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An Act to amend the Meat Act 1939

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Meat Amendment Act 1962, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Meat Act 1939 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Inspected meat areas—(1) For the purposes of this Act and of the principal Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Inspected meat” means meat derived from stock slaughtered in an abattoir or in a meat export slaughterhouse.

(2) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 7 (as substituted by section 2 of the Meat Amendment Act 1961), the following section:

“7A. (1) On the request of the local authorities whose districts or any part of whose districts are within the area, the Minister, in his discretion, after having regard to any representations by the licensees of any rural slaughterhouses situated within the area and to the availability of supplies of inspected meat in the area, and after making such inquiries and investigations as he thinks fit, may from time to time, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare any area not situated within an abattoir district to be an inspected meat area.

“(2) Any notice given by the Minister under this section may be at any time in like manner amended or revoked.

“(3) The provisions of section 21 of this Act shall apply with respect to any area declared under this section to be an inspected meat area in all respects as if the area were an abattoir district.”

(3) Subsection (1) of section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (a), the following paragraph:

“(aa) The borough or town district is situated wholly within an inspected meat area; or”.

3. Establishment of abattoirs by certain local authorities—The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 9, and substituting the following section:

“9. (1) Any local authority other than a Borough Council or a Town Council may, by special order but not otherwise, resolve to establish an abattoir for its district or, with the approval of the Minister but not otherwise, for any defined part of its district, and may establish an abattoir in accordance with any such special order accordingly.

“(2) Any County Council that has not established an abattoir under this section shall, if required to do so by notice in writing by the Minister, establish an abattoir for its district within such time as may be limited in that behalf in the notice:

“Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to any County Council which, whether before or after the delivery of the notice, combines with another local authority under section 14 of this Act for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a common abattoir or delegates under section 16 of this Act its power to establish an abattoir.”

4. Renewal of registration—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 17, the following section:

“17A. (1) Registration of an abattoir shall, unless sooner cancelled, continue in force until the thirtieth day of June next after the date of the certificate of registration.

“(2) Registration of an abattoir may, with the consent of the Minister but not otherwise, be from time to time renewed on payment of the prescribed fee.

“(3) The Minister may, after having regard to any representations made by the controlling authority of an abattoir, refuse his consent to the renewal of the registration of the abattoir if he is satisfied that the abattoir or its equipment has been allowed to fall into disrepair or to become insanitary or if he is satisfied that the abattoir is no longer suitable or adequate for the requirements of the district.

“(4) Every renewal of registration shall be for the period ending with the thirtieth day of June next after the date on which the renewal takes effect.

“(5) On the refusal by the Minister to consent to the renewal of registration of any abattoir maintained by or on behalf of a local authority that is required by this Act to maintain an abattoir for its district, it shall be the duty of that local authority to comply with the provisions of this Act in respect of the provision of an abattoir within such time as the Minister may allow in that behalf.”

(2) The registration of any abattoir registered under the principal Act at the commencement of this section shall continue in force until the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

(3) Subsections (3), (4), and (7) of section 17 of the principal Act (as amended by section 5 of the Meat Amendment Act 1961) are hereby repealed.

5. Exemption from certain fees—Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to the proviso the words “or in respect of sausage meat or meat contained in sausages”.

6. Cost of abattoir—Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting the words “not to exceed”, and substituting the words “to be”:
- (b) By adding the words “or such other amount as the Minister in any particular case may direct”.

7. Plans and specifications for new meat export slaughterhouses—Subsection (1) of section 26 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “submit the plans and specifications thereof to the Minister”, and substituting the words “submit to the Minister, in a form approved by him, the plans and specifications thereof”.

8. Meat export slaughterhouse licence—Subsection (1) of section 29 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (c), and substituting the following paragraph:

- “(c) That the situation of the premises is not objectionable, that the construction of the premises is satisfactory in all respects, and that satisfactory provision is made in respect of drainage and sanitation and the disposal of refuse and trade wastes.”

9. Pooling of hides, wool, and pelts—Section 33 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

“(6) Subject to the provisions of this section, the licensee of any meat export slaughterhouse shall, if required to do so by the Minister by notice in writing under his hand, provide, in accordance with the terms of the notice, for the collection in a common pool of hides, or in a common pool of wool and pelts, derived from stock received, slaughtered, and handled in the meat export slaughterhouse under this section, and for the sale of any such hides, wool, or pelts. Any requirement under this subsection shall be made only on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board and after the Minister has considered any representations by the licensee.

“(7) Where any pool has been established under subsection (6) of this section, no owner of stock slaughtered in the meat export slaughterhouse shall be obliged to take part in the pool:

“Provided that where any owner (other than a body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporate, of which the members are owners to which subsection (1) of this section applies) does not take part in the pool, he shall not dispose

of any hides, wool, or pelts derived from any such stock otherwise than to the licensee of the meat export slaughterhouse.

“(8) The provisions of subsections (6) and (7) of this section shall apply only to hides, wool, or pelts derived from stock received for slaughter on behalf of owners to whom subsection (1) of this section applies.”

10. Slaughter of stock on behalf of licensees of meat export packing houses—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 35, the following section:

“35A. (1) The licensee of any meat-packing house licensed under section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 may apply in writing to the Minister for his approval under this section to have any stock owned by the applicant received, slaughtered, and handled in any meat export slaughterhouse referred to in the application.

“(2) The Minister may, in his discretion and after full inquiry and discussion with the Meat Producers Board and the parties concerned, and, after having regard to any prior commitments (whether under section 33 of this Act or otherwise) of the licensee of the meat export slaughterhouse with respect to the slaughter of stock intended for export and to the reasonable requirements of that licensee in respect of stock owned by him and to be slaughtered in the slaughterhouse, give or refuse to give his approval to any application under subsection (1) of this section:

“Provided that the Minister shall not give any such approval except on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board.

“(3) Where any approval is given under subsection (2) of this section, the Minister shall specify in the approval whether it is given in respect of stock generally, or in respect of any particular kind or class of stock, and may fix with respect to any period or periods specified in that behalf in the approval the maximum number of stock or, as the case may be, the maximum number of any kind or class of stock, that the applicant may have received, slaughtered, and handled in the meat export slaughterhouse.

“(4) Where any approval is given under subsection (2) of this section, it shall be deemed to be a condition of the licence issued in respect of any meat export slaughterhouse named in the approval that the licensee, at all times while the meat export slaughterhouse is open for the slaughter of stock, shall

receive for slaughter in the meat export slaughterhouse all stock which, in accordance with the terms of the approval, is offered by the licensee of the meat-packing house named in the approval.

“(5) All stock offered for slaughter under subsection (4) of this section shall be received, slaughtered, and handled in the meat export slaughterhouse in accordance with such conditions as the Minister may approve and in consideration of the payment, by or on behalf of the licensee of the meat-packing house named in the approval, of such charges and allowances and the fulfilment by that licensee of such conditions as may from time to time be approved in that behalf by the Minister:

“Provided that the Minister shall not give any such approval except on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board and after full inquiry and discussion with the Board and the parties concerned.

“(6) No application may be made under subsection (1) of this section, and no approval may be given under subsection (2) or subsection (5) of this section, otherwise than in respect of stock the meat derived from which is intended to be processed for export in the meat-packing house.

“(7) Notice in writing of every approval given by the Minister under this section shall be given by the Minister to the licensee of any meat export slaughterhouse to which the approval relates.

“(8) Any approval given under this section may at any time be withdrawn by the Minister if he is satisfied that any term or condition to which the approval is subject has not been complied with or if he is of the opinion that the circumstances have so altered since the approval was given that it is necessary and desirable that the approval should be withdrawn:

“Provided that the Minister shall not withdraw any such approval except on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board.”

11. Structural alterations to meat export slaughterhouse—
The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 36, and substituting the following section:

“36. (1) For the purposes of this section the term ‘meat export slaughterhouse’ includes all cooling, freezing, and storage chambers used for the purposes of, or in conjunction with, a meat export slaughterhouse, whether or not any such chambers are erected on land appurtenant to the slaughterhouse.

“(2) No addition to or structural alteration of any meat export slaughterhouse, or no alteration of its freezing power, or no addition to or alteration of its plant or fittings or equipment, whereby, in the opinion of the Minister, the hygienic conditions of the meat export slaughterhouse or the facilities for inspection therein may be affected or the productive capacity thereof materially increased, shall be made except with the prior approval of the Minister:

“Provided that where, in the opinion of the Minister, the proposed addition or alteration may materially increase the productive capacity of the meat export slaughterhouse, he shall not grant his approval except on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board.

“(3) The Minister and the Meat Producers Board, when considering any application to which the proviso to subsection (2) of this section applies, shall take into consideration—

“(a) Whether or not there is any economic necessity or justification for the proposed work:

“(b) The probable or possible effect of the proposed work, if undertaken, on the ability of other licensees of meat export slaughterhouses to obtain regular supplies of stock sufficient for the reasonable requirements of their businesses:

“(c) All such relevant matters as the Minister or the said Board thinks proper.

“(4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing provisions of this section, if the Minister is of the opinion that the proposed alteration or addition will allow any carcasses or meat to be processed, handled, or stored under unhygienic conditions, or will in any way detrimentally affect the hygienic conditions of the slaughterhouse or the facilities for inspection therein, he may refuse his approval.

