

**RULES**  
**For**  
**THE CERTIFICATION TRADE MARK**  
**Of**  
**CERTIFIED HUMANE**  
**In the name of: Humane Farm Animal Care**

**i. General**

These RULES detail the requirements and conditions applied by Humane Farm Animal Care (hereafter “HFAC”) in relation to obtaining, maintaining, and the use of the certification trade mark below:



(hereafter “CERTIFIED HUMANE”).

The RULES generally relate to the treatment of farm animals for the production of meat.

**ii. Structure of the RULES**

The RULES are referred to below in of and under the headings and incorporate the respectively mentioned ANNEXTURES under each heading so that the ANNEXTURES and this document form one document containing the RULES.

The general format of the document is e.g. “1.4 Egg Laying Hens (Annex 4)”, where there is a numbering system, followed by a short reference title to the content, and followed by a parentheses containing the Annex and number allotted to the Annex.

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HFAC: "Humane Farm Animal Care"

AVMA: "American Veterinary Medical Association"

CTM: "Certified Trade Mark"

## THE RULES

### **1 Requirements for obtaining Certification to carry the CERTIFIED HUMANE CTM**

HFAC provides certification to use CERTIFIED HUMANE in relation to categories of operation as set out under the heading “Part 2: The Certification Process” in:

#### 1.1 Certification Categories (Annex 1, p. 4)

The certification process is applied according to the type of animal farmed. The categories of animal and the requirement to obtain certification are listed below with the details of the requirements being specified in the corresponding Annex.

- 1.2 Beef Cattle (Annex 2)
- 1.3 Chicken Broilers (Annex 3)
- 1.4 Egg Laying Hens (Annex 4)
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- 1.6 Goats (Annex 6)
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- 1.8 Sheep (Annex 8)
- 1.9 Turkeys (Annex 9)
- 1.10 Young Dairy Beef (Annex 10)
- 1.11 Bison (Annex 11)

### **2 Process for determining if Certification Requirements are being met**

HFAC provides for procedures to ensure continued adherence to standards, including for groups, manufacturers and pooled product operators. The procedures involve inspection processes, including unannounced inspections and certification decisions.

The processes are outlined under the heading “Part 2: The Certification Process” and are found in the corresponding Annex.

- 2.1 Billing Rates for Certification Services (Annex 1, pp. 5-6)
- 2.2 HFAC Procedures for Taking and Handling Samples (Annex 1, p. 7)
- 2.3 Initial Certification (Annex 1, pp. 8-11)

- 2.4 Renewal of Certification (Annex 1, pp. 12-14)
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- 2.12 What to Expect During an Inspection of a Producer Group (Annex 1, pp. 27-28)
- 2.13 What to Expect During an Unannounced Inspection (Annex 1, p. 28)

### **3 Assessor of Certification Requirements**

HFAC provides for assessment procedures to be conducted by an approved person (“Inspector”). The Inspector inspects the nature of conduct of the CTM user to determine whether the certification requirements are met by the CTM user.

The qualities and role of the Inspector are outlined under the heading “Part 12: The Certification Process” and are found in the corresponding Annex.

- 3.1 Relationship between HFAC and their Inspectors (Annex 12, pp. 12-15)
- 3.2 Overview of the Inspectors Role (Annex 12, pp. 15-20)
- 3.3 Inspecting to the Standard (Annex 12, pp. 20-23)

### **4 Requirements for use of a Certified Trade Mark**

HFAC requires that use of the CTM on the goods and/or services continually meet the relevant requirements, and, provides for a renewable certification process. To this end, users’ responsibilities are provided.

Users’ responsibilities and the requirements for use of the CTM are outlined under the heading “Part 4: Rights and Responsibilities” and are found in the corresponding Annex.

- 4.1 Rights and Responsibilities of Certified Operators (Annex 1, p. 28)
- 4.2 Continued Conformance with Certification Requirements (Annex 1, pp. 31-32)
- 4.3 Renewal of Certification (Annex 1, pp. 12-14)

## **5 Other Requirements**

Additional to rules set out in 1-4 and 6-7, below, and in the corresponding Annex, HFAC sets out further rights, responsibilities, requirements, procedures and other matters to be considered part of the HFAC scheme.

- 5.1 Amending the Scope of a Certification Already Granted (Annex 1, p. 26)
- 5.2 Controlling the Certification Mark (Annex 1, p. 26)
- 5.3 Rights and Responsibilities of the Certification Agent (Annex 1, p. 29)
- 5.4 Animal Handling Guidelines (Annex 13)
- 5.5 Procedures for Humane Euthanasia (Annex 14)
- 5.6 AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia (Annex 15)
- 5.7 Inspector Training Information (Annex 12)

## **6 Dispute Resolution involving Certification Requirements**

HFAC provides for a process of handling complaints, as well as a dispute resolution process for dealing with disputes relating to Certification Requirements, including a process for resolving a dispute as to whether goods and/or services meet the Certification Requirements.

Under heading “Part 6: Resolving Conflicts” the procedure for resolving disputes is provided in the corresponding Annex.

- 6.1 Rebuttal of Certification Decisions (Annex 1, p. 32)
- 6.2 Appeals of Certification Decisions (Annex 1, pp. 32-33)
- 6.3 Complaints (Annex 1, pp. 34-37)

## **7 General Dispute Resolution**

Additionally, HFAC provides opportunity to resolve disputes other than whether goods and/or services meet the Certification Requirement.

Disputes are handled in the same manner as complaints and can detail of the procedures for these are outlined under heading “Part 6: Resolving Conflicts”.

- 7.1 Disputes (Annex 1, p. 34)
- 7.2 Complaints (Annex 1, pp. 34-37)

## 7 ANNEXTURES

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