



ANALYSIS

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Title.

AN ACT to amend the Meat Act 1939.

[26 November 1953

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Meat Amendment Act 1953, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Meat Act 1939 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

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Canneries

2. For the purposes of this Act and of the principal Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— Interpretation.

“ Cannery ” means any premises that are used for the canning of meat for sale and in respect of which a licence is for the time being in force under this Act:

“ Cannery licence ” means a licence granted under this Act in respect of a cannery.

3. No person shall, after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, use any premises for the canning of meat for sale unless he is the holder of a licence issued to him under this Act in respect of those premises: Canneries to be licensed.

Provided that where the licensee of any meat-export slaughterhouse carries on the canning of meat in any part of the premises of the meat-export slaughterhouse, that part of those premises shall be deemed to be a cannery, and in respect thereof the holder of the meat-export slaughterhouse licence shall be deemed to be the holder of a cannery licence.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, every person who at the passing of this Act is carrying on in any premises, not being premises deemed to be a cannery under the proviso to section three of this Act, the business of canning meat for sale shall be entitled to a cannery licence in respect of those premises if he applies for such a licence, in accordance with section eight of this Act, on or before the thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and if in the opinion of the Minister the construction of the premises and their equipment are satisfactory. Licences for existing canneries.

(2) The local authority shall, on compliance by any such person as aforesaid with this section and the said section eight, and on receipt of a notification from the Minister that in his opinion the construction of the premises and their equipment are satisfactory, issue a cannery licence to that person in respect of those premises, to take effect from the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, as if the issue of the licence had been consented to by the Minister under this Act.

Licences to be issued by local authorities.

5. (1) Every licence in respect of a cannery shall be issued by the local authority of the district in which the premises used or intended to be used as a cannery are situated.

(2) No such licence shall be issued or renewed without the consent of the Minister, which may be withheld on any of the grounds specified in section ten of this Act.

Special provisions as to new premises.

6. (1) Where any person proposes to erect any premises, or to reconstruct or adapt any premises, with the intention that they shall be used as a cannery, he shall, before the work is commenced, submit the plans and specifications thereof to the Minister, and shall at the same time give to the local authority concerned notice that the plans and specifications have been so submitted.

(2) If, after having regard to any recommendations of the Meat Producers Board, the Minister is satisfied with the plans and specifications, he may in his discretion undertake to give his consent to the issue by the local authority of a cannery licence in respect of the premises if the premises are completed and the licence is duly applied for within twelve months after the date of the Minister's undertaking, or within such extended time as the Minister may allow.

Notice of intention to apply for licence.

7. Before making application to a local authority for a cannery licence in respect of any premises, the intending applicant shall, by advertisement published at least once in each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper circulating in the district in which the premises are situated, give notice of his intention to apply for a licence in respect of those premises. The last of such advertisements shall be published not earlier than fourteen days and not later than seven days before the date of the application.

Application for licence.

8. (1) Every application for a cannery licence shall be made to the appropriate local authority in the prescribed form, and shall be accompanied by an adequate plan and description of the premises to which the application relates.

(2) Every such application shall also be accompanied by the prescribed fee, which shall be payable to the local authority.

9. (1) On receipt of an application for a cannery licence in respect of any premises, the local authority shall consider the application, and shall, with the consent of the Minister but not otherwise, issue a licence if, after such inquiry and investigation as it thinks necessary, it is satisfied—

Grant and renewal of licence.

(a) That the requirements of this Act in relation to the application have been complied with:

(b) That the situation of the premises to which the application relates is not objectionable, and that in respect of drainage and sanitation and the disposal of refuse and trade wastes the construction of the premises and their equipment are satisfactory.

(2) Every cannery licence shall be in the prescribed form and shall, unless sooner cancelled or surrendered, continue in force until the thirtieth day of June next after the date on which the licence takes effect.

(3) Subject to the provisions of subsection two of section five of this Act, any cannery licence, including any licence issued under section four of this Act, may be from time to time renewed on payment to the local authority of the prescribed fee.

(4) The renewal of a cannery licence shall be for the period ending on the thirtieth day of June next after the date on which the renewal takes effect.

10. The Minister may withhold his consent to the issue or renewal of any cannery licence if he is of opinion that the construction of the premises and their equipment are not satisfactory, or if the licensee has been convicted of any offence against the principal Act or this Act in respect of that or any other cannery or any slaughterhouse:

Power of Minister to withhold consent to issue or renewal of licence on certain grounds.

Provided that the Minister shall not withhold his consent to the issue of a licence in any case where he has undertaken to give his consent thereto under section six of this Act.

11. (1) No licensee of a cannery shall make or begin to make, or cause or permit to be made, any additions to or structural alterations of the cannery during the currency of the licence, except in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Minister.

Structural alterations of cannery to be approved by Minister.

(2) In considering any application for his approval under this section, the Minister shall have regard to any recommendation of the Meat Producers Board.

(3) Every licensee of a cannery commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction by a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds who contravenes or fails to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section.

Sanitary
condition of
canneries.

12. (1) Every licensee of a cannery shall maintain the cannery in a proper sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the proper sanitary condition of a cannery shall be deemed not to be maintained unless the cannery is kept efficiently lighted, ventilated, cleansed, drained, and provided with a sufficient water supply; or if any filth or refuse or anything likely to detrimentally affect the quality of any meat is allowed to remain on the cannery premises.

(3) Every licensee commits an offence against the principal Act who fails to comply in any respect with the provisions of this section.

Deteriorated or
adulterated
meat not to be
canned.

13. (1) No licensee of a cannery shall can, or cause or permit to be canned, any meat—

(a) That has undergone any process of decomposition or has otherwise deteriorated:

(b) That has been tampered with or adulterated by the use of preservatives or otherwise.

(2) For the purposes of subsection one of this section, no meat shall be deemed to have been tampered with or adulterated by reason only of the fact that there has been added to it a preservative or other substance in accordance with the Food and Drugs Act 1947 or any regulations for the time being in force under that Act.

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(3) No licensee of a cannery shall can any meat or cause or permit any meat to be canned, unless in the process of canning it is properly sterilized by heat and sealed.

(4) Every licensee commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction by a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds who contravenes or fails to comply in any respect with any provision of this section.

14. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section forty-eight, the following section: Branding and inspection of meat.

“48A. (1) No can of meat intended for human consumption shall be removed from any cannery unless the can has been branded or labelled in the prescribed manner so as to indicate that the meat is fit for human consumption and, in the case of meat intended for export, is fit for export.

“(2) Any Inspector may at any time inspect any meat on the premises of any cannery; and may at any time inspect any can of meat on the premises, and the contents of any such can, notwithstanding that the can may already have been inspected and may have been sealed and branded or labelled as aforesaid.

“(3) If at any time an Inspector is of opinion that any meat on the premises of any cannery, whether the meat is canned or not, is not fit for human consumption or fit for export, as the case may be, he may direct that the meat be disposed of in such manner as he thinks fit.

“(4) Every licensee of a cannery commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction by a Magistrate to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds who—

“(a) Removes any can of meat from the cannery, or causes or permits it to be removed, in contravention of the provisions of this section:

“(b) Contravenes or fails to comply with any direction given by an Inspector under this section, or causes or permits any contravention or non-compliance with any such direction as aforesaid.”

15. The principal Act is hereby amended in the manner indicated in the Schedule to this Act. Consequential amendments.

Miscellaneous

16. (1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section four, and substituting the following section: Appointment of Inspectors and other officers.

“4. (1) There may from time to time be appointed under the Public Service Act 1912 such Inspectors and other officers and employees as are required for the purposes of this Act. See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. VII, p. 522

“(2) The Minister may from time to time appoint any person, not being an officer or employee of the Public Service, as an Inspector in a part-time capacity for the purposes of this Act, and may also prescribe the powers and functions of any person so appointed. No person appointed under this subsection shall by virtue of that appointment become an officer or employee of the Public Service, and nothing in the Public Service Act 1912 or the Superannuation Act 1947 shall apply with respect to any appointment under this subsection.

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“(3) Every person appointed under subsection two of this section shall, in the exercise and performance of his powers and functions, act under the general directions of the Director-General of Agriculture.”

(2) Section six of the principal Act is hereby consequentially amended by inserting, after the words “conferred on Inspectors by”, the words “or under”.

Section 59 of principal Act (as to use of insanitary premises) amended.

17. Section fifty-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the words “Any order or prohibition under this subsection may be expressed to take effect as from a date to be specified therein by the Inspector”.

Regulations for office accommodation and sanitary conveniences for Inspectors.

18. (1) Section seventy-one of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in subsection two, after paragraph (h), the following paragraph:

“(hh) The provision by holders of meat-export slaughterhouse licences, and by controlling authorities of abattoirs, of suitable office accommodation, sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, and accommodation for clothing in such slaughterhouses and abattoirs for use by Inspectors in the course of the performance of their functions under this Act:”.

(2) Any regulations heretofore made for any such purpose as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been lawfully made.

SCHEDULE

Schedule.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS OF PRINCIPAL ACT

Section 15

Section Affected	Nature of Amendment
Section 6	By inserting, after the words " the slaughter of stock ", the words " or the canning of meat ".
Section 53 (2)	By inserting, after paragraph (a), the following paragraph: " (aa) The holder of a cannery licence, in respect of the export of meat canned in the cannery to which the licence relates; or ".
Section 53 (2)	By inserting, after the words " in paragraph (a) ", the words " or paragraph (aa) ".
Section 58 (1)	By inserting, after the words " any slaughterhouse licence ", the words " or cannery licence ".
Section 59 (1)	By inserting, after the words " carriage of stock or meat ", the words " or for the canning of meat ".
Section 69	By inserting, after the words " rural slaughterhouse ", the words " or the licensee of a cannery ".
Section 71 (2)	By inserting in paragraph (d), after the word " slaughtering-places ", the word " canneries "; by inserting in paragraph (h), after the word " slaughtering-places ", the word " canneries "; by inserting in paragraph (o), after the word " slaughtering-places ", the words " or of canneries ".