“(5) The licensee of any meat export slaughterhouse who, without having obtained the approval of the Minister or otherwise than in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Minister, makes or commences to make or permits or causes to be made any addition to or structural alteration of the meat export slaughterhouse or any addition to or alteration of its plant or fittings or equipment or who alters the freezing power of the meat export slaughterhouse, contrary to the provisions of this section, commits an offence, and shall be liable on summary conviction before a Magistrate to a fine not exceeding one thousand pounds.”

12. Rural slaughterhouses—(1) Subsection (1) of section 37 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after

the words "abattoir district" in each case where those words occur in the proviso, the words "or inspected meat area".

(2) Subsection (2) of section 37 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the words "or inspected meat area".

(3) Section 40 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsections:

"(3) Every such licence may, with the consent of the Minister but not otherwise, be from time to time renewed on payment to the local authority of the prescribed fee.

"(3A) The Minister may, in his absolute discretion, refuse his consent to the renewal of any such licence if he is satisfied that the rural slaughterhouse or its equipment has been allowed to fall into disrepair or to become insanitary, or that for any reason the rural slaughterhouse has ceased to be a suitable or adequate place for the slaughter of stock providing meat intended for human consumption:

"Provided that, except on the grounds that the rural slaughterhouse has been allowed to fall into disrepair or become insanitary, the Minister shall not refuse his consent without consultation with any local authority concerned and with the licensee."

(4) Subsection (3) of section 41 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "abattoir district" in each case where those words occur, the words "or inspected meat area".

(5) Subsection (4) of section 41 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "abattoir district" in each case where those words occur, the words "or inspected meat area".

13. Cleanliness of piggeries—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 41, the following section.

"41A. It shall be the duty of every licensee of every rural slaughterhouse who maintains any piggery in conjunction with the slaughterhouse to keep the piggery at all times in a clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and if at any time he fails to do so he commits an offence against this Act."

14. Notification to Inspector—Section 46 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) Before any stock is slaughtered pursuant to the authority of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section, the person intending to slaughter the stock shall notify an Inspector. Any such notification shall have effect for a period of one year from the date thereof:

“Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to any slaughter to which subsection (2) of this section applies.”

15. Export of meat slaughtered in abattoir—Section 52 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) Except on such terms and conditions as the Minister, on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board, from time to time approves, it shall not be lawful to export from New Zealand any meat derived from stock slaughtered in any abattoir.

“(1B) Where any approval is given by the Minister under subsection (1A) of this section in respect of any abattoir, the controlling authority of the abattoir shall prescribe charges under section 22 of this Act for services rendered and facilities provided in respect of the handling and processing of stock providing meat intended for export, and no part of any such charges shall be payable by persons other than those to whom the services and facilities in respect of which the charges are prescribed are rendered or provided.”

16. Renewal of meat exporters' licences—Section 55 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (3), and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, the Minister, in his absolute discretion, may refuse to grant a renewal of any such licence to any person who, while being the holder of a meat exporter's licence, has not at any time within the period of two years immediately preceding the date of the expiry of the licence sought to be renewed carried on in New Zealand the business of a meat exporter.”

17. Penalty for offences—Subsection (1) of section 68 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “twenty pounds”, and substituting the words “fifty pounds”.

18. Regulations—(1) Subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (d), the following paragraphs:

“(dd) Regulating or prohibiting the administration of drugs or harmful substances to stock before slaughter:

“(ddd) Regulating or prohibiting the acceptance at slaughterhouses of animals for slaughter which are diseased:”.

(2) Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “for export”.

(3) Subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (f), the following paragraph:

“(ff) Regulating or controlling the processing and packaging of meat and meat products or of by-products of stock slaughtered in slaughterhouses:”.

(4) Subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (g), the following paragraph:

“(gg) The provision of refrigerating space and appliances in abattoirs or in premises in respect of which licences may be issued under this Act:”.

(5) Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “ventilation”, the words “air temperature,”.

(6) Paragraph (hh) of subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act (as inserted by subsection (1) of section 18 of the Meat Amendment Act 1953) is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By inserting, after the word “licences”, the words “cannery licences, and meat packing-house licences,”:

(b) By inserting, after the word “slaughterhouses”, the words “canneries, meat-packing houses”.

(7) Subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (j), the following paragraph:

“(jj) Regulating or controlling the application of drugs or chemicals to meat or meat products derived from stock slaughtered in slaughterhouses:”.

(8) Subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (k), the following paragraph:

“(kk) The destruction or other disposal of inedible or unused portions of any carcass:”.

(9) Subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after paragraph (n), the following paragraph:

“(nn) Regulating or controlling the processing of carcasses in boiling down works and the conveyance of carcasses to and the disposal of by-products and effluent from boiling down works:”.

(10) Paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section 71 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “twenty pounds” and substituting the words “fifty pounds”.

19. Interpretation—(1) Section 2 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby amended by omitting from the definition of the term “meat-packing house” the words “for export”.

