clause**. In a draft law (Bill), the Sections are referred to as Clauses until the Bill is approved into Law.

A. ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES.

Mr Speaker Sir, this part of arrangement of Clauses will change in numbering and the respective titles (sub- headings) with respect to the changes as adopted by the house upon approval of the recommendations made by the Committee.

B. CLAUSES WITHOUT AMENDMENTS

The following Clauses were recommended to be adopted as printed without amendments:-
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CLAUSES WITH AMENDMENTS

MARGIN NOTES

That the margin notes of some Clause of the Bill were erroneously placed. Therefore, the Committee recommended re – arrangements of the notes in correspondence with the provisions of the Clause.

Mr. Speaker Sir, there will be further amendments and additional margin notes as recommended in the report.

CLAUSE WITH AMENDMENTS

PART II- ADMINISTRATION

(i) There shall be introduced a new part to be **PART II – CATEGORIES OF ABATTOIRS** with a new clause 3. This will cause renumbering of the Bill Part II to Part III. The provisions of the Bill as prepared are only applicable to premier Abattoirs due to the stringent requirements. In order to cater for other lower categories available in the county, the committee recommended for introduction of three classes to be **A, B and C** with their respective requirements as outlined in the new clause.

This part with its Clause will be introduced later in this report in line with the provisions of Standing Order 124 on sequence to be observed in consideration of a Bill by the Committee

(ii) The committee further recommended introduction of a new clause 49 – **SAVING AND TRANSITION**. This is a saving clause to Abattoirs which were in existence immediately before coming into operation

CLAUSE 3

- (i) Renumber Clause 3 to Clause 4
- (ii) 3 (1) this clause was entirely rephrased as clause 3 to read as follows, **the Board shall appoint a director who in effect shall recommend to the board for appointment of meat inspectors or veterinarians for purposes of implementing the provisions in this Act.**
- (iii) Sub clause 3(2) to be entirely deleted. Its provisions are accommodated for in Sub Clause 3(1) above.

CLAUSE 4

This Clause to be amended as follows:-

- (i) Renumber it to Clause 5
- (ii) This clause was Merged with the Clause 5 of the Bill and rephrased as follows:-

5(1) - No person shall maintain or operate an abattoir from which meat is sold or processed for export or local consumption unless such a person has obtained a licence for operating such an abattoir under this Act.

5(2) - A licensing officer shall not grant a licence under this Act unless and until the committee is satisfied as to the following:

- (a) the premises are enclosed on all sides with a wall of permanent or semi-permanent materials, the interior of which shall be smooth, imperishable, waterproof, unbreakable and non-corrodible;
- (b) all corners of the interior of the premises are so constructed as to be concave or convex to facilitate cleaning;
- (c) the roof is of semi-permanent or permanent material and there shall be no space between roof and walls;
- (d) the floors are of permanent, waterproof, non-slip materials and drained by means of gutters covered by removable gratings and provided with an adequate slope;
- (e) all drainage from the premises is led underground for a distance of at least one hundred metres and then disposed of in such a manner as not to cause nuisance by

reason of the breeding of flies or other insects and so as to prevent access by any person or animal;

- (f) The premises is adequately lighted by windows or open spaces separated from the outside by fly-proof screens. If opening glass windows are provided, the space must be separated from the outside by fly-proof screens;
- (g) artificial lighting of such type and intensity as not to modify or distort colours shall be provided in any areas which are inaccessible to daylight and shall be adequate for all work to be performed therein;
- (h) Adequate ventilation is provided and any spaces leading to the outside will be protected by fly-proof screens. If at ground level, these spaces shall also be rat-proof; and
- (i) Entry for animals is regulated in such a way that no animal can enter the dressing area until it has been killed, washed and bled.

(3) An application for licence under this section shall be made in a prescribe form in triplicate and shall be endorsed by the county veterinary office before being forwarded to the licensing committee.

(4) a licence issue pursuant to this section shall relate to only one abattoir premises.

(5) a change in ownership or management of an abattoir licensed under this Act shall be notified to the director within fourteen days of such change.

(6) a person who contravenes the provisions of this section commits an offence and is liable upon conviction to;

(a) a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand Kenya shillings or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment

(b) in case of a subsequent offence, to a fine of five thousand Kenya shillings every day during which the offence continues until and in addition the court may make an order of closure of the abattoir.

(7) Provisions of this Clause shall not apply to the Abattoirs under section 3(2) and 3(3) of this Act

CLAUSE 5

This Cause was Merged with clause 4 which now is renumbered Clause 5

CLAUSE 8 & 9

These clauses provide for application for certificate of approval and certificate of approval to relate to a single abattoir respectively. The committee considered to merge their provisions with those of clause 4 now renumbered Clause 5 which sets out the requirements for registration and licensing of an abattoir.

CLAUSE 10

- (i) Clause 10 be renumbered to **clause 8**.
- (ii) The marginal notes were corrected to read **Responsibilities of the director** in order to correspond to the provisions of the clause.
- (iii) The repeated numbering of paragraphs (b) and (c) be deleted.

CLAUSE 11

- (i) Clause 11 be renumbered to **clause 9**.
- (ii) Marginal notes to this clause to be included to read as follows **Duties of a meat inspector**.

PART III – REGISTRATION AND LICENCING OF MEAT EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS.

- (i) Renumber this part as **PART IV**
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note against the part “duties of meat inspectors”

CLAUSE 12

- (i) Clause 12 be renumbered to **clause 10**.
- (ii) Insert the marginal note **Registration and licencing of meat export processing establishment**.

CLAUSE 13

- (i) Clause 13 be renumbered to **clause 11**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “Registration and licensing of meat export processing establishments” and replace it thereof with the correct margin note **Application for a licence**.

CLAUSE 14

- (i) Clause 14 be renumbered to **clause 12**.
- (ii) Insert the margin note **Illegal manufacture, processing etc**.

CLAUSE 15

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- (i) Clause 15 be renumbered to **clause 13**.
 - (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “Application for a licence” and replace it thereof with the correct margin note **issue of licences**.
 - (iii) 13(3) – amend by deleting all the words after the words “fees as” and replace thereof with **per the approved finance Act**.

CLAUSE 16

- (i) Clause 16 be renumbered to **clause 14**
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “Illegal manufacture, processing etc” and replace it thereof with **Application for renewal of a licence**.
- (iii) Amend by deleting the moth “June” and replace with **December**. Businesses are Licenced based on calendar year
- (iv) Amend by deleting all the words immediately after the words “fees as” and replace thereof with **provided in the finance Act**.

CLAUSE 17

- (i) Clause 17 be renumbered to **clause 15**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “issue of licences” and replace it thereof with **conditions of a licence**
- (iii) 15(2)(b) – insert the words **as provided in this Act or regulations made under this Act**

CLAUSE 18

- (i) Clause 18 be renumbered to **clause 16**.
- (ii) The committee recommended amendments to this clause by merging it with clause 38 in order to appear as follows:-

16(1) Meat shall be inspected by either a meat inspector or veterinary officer at the abattoir at the time of slaughter for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is fit for human consumption. The whole carcass together with all the offal, head, feet and hide shall be presented for inspection and be identified with the animal previously notified as intended for slaughter in accordance with section 34.

(2)In the event of any abnormal cutting or removal of parts before inspection the whole carcass may be seized and destroyed by the meat inspector after written notice to the owner or his agent in charge of the abattoir of his intention to do so, stating his reasons.

(3) All abattoirs approved under this Act shall be liable to inspection at any time by a meat inspector or veterinary officer who may issue instructions to ensure that the provisions of this Act are carried out.

Introduce 16(4) to read **“the licensing committee may revoke, suspend or alter a licence issued under this Act if upon inspection it is satisfied that:**

- (a) an offence under this Act or any other relevant law has been committed ;or**
- (b) a condition of the licence has been breached.**

CLAUSE 19

(a). **Mr Speaker Sir**, the Committee did suggest the following changes to allow descent flow of the law and thus rephrased and shifted **Clause 41** to become **Clause 17** therefore to read as follows-

17(1) “Notwithstanding the provisions of section 18, if upon inspection of any approved abattoir a meat inspector or veterinary officer finds that either the premises, the equipment installed or the operations carried out in the abattoir fail to comply with the provisions of this Act, they shall serve on the owner or his agent responsible for the operation of the approved abattoir a written notice specifying all alterations or improvements to the abattoir necessary to ensure that the premises, equipment and operations comply with the provisions of this Act.

(2) Such notification shall specify the period of time which the owner shall be given for the purpose of effecting the said alterations or improvements, provided that such period shall not exceed 3 months from the date of the notification being received by the owner or his agent.

(3) Should the specified period be exceeded, the county executive may apply to the court for an order that the abattoir be closed until such time as the required alterations or improvements have been completed to the satisfaction of the principal veterinary officer:

(4) Such closure shall be without prejudice to the institution of proceedings against the owner of the abattoir under the provisions of section 36.

(5) it shall always be open to the holder of the certificate to show cause why such order should not be made.

- (i) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “conditions of a licence” and replace it thereof with **surrender of licence.**

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- (ii) 19(2) delete the margin note “revocation, alteration or suspension of licence”.
- (b).-That renumber Clause 19 to **Clause 18**
- Delete the margin note and replace with **surrender of licence**

CLAUSE 20

- (i) Clause 20 be renumbered to **clause 19**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “surrender of licence” and replace it thereof with **appeals**.

PART IV – REQUIREMENTS OF ABATTOIRS

Renumber Part IV to **PART V**

Delete the erroneously placed margin note “Appeals”

CLAUSE 21

- (i) Clause 21 be renumbered to **clause 20**.
- (ii) Insert the marginal note **Lighting**.

CLAUSE 22

- (i) Clause 22 be renumbered to **clause 21**.
- (ii) Insert the marginal note **Water supply**.

CLAUSE 23

- (i) Clause 23 be renumbered to **clause 22**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “lighting” and replace it thereof with **Layout**.

CLAUSE 24

- (i) Clause 24 be renumbered to **clause 23**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “water supply” and replace it thereof with **Equipment**.

CLAUSE 25

- (i) Clause 25 be renumbered to **clause 24**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “Layout” and replace it thereof with **separate rooms for washing internal**.
- (iii) Delete the words “a county” immediately before abattoir and replace thereof with **an**. This Bill provides for both county and private abattoirs.

CLAUSE 26

- (i) Clause 26 be renumbered to **clause 25**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “equipment” and replace it thereof with **Cold storage**.

CLAUSE 27

- (i) Clause 27 be renumbered to **clause 26**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “separate rooms for washing internal organs” and replace it thereof with **Standby facilities**.

CLAUSE 28

- (i) Clause 28 be renumbered to **clause 27**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “cold storage” and replace it thereof with **Steriliser**.

CLAUSE 29

- (i) Clause 29 be renumbered to **clause 28**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “standby facilities” and replace it thereof with **Provision of animal enclosures**.

CLAUSE 30

- (i) Clause 30 be renumbered to **clause 29**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “steriliser” and replace it thereof with **“provision of transport**.

CLAUSE 31

- (i) Clause 31 be renumbered to **clause 30**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “provision of animal enclosures” and replace it thereof with **Provision of clothing**.

CLAUSE 32

- (i) Clause 32 be renumbered to **clause 31**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “provision of transport” and replace it thereof with **Personal hygiene**.

CLAUSE 33

- (i) Clause 33 be renumbered to **clause 32**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “provision of clothing” and replace it thereof with **Cattle to be rested before slaughter**.

