

Hon. Mr. Macmillan.

SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1934, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.
See Reprint of Statutes,
Vol. I, p. 282

2. (1) The Minister may, at any time during the currency of a license granted under the principal Act in respect of any meat-export slaughterhouse, by notice Minister may impose conditions to be observed by licensees of meat-export slaughterhouses.

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 stock that may be slaughtered in the slaughterhouse during any such period; or 5

(b) The maximum number of any specified kind or specified class of stock that may be so slaughtered during any such period.

(2) Any such notice may be at any time in like manner amended or revoked. 10

(3) For the purpose of assisting him in the exercise of his powers under this section the Minister may obtain a recommendation from the New Zealand Meat-producers' Board established under the Meat-export Control Act, 1921-22, but the Minister shall not be obliged to act in accordance with any such recommendation. 15

See Reprint
of Statutes,
Vol. VIII, p. 649

(4) The licensee of any meat-export slaughterhouse in which any stock is slaughtered contrary to the terms of any notice given by the Minister pursuant to this section commits an offence against the principal Act and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in that Act, shall be liable on summary conviction before a Stipendiary Magistrate to a fine of *four hundred* pounds for every day in any period on which any stock is so slaughtered after the maximum number of stock or the maximum number of any specified kind or specified class of stock, as the case may be, fixed by the Minister for slaughter during that period, has been slaughtered. 20 25 30

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3. (1) No additions to or structural alterations of any meat-export slaughterhouse or no increase of its freezing-power shall be made during the currency of a license granted under the principal Act except with the prior approval of the Minister. The giving or withholding of his approval under this section shall be in the absolute discretion of the Minister. 35

(2) 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 such chambers are erected on land appurtenant to such slaughterhouse or not. 40

(3) The licensee of any meat-export slaughterhouse who makes or commences to make, or permits or causes to be made, any additions to or any structural alterations of the meat-export slaughterhouse without
5 having obtained the approval of the Minister or otherwise than in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Minister, or who increases the freezing-power of such slaughterhouse without having obtained such approval, commits an offence against this section, and,
10 notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction before a Stipendiary Magistrate, to a fine of *five hundred* pounds.

(4) In considering any application under this section for his approval of any proposed addition to or
15 structural alteration of any meat-export slaughterhouse, or of any proposed increase of the freezing-power of any such slaughterhouse, the Minister shall take into consideration—

(a) Whether or not there is any economic necessity
20 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
25 obtain regular supplies of stock sufficient for the reasonable requirements of their business :

(c) All such other relevant matters as he thinks proper.

4. (1) Where, after the commencement of this Act, any person proposes to erect or construct any premises,
30 with intention that they shall be used as a meat-export slaughterhouse, he shall, before the work is commenced, submