

Agricultural Marketing Authority (Livestock Development Levy)
Regulations, 2017

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development has, in terms of section 37 of the Agricultural Marketing Authority Act [Chapter 18:24], made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agricultural Marketing Authority (Livestock Development Levy) Regulations, 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“Authority” means the Agricultural Marketing Authority established in terms of section 4 of Agricultural Marketing Authority Act [Chapter 18:24];

“buyer” means a person who, by himself or his or her agents, carries on the business of buying any raw milk that is produced in Zimbabwe;

“producers association” in relation to any class of agricultural product, means an association of persons which, in the opinion of the Minister, adequately represents producers of that class of agricultural product;

“processor” means a person who produces, manufactures or prepares for sale any product from an agricultural product of which he or she is not the producer.

Persons responsible for payment of levy and rate thereof

3. (1) Every person engaged in the business of—

- (a) producing chicks; or
- (b) buying raw milk; or
- (c) slaughtering beef cattle;

shall pay a livestock development levy.

- (2) The rate of the levy to be paid by—
- (a) producers of day old chicks shall be USD 1 cent per day old chick;
 - (b) buyers of raw milk shall be USD 1 cent per litre for all raw milk purchased;
 - (c) USD 10 of the value of a fifth quarter per animal slaughtered.

Collection and remittal of levy

4. (1) The levy shall be—
- (a) payable to Agricultural Marketing Fund no later than seven days of the month following the month in which—
 - (i) the chicks were produced;
 - (ii) the cattle were slaughtered;
 - (iii) the milk bought;
 - (b) accompanied by a return in the appropriate form prescribed in the First Schedule;
 - (c) collected into three sub funds, namely: beef, dairy and poultry.

Uses of the levy

5. The Authority shall use the levy to promote—
- (a) surveillance, prevention and control of animal disease in accordance with the Animal Health Act [*Chapter 19:01*];
 - (b) research on appropriate technologies in livestock production and animal health;
 - (c) transparent grading and classification of livestock and livestock products;
 - (d) orderly marketing of livestock;
 - (e) investment in veterinary infrastructure;
 - (f) sustainable animal husbandry practices.

Disbursement committee

6. (1) The Minister shall appoint a disbursement committee consisting of—

- (a) one member from the Agricultural Marketing Authority;
- (b) one member from the Department of Livestock and Veterinary Services;
- (c) one member nominated by producers association to represent farmers;
- (d) one member nominated by processors association to represent processors.

(2) The committee shall make recommendations to the Minister on the disbursement of moneys under each of the three sub funds.

Failure to pay, collect or remit levies

7. (1) Any person who, without lawful excuse, fails or refuses to pay, collect or remit any levy or any interest or surcharge connected therewith shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding level six or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

FIRST SCHEDULE (*Section 4*)

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Form No. 1

MONTHLY RETURN ON LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT LEVY
REMITTANCE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE AGRICULTURAL
MARKETING AUTHORITY

Name of abattoir: Abattoirs registration number:.....

Physical address:.....
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Month:..... Year:.....

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Number of cattle slaughtered	Levy remitted (US\$)

I,....., certify that this is a true and correct return.

Signature:..... Date stamp:.....

Designation:.....

Form No. 2

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REMITTANCE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE AGRICULTURAL
MARKETING AUTHORITY**

Name of buyer:..... Buyers registration number:.....

Physical address:.....

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Month:..... Year:.....

Volume of raw milk purchased (litres)	Value of raw milk purchased (US\$)	Levy remitted (US\$)

I,....., certify that this is a true and correct return.

Signature:..... Date stamp:.....

Designation:.....

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REMITTANCE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE AGRICULTURAL
MARKETING AUTHORITY

Name of hatchery:..... Registration Number:.....

Physical Address:.....

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Month:..... Year:.....

Number of day old chicks produced	Levy remitted (US\$)

I,....., certify that this is a true and correct return.

Signature:.....Date stamp:.....

Designation:.....