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- (iii) 32(1) - Delete the words “section 20” and replace thereof with **clause 28** which provides that there shall be animal enclosures within an abattoir.

CLAUSE 34

- (i) Clause 34 be renumbered to **clause 33**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “personal hygiene” and replace it thereof with **slaughtering of pigs**.

CLAUSES 35

- (i) That merge Clauses 35 and 36 to become new **clause 34**
- (ii) The unrelated margin notes under these clauses will be deleted and replaced thereof with **notification of slaughter and inspection of animals**.
- (iii) Rephrase the Clause to read as follows-

34(1) to read “an owner of an approved abattoir shall notify or cause to be notified a meat inspector of any intention to slaughter any animal (s) within his slaughterhouse for purposes of inspecting the animal (s) intended for slaughtering.

- Renumber 36(1) to 34(2)
- Renumber 36(2) to 34(3)
- Sub clause 36(3) be further amended to give new sub clause as follows:-
34(4) - **Any animal found by a meat inspector to be suffering from any contagious disease shall be removed from the premises of the abattoir and detained for further observation and destruction if need be at the cost of the owner**
34(5) - **the veterinary officer may demand vaccination and isolation for specified period of time for other animals which have come into contact with infected animal.**
34(7) - **in consultation with the county director in charge of veterinary services, the veterinary officer may order for a closure of an abattoir where contagious disease has been detected**
- Renumber 36(4) to **34(6)**
- Renumber 36(5) to **34(5)**

CLAUSE 37

- (i) Clause 37 be renumbered to **clause 35**.

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- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “notification of slaughter” and replace it thereof with **use of container for viscera**

CLAUSE 38

This Clause was merged with clause 18.

CLAUSE 39

- (i) Clause 39 be renumbered to **clause 36**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “use of container for viscera” and replace it thereof with **destruction of unfit meat**.
- (iii) The Clause to be sub divided into two sub clauses as follows:
- 36(1) - a meat inspector may, after giving written notice of his reasons for so doing to the owner of an abattoir or his agent declare meat to be unfit for human consumption and further insert to this sub clause the words **and the stock breeder** in between the words “agent” and “declare”.
 - 36(2) - such meat shall be destroyed by burning or such other suitable means of disposal as soon as possible after the written notice has been received by the owner of the abattoir or his agent and the stock breeder.
- (iv) Introduce a new sub clause 36(3) reading - **the cost of disposal under this section shall be at the cost of the stock breeder**.

CLAUSE 40

- (i) Clause 40 be renumbered to **clause 37**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “meat inspection” and replace it thereof with **register of animals slaughtered**.
- (iii) Introduce new paragraphs as follows:
- (h) stock breeder or agent’s personal identification and postal address.
 - (i) Colour of the animal.
- (iv) Renumber paragraph (h) of this clause to (j).

CLAUSE 41

This Clause 41 was shifted to become **Clause 17**

CLAUSE 42

- (i) Clause 42 be renumbered to **clause 38**.

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- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “register of animals slaughtered” and replace it thereof with **condemnation of soiled meat**.

CLAUSE 43

- (i) Clause 43 be renumbered to **clause 39**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “notice to remedy defaults” and replace it thereof with **human diseases**.
- (iii) The committee recommended rephrasing of sub – clauses 1, 2 and 3 as follows.
- (1) **A person who, having the knowledge that he or she suffers from any notifiable infectious or contagious disease, or is knowingly exposed to infection from any such disease within 12 hours immediately before assuming duty shall not engage in the slaughter of animals, dressing of carcasses or handling or conveyance of meat intended for human consumption.**
- (2) **No employer shall permit any person in their employment who has been confirmed by a medical officer to be suffering from infection or who has been exposed to infection to be engaged in any activity within the approved abattoir unless the employer has obtained a prior written confirmation from a medical officer that the subject person is fit for such engagement.**
- (3) **A medical officer shall, upon issuing a reasonable notification to the owner of an abattoir, have the power to examine, which may include the examination of blood of any person engaged in the slaughtering of animals, the dressing of carcasses of handling or conveyance of meat, whenever he deems it necessary to do so. This is for the purpose of ascertaining whether such person suffers from any disease or condition liable to contaminate the meat, as a result of which serious consequences to the health of others may occur; And may prohibit any such person found to be suffering from being so engaged until the person again has been examined and certified by a medical officer to be free from such disease or condition.**

