

Notification of Legal Liability for Transporting Animals and Animal Products for Slaughtering Operation

In order to strengthen the epidemic prevention and control over the slaughtering, marketing and transportation of animals and animal products, prevent and control animal diseases, and ensure public health safety and human health, according to the relevant provisions of the Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China, the legal responsibilities to be performed in the slaughtering and marketing of animals and animal products are hereby notified as follows:

I. The newly revised Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China, effective as of May 1, 2021, has significantly raised the penalty standard for illegal acts, increased the punishment and accountability. The cost of illegal acts is very high.

II. Article 29 of Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China: It is prohibited to slaughter, trade or transport the following animals and to produce, process, store or transport the following animal products:

- (1) those related to animal diseases occurring in a lockdown epidemic area;
- (2) those easily infected in an epidemic area;
- (3) those subject to quarantine inspection according to law but fail to undergo quarantine inspection or fail to pass quarantine inspection;
- (4) having been infected with or suspected of having been infected with an epidemic disease;
- (5) death from illness or an unknown cause of death;
- (6) other items that do not conform to the relevant provisions of the competent agricultural and rural departments under the State Council for animal epidemic prevention.

Article 51 of Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China: The animals which are forbidden to be slaughtered, sold or transported, as well as the animals which are used for scientific research, display, performance and competition for non-edible purposes shall be attached with quarantine certificates; Animal products marketed or transported shall be attached with quarantine certificates and quarantine marks.

III. Article 97 of Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China: Whoever that practice slaughtering, marketing or transporting the animals or producing, processing, storing or transporting animal products in violation of the provisions of Article 29 of this Law, shall be ordered by the competent agricultural and rural departments of the local people's governments at or above the county level to make corrections and take remedial measures, and the animals and animal products illegally obtained shall be confiscated. A fine of not less than 15 times but not more than 30 times the value of the animals or animal products that have passed the quarantine inspection shall also be imposed; If the value of the same kind of animal or animal product that has passed quarantine inspection is less than 10,000 yuan, a fine of not less than 50,000 yuan but not more than 150,000 yuan shall be imposed; Those who are subject to quarantine inspection but fail to do so shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of Article 100 of this Law.

IV. Article 100 of the Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China: Whoever, in violation of the provisions of this Law, slaughtering, trading or transporting animals without quarantine certificates, or trading or transporting animal products without quarantine certificates or quarantine marks shall be ordered by the competent agricultural and rural departments of the local people's governments at or above the county level to make corrections, be punished as having passed the same kind of quarantine inspection and be fined at least twice the value of the animal products; A fine of not less than three times but not more than five times the transport expenses shall be imposed on the carrier other than the owner of the cargo, or, if the circumstances are serious, a fine of not less than five times but not more than 10 times.

V. Persons responsible for slaughtering and marketing animals and animal products must, in accordance with relevant laws and regulations, do a good job of animal epidemic prevention and disinfection and prevention and control of environmental pollution.

VI. Those who violate the provisions of the Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China and cause the occurrence and spread of a major animal epidemic or the safety accident of animal products shall be dealt with according to the provisions and assume corresponding responsibilities.

VII. This notification is in duplicate, with the person in charge of operation and the Yulin Comprehensive Agricultural Administrative Law Enforcement Detachment holding one copy respectively.