(2) Section 2 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby further amended by adding the following definition:

“‘Packaging’, in relation to meat intended for sale in New Zealand, means the packing or enclosing in any container, before the meat is offered for sale, of meat intended for consumption in New Zealand; but does not include the packaging of dripping or lard.”

20. Meat-packing house licences—(1) Subsection (3) of section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the said subsection (3), any licensee who under that subsection is deemed to be the holder of a meat-packing house licence may operate under any such licence for the unexpired period of the licence.

21. Licensing of premises used for packaging of meat for sale in New Zealand—(1) The Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 3, the following section:

“3A. No person shall, after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-three, use any premises for the packaging of meat for sale in New Zealand unless he is the holder of a licence issued to him under this Act in respect of those premises:

“Provided that every person who is the holder or deemed to be the holder of a meat-packing house licence under section 3 of this Act shall be deemed to be the holder of a meat-packing house licence under this section.”

(2) Every person who at the commencement of this Act is carrying on in any premises the business of packaging meat for sale in New Zealand shall be entitled to a meat-packing house licence under section 3A of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 (as inserted by subsection (1) of this section) in respect

of those premises if he applies for a licence, in accordance with section 8 of that Act, on or before the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-three, and if in the opinion of the Minister the construction of the premises and their equipment are satisfactory.

(3) The local authority shall, on compliance by any such person as aforesaid with subsection (2) of this section and the said section 8, 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 meat-packing house licence to that person in respect of those premises, to take effect from the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty three, as if the issue of the licence had been consented to by the Minister.

(4) The provisions of subsection (3) of section 9 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 shall apply to the renewal of any licence issued under subsection (3) of this section.

22. New premises for meat export packing houses—Subsection (1) of section 6 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby amended by omitting the words “as a meat-packing house”, and substituting the words “for the packaging of meat for export”.

23. Special provisions as to new premises proposed to be used for packaging meat for sale in New Zealand—The Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 6, the following section:

“6A. (1) Where any person proposes to erect any premises or to reconstruct or adapt any existing premises with the intention that they shall be used for the packaging of meat for sale in New Zealand only, he shall, before the work is commenced, submit to the Minister, in a form approved by him, the plans and specifications of the work, and shall at the same time give to the local authority concerned notice that the plans and specifications have been so submitted.

“(2) If the Minister is satisfied with the plans and specifications, he may in his discretion undertake to give his consent to the issue by the appropriate local authority of a meat-packing house 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 to consent to the issue of the licence or within such extended time as the Minister may allow.”

24. Meat-packing house licence—Subsection (2) of section 9 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby amended by adding the following further proviso:

“Provided also that any licence issued under section 3A of this Act at any time after the coming into force of that section and before the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and sixty-four, shall continue in force, unless sooner cancelled or surrendered, until the close of that day.”

25. Structural alterations to meat export packing houses—Subsection (1) of section 11 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “a meat-packing house”, the words “used for the packaging of meat for export”.

26. Structural alterations to meat-packing houses used for packaging meat for sale in New Zealand—The Meat Amendment Act 1957 is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 11, the following section:

“11A. (1) No licensee of a meat-packing house used for the packaging of meat for sale in New Zealand shall make or begin to make, or cause or permit to be made, any additions to or structural alterations of the meat-packing house or any additions to or alterations of its plant or fittings or equipment during the currency of the licence, except in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Minister. When submitting plans and specifications to the Minister for the purposes of this subsection, the licensee shall at the same time give to the local authority concerned notice that the plans and specifications have been so submitted.

“(2) Every licensee of a meat-packing house commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction before 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.”

27. Conditions with respect to meat export packing houses—(1) The Minister, on the recommendation of the Meat Producers Board, may at any time during the currency of a meat-packing house licence granted under section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957, by notice under his hand given to the licensee, fix with respect to any period or periods to be specified in that behalf in the notice—

(a) The maximum number of carcasses that may be processed in the meat-packing house during any such period; or

- (b) The maximum number of any specified kind or specified class of carcasses that may be so processed during any such period.
- (2) Any such notice may on a like recommendation be at any time in like manner amended or revoked.
- (3) The licensee of any meat-packing house in which any carcasses are processed contrary to the terms of any notice under this section commits an offence against this Act.

28. Sale or disposition of meat export packing houses—The provisions of section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1947 shall apply with respect to meat-packing houses licensed under section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 in all respects as those provisions apply with respect to meat export slaughterhouses, and section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1947 shall be read and construed as if any reference therein to a meat export slaughterhouse included a reference to a meat-packing house licensed under section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1957 and as if any reference therein to the licensee of a meat export slaughterhouse included a reference to the licensee of a meat-packing house licensed as aforesaid.

29. Other Acts not affected—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 72, the following section:
“72A. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act 1947 or the Health Act 1956.”

This Act is administered in the Department of Agriculture.