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- (4) **Provided that the lack of notice under this sub-section shall not invalidate any legal action taken by the medical officer in the circumstance.**

CLAUSE 44

- (i) Clause 44 be renumbered to **clause 40**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “condemnation of soiled meat” and replace it thereof with **disposal of unclaimed animals**.
- (iii) The committee recommended rephrasing of sub – clauses 1 and 2 as follows:
 - (1) **Any animal in an abattoir which may be unclaimed or as to the ownership which there is a dispute, the carcass thereof shall be disposed off by way of sale by the owner or the person in charge of the abattoir.**
 - (2) **In the event the slaughterhouse is owned by the County Government, on ascertaining the rightful owner of the animal under subsection(1), the county government shall pay to the owner the proceeds from such sale less the cost incurred in disposing the animal.**

CLAUSE 45

Clause 45 be renumbered to **clause 41**.

CLAUSE 46

- (i) Clause 46 be renumbered to **clause 42**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “disposal of unclaimed animals” and replace it thereof with the corrected margin note – **exclusion of persons under the age of eighteen years**
- (iii) Replace “16 years” with **18** year in the first sentence of the clause

CLAUSE 47 & 48

The above two clause were merged, renumbered to **Clause 43** and rephrased as follows:

- (i) 43. A person commits an offence if-
 - (a) Smokes in any part of the abattoir where animals are slaughtered, inspected or kept
 - (b) Enters an abattoir while intoxicated
 - (c) Remains in an abattoir while intoxicated

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- (d) Brings any alcohol into an abattoir
 - (ii) Introduce a new paragraph (e) - **Chews khat while in an abattoir**
 - (iii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “dogs, etc. prohibited” and replace it thereof with the corrected margin note – **smoking, alcohol and khat chewing prohibited**

CLAUSE 49

- (i) Clause 49 be renumbered to **clause 44**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “smoking prohibited” and replace it thereof with corrected margin note – **restrictions for removal of an animal**.

CLAUSE 50

- (i) Clause 50 be renumbered to **clause 45**.
- (ii) Introduce a new margin note **licensing of flayers**.

CLAUSE 50

- (i) Clause 50 be renumbered to **clause 46**.
- (ii) Delete the erroneously placed margin note “restrictions of removal of ani” and replace it thereof with margin note – **protection from personal liability**.

CLAUSE 51

- (i) Clause 51 be renumbered to **clause 47**.
- (ii) Insert margin note **general penalty**.
- (iii) Replace the words “three years” thereof with **six months** and “one million” with **ten thousand** in the fourth and sixth sentences of this clause respectively.

CLAUSE 52

- (i) Clause 52 be renumbered to **clause 48**.
- (ii) Insert margin note **Regulation**

New clauses

The committee recommended the following new clauses to the Bill:-

PART II - CATEGORIES OF ABATTOIRS

CLAUSE 3

3 - There is established in Kitui county the following categories of abattoirs belonging to the County Government of Kitui or a Private Entrepreneur.

3(1) CATEGORY A-SLAUGHTER SLABS,

This is the lowest category of local slaughterhouses and shall have:

- (a) throughput not exceeding two bovine units or camels or five units of goats or sheep or 3 units of pigs per day.
- (b) land size of not less than 0.5 acre
- (c) perimeter fencing of chain link with lockable gate
- (d) provision for humane killing
- (e) facilities for bleeding animals in hanging position.
- (f) suitable size and number of windows with fly screens
- (g) hand washing basins with sterilizers next to it
- (h) hot water boiler for sterilization of equipment
- (i) equipment and tools as required for purposes which include bleeding chain, spreaders, cradles, hooks, splitting axes, knives, stands and offals inspection racks.
- (j) lockable doors.
- (k) a toilet with hand wash facility
- (l) manure shed
- (m) an office space
- (n) condemnation pit under lock and key kept by inspecting officer
- (o) designs and drawings approved by Sub County Veterinary officer.

