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1979, No. 56

An Act to amend the Meat Act 1964

[30 November 1979]

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 1979, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Meat Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Interpretation—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the definition of the term “farmed deer” (as inserted by section 2 (2) of the Meat Amendment Act 1975), and substituting the following definition:

“‘Farmed deer’ means deer kept in captivity pursuant to a permit, licence, or other authority issued or given under the Wild Animal Control Act 1977:”.

(2) The said section 2 is hereby further amended by inserting, after the definition of the term "processing" (as inserted by section 2 (1) of the Meat Amendment Act 1975), the following definition:

"'Rabbit' means any rabbit kept in captivity pursuant to the Agricultural Pests Destruction Act 1967; and 'rabbit meat' means the meat derived from such a rabbit:".

(3) Section 2 (2) of the Meat Amendment Act 1975 is hereby consequentially repealed.

3. Issue of game licences—Section 60D (1) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 3 of the Meat Amendment Act 1975) is hereby amended by omitting the words "or renew".

4. Repeal of provisions authorising Minister to investigate businesses—(1) Section 71 of the principal Act (as amended by sections 48 and 54 (3) (i) of the Meat Amendment Act 1976) is hereby repealed.

(2) Sections 48 and 54 (3) (i) of the Meat Amendment Act 1976 are hereby consequentially repealed.

5. Regulations relating to the processing and packaging of fish for export—(1) Section 77 (1) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 51 (1) of the Meat Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (c), the following paragraph:

"(ca) Authorising the Minister, or other authority specified in the regulations, to exempt from licensing or any particular licensing requirement such premises (being any fishing boat, fish depot, or whole fish processing premises) as may be specified subject to such conditions as he thinks fit:".

(2) Section 77 (3) (c) of the principal Act (as so substituted) is hereby amended by inserting, in subparagraph (i) after the words "this subsection", the words "or exempted from licensing under subsection (1) (ca) of this subsection".

(3) Section 77 (6) of the principal Act (as so substituted) is hereby amended by inserting, in their appropriate alphabetical order, the following definitions:

"'Fish depot' means premises used or intended to be used as a depot for holding—

"(a) Chilled or frozen fish before its delivery to a fish packing house:

“(b) Ice and bait before its delivery to a fishing boat:”.

“‘Whole fish processing premises’ means any premises used for the chilling, freezing, or storage of fish intended to be exported for human consumption without gutting, scaling, shelling, deheading, tailing, or other form of processing.”

6. Regulating the slaughter, processing, and packaging of rabbits—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 77 (as substituted by section 51 (1) of the Meat Amendment Act 1976), the following section:

“77A. (1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations relating to—

“(a) Rabbit processing houses:

“(b) The slaughter of rabbits, the processing and packaging of rabbit meat, the manufacture of rabbit meat products, and the handling, storage, and conveyance of rabbits, rabbit meat, and rabbit meat products intended for sale for human consumption in the domestic or export market:

“(c) The branding or labelling of rabbits, rabbit meat, or rabbit meat products, the certification of rabbit meat or rabbit meat products as being suitable for human consumption, and the inspection or condemnation of rabbits, rabbit meat, rabbit meat products, or rabbit processing houses.

“(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1) of this section, regulations may be made under that subsection for all or any of the following purposes:

“(a) Prohibiting the use of premises for the slaughter, processing, packaging, handling, storage, or conveyance of rabbits intended for human consumption except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Minister or other authority specified in the regulations:

“(b) Providing for the licensing of such premises and the transfer, surrender, and cancellation of licences; and for the giving of an undertaking by the Minister, or other authority specified in the regulations, to grant a licence in respect of premises proposed to be used for any purpose referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection:

“(c) Authorising the Minister, or other authority specified in the regulations, to grant a licence or give an undertaking to licence subject to such conditions as he thinks fit:

“(d) Providing for the exemption from licensing or any particular licensing requirements of such premises as may be specified in the regulations; and to authorise the Minister, or other authority specified in the regulations, to impose conditions on any exempted premises.

“(3) Regulations under subsection (1) of this section may be made with respect to rabbits, rabbit meat, rabbit meat products, and rabbit processing houses as regulations may be made under this Act with respect to fish intended to be exported for human consumption, meat, meat products, or stock or, as the case may be, other premises required to be licensed under this Act.

“(4) Any regulations made under subsection (3) of this section may relate to rabbits, rabbit meat, or rabbit meat products intended for sale for human consumption on either the domestic or export market or on both.”

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.
