MEAT

For the purpose of this Office, meat means the carcass, offal or other edible parts of animals but does not include the edible parts of a bird, fish, hare or rabbit. Meat product means any product derived from the processing of meat obtained from the slaughter of cattle, goat, sheep/lamb, pigs, and deer/stag (venison).

Licences are issued by NAPRO for:

(i) Meat Shops
(ii) Producers of meat products (meat processors)
(iii) Slaughterhouse Operators
(iv) Game Venison Dealers
(v) Venison Dealers
(vi) Venison Retailers

**Meat Shops**

The NAPRO Act stipulates that no person shall sell fresh meat except from the premises in respect of which a licence has been issued.

**Producer of meat products**

A producer of meat products is one who is engaged in the processing of the meat. Processed meat products include various different types with local/regional variations, and are food of animal origin, which contribute valuable animal proteins to human diets. Animal tissues, in the first place muscle meat and fat, are the main ingredients, besides occasionally used other tissues such as internal organs, skins and blood or ingredients of plant origin.

**Slaughterhouse**

Slaughterhouse means premises or any other place used to slaughter animals to obtain meat for sale. Section 9 of the NAPRO Act specifies that no person shall slaughter an animal or cause an animal to be slaughtered at a place other than at the abattoir or in a slaughterhouse approved by NAPRO. Hence any person who intends to operate a slaughterhouse needs to apply to NAPRO for a licence.
**Venison Dealers**

The NAPRO Act requires venison dealers and retailers to be licenced by NAPRO and in addition no person shall operate as a Venison Dealer or Venison Retailer or sell Game Venison during the close season without a licence.

Section 14 of the Act further stipulates that no Venison Dealer shall, except with approval of NAPRO, sell venison to any person other than to a Venison Retailer. No Venison Retailer shall buy venison except from a Venison Dealer. No person shall without lawful authority have in his possession game venison during the close season and where he is a Venison Dealer or Retailer, have venison at any place other than his place of business or a place approved by NAPRO. It is an offence therefore to deal in venison without a valid licence and to be in possession of venison which has been killed or is thought to have been killed illegally.