3(2) CATEGORY B –SMALL TO MEDIUM SLAUGHTERHOUSE

This slaughter house shall have-

- (a)throughput of six to forty bovine or camels or two hundred goats/sheep or one hundred and twenty bekoners per day.
- (b)land size not less than 2 acres
- (c) perimeter fence of chain link with lockable gate
- (d)adequate lighting both natural and artificial of at least five hundred and forty lux where meat is inspected and two hundred and twenty lux in the work areas
- (e)Cold room facilities of at least 10 degrees Centigrade.
- (f) provisions (d)to (p) of Category C shall apply in Category B slaughter houses.

3(3) CATEGORY C-LARGE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

This is the highest category of local slaughterhouse and shall have-

- (a)land size not less than five acres(or 2.5 hectares).

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- (b)throughput exceeding forty bovine or camel, two hundred goats /sheep or more than one hundred and twenty beckoners per day. The maximum throughput shall be given by the Director at the time of grading
 - (c) perimeter fence of stone or brick permanent wall with lockable gates
 - (d) sufficient pests and vermin control facilities
 - (e) offloading ramp for humane handling of all types of animals from vehicles of different levels
 - (f) a facility where livestock transport vehicles can be cleaned and sanitized
 - (g)Sufficient lighting both natural and artificial of at least five hundred and forty lux where meat is inspected and two hundred and twenty in other work areas and an emergency slaughter facility.

 - (h)Separate livestock entries for cattle ,sheep and goats
 - (i)Slaughter process pulley on overhead rail system with all required equipment for the purpose.
 - (j)Equipment and tools should be non-corrosive
 - (k)Separate area for bleeding and for dressing the carcasses with all appropriate equipment
 - (l)Approved faying equipment including hide puller
 - (m)Separate chillers for carcasses and red offal and another for rough offal.
 - (n)Freezers of at least 10 degrees Centigrade
 - (o)Detention room for retained carcasses, portions or organs.
 - (p)Separate changing rooms and toilets for persons working in the slaughterhouse dirty and clean areas
 - (q)Sterilization facilities for all equipment and personnel
 - (r)Food quality and safety analysis and conformity laboratory or linked to a public or private one approved by competent authority.
 - (s)Suitable manure shed
 - (t)Sufficient incinerators or condemnation pits
 - (u)Competent manager trained in Food hygiene or Meat technology or Environmental Health.
 - (v)Supervising Inspecting officer trained in meat grading, Environmental health or Meat technology.

CLAUSE 49. – Saving and Transition

49(1) Any slaughter house or Abattoir which was established before the coming into operation of its Act shall be considered to have been established under this Act.

49(2) For avoidance of doubt, a slaughter house or Abattoir existing pursuant to sub – section (1) shall be required to comply with all the provisions of this Act by 31st December 2016.

49(3) It shall be an offence under this Act for any slaughter house existing pursuant to this section to operate beyond 31st December 2016, if such slaughter house will not have complied with all the provisions of this Act.

49(4) For the purpose of this section a slaughter house or slab includes a slaughter slab.

Interpretations:

CLAUSE 2

The following words were recommended to be included in the interpretation clauses:

“County Executive Committee Member” – means the person appointed under article 179 of the constitution of Kenya and for the time being responsible for matters relating to agriculture, fisheries and livestock.

“Viscera container” – means a container to put all internal organs from an animal’s abdominal cavity

“County Director of Veterinary services” – means any person employed as such by the Kitui County Public Service Board.

“County Public Service Board” – to mean the board established under article 57 of the County Governments Act, Act no. 17 of 2012.

