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1999, No. 39

An Act to amend the Meat Act 1981

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BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Meat Amendment Act 1999, and is part of the Meat Act 1981 (“the principal Act”).

2. Conditions in respect of export of meat—
 (1) Section 11 (1) of the principal Act is amended—

(a) By omitting all the words appearing before paragraph (a), and substituting the words “No meat may be exported from New Zealand (otherwise than to Australia) unless—”; and

(b) By omitting from paragraph (h) the words “Veterinary Surgeons Act 1956”, and substituting the words “Veterinarians Act 1994”.

(2) Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) No meat may be exported from New Zealand to Australia unless—

- “(a) It has been inspected by an inspector and has been passed by that inspector as being free from defect:
- “(b) It has been properly preserved by freezing, chilling, salting, canning, drying, dehydrating, or other approved method:
- “(c) It is properly packed and is in good order and condition at the time when it is placed on board ship or aircraft for export:
- “(d) Any requirements imposed in respect of the entry of the meat into Australia have, so far as they can be complied with in New Zealand, been complied with.”

3. Export slaughterhouses to be licensed—The principal Act is amended by repealing section 16, and substituting the following section:

“16. (1) No person may use any premises as an export slaughterhouse unless the person is the holder of an export slaughterhouse licence issued in respect of the premises.

“(2) Subsection (1) does not apply if—

“(a) The premises are a licensed abattoir from which the only products exported are exported solely to Australia; and

“(b) Those products could lawfully be sold in New Zealand.”

4. Packing houses to be licensed—Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) Despite subsection (1) (a), this section does not apply to a meat packing house if—

“(a) The meat processed or packed for export is for export solely to Australia; and

“(b) That meat could lawfully be sold in New Zealand.

“(1B) Despite subsection (1) (e), this section does not apply to a casings factory if—

“(a) The casings processed or packed for export are for export solely to Australia; and

“(b) Those casings could lawfully be sold in New Zealand.”

5. Export stores to be licensed—Section 21 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

- “(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any premises if—
- “(a) The products in the premises that are intended for export are intended for export solely to Australia; and
 - “(b) Those products could lawfully be sold in New Zealand.”

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