

THE ROLE OF THE VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION IN EXPORT FACILITATION



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OVERVIEW

- Advantages of Export
- Why are veterinary services important in the export of animals and animal products?
- Which laws, regulations and international standards are relevant to the export of animals and animal products in Jamaica?
- Export procedures for terrestrial animals and their products
- Export procedures for aquatic animals and their products

THE BENEFITS OF EXPORT



WHY ARE VETERINARY SERVICES IMPORTANT IN THE EXPORT OF ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS ?

Regulations concerning animals and animal products are stringent

Compliance with international standards:

- To prevent the spread and introduction of diseases
- To ensure humane treatment of animals during transport and handling
- To ensure that exporters fulfill the specific requirements of the importing (destination) country

VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION (VSD)

- The VSD in Jamaica oversees National Animal Health and Welfare.
- It is one of six Technical Departments in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining.
- The VSD is charged with promoting food safety and international trade in animals and their products.

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Issuance of permits for import



Inspection of farm and food processing facilities



International health certification for live animals and animal products



Port and Field Surveillance



Diagnosis of animal diseases and residue analysis



National Animal Emergency Disease Response



Monitoring of ports of entry and the disposal of International garbage

LAWS RELEVANT TO TRADE IN ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

- The Animals (Diseases and Importation) Act
- The Aquaculture, Inland and Marine Products and By-Products (Inspection and Licensing) Act
- The Meat and Meat-by-products Act



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