LONG TITLE:

That the long title of this bill be adopted as printed.

CLAUSE 1

Amend by changing the Bill year “2013” to **2014**.

NEW SCHEDULES

The following schedules were recommended to be included in the Bill:

SCHEDULE I

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KITUI
THE KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS ACT, 2014

FORM A- PROHIBITION ORDERS TO AN ABATTOIR

To (Name) Mr/Mrs/M/s-----
(Owner/Supervisor/Manager of-----)(Slaughterhouse)
of
Address-----Category-----Certificate no-----

I, the undersigned, hereby-

1(a) prohibit use of entire slaughterhouse mentioned above.

(b) prohibit use of-----part/area of the slaughterhouse mentioned above.

(c) prohibit use of the following equipment or conveyance in the above slaughterhouse, namely-----until(date)-----
or until the following has been done when this prohibition will be withdrawn-----

2) Order that the above mentioned slaughterhouse or part/area or the under mentioned equipment or conveyance mentioned hereunder be forthwith cleaned, disinfected, renovated, repaired or altered as indicated below or be made fit for the purpose for which it is used or be replaced as indicated here under-

3) Order to do the following to ensure the above mentioned slaughterhouse or area complies with the requirements of Kitui County Abattoirs Act-----

4) Order that the use of water in the above mentioned slaughterhouse be discontinued immediately until an alternative supply is available or the water has been rendered fit for use.

5) Order that the person mentioned here below shall immediately leave the above slaughterhouse or area and he/she shall not re-enter until his/her return has been authorized as provided in these regulations

Date-----

Place-----

Inspecting officer In Charge (Name)-----

Signature-----

FORM B- SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENCE

THE KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS ACT 2014

SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENCE

Issued under the Kitui County Abattoir Act 2014

Licence No.Slaughterhouse
Category.....

Issued to.....

(Name and address of owner of slaughterhouse, firm or company)

Licence expires on 31st December, 20.....

Date

.....

Licensing/Inspecting Officer

Fee Paid: Ksh. Official receipt Number

Date

FORM C - CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORT

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORT

Issued in accordance with

KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS ACT 2014

Permission is hereby granted to transport the meat described below-

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From

To

Owner of the meat

No. of carrier's permit

Registration No. of the carrier

Name of the person responsible for consigning meat

Name of driver

Names of attendants

Date and time of departure

Date of issue

Fee Paid

Inspecting Officer

Official Stamp

FORM D – REGISTRATION OF PREMISE CERTIFICATE

KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS ACT 2014

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES CERTIFICATE

The premises situated at

and occupied by

have been inspected by me, and I hereby approve them as being suitable for purpose
the of suspension drying/wet salting/tanning*

I also certify that the owner/occupier* of such premises and the persons
employed therein are capable of satisfactorily preparing/processing* hides and
skins in the prescribed manner.

The premises have been given the following Registration

Number

Fee Paid Ksh.....

Amount in words

Expiry on 31 December,

Date

Inspector

**Delete whichever word is not applicable.*

**ADOPTION OF THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE KITUI COUNTY ABATTOIRS BILL,
2014 (BILL. NO. 8)**

NAME	DESIGNATION	SIGNATURE
1. Hon Titus Kasinga	Chairman	_____
2. Hon Nzuki Wambua	Vice Chairman	_____

3. Hon Nzyoni Manguye	Member	_____
4. Hon Kalovo Musau	Member	_____
5. Hon Kilonzo D. Kauthi	Member	_____
6. Hon Jemimah M. Mbiti	Member	_____
7. Hon Rodah Wambua	Member	_____
8. Hon Deiys Mukala	Member	_____
9. Hon Bernard Munyasya	Member	_____
10. Hon Antony Muthui	Member	_____
11. Hon Mwove Kinyala	Member	_____
12. Hon. Jane Muli	Member	_____
13. Hon. Allan Kavindi	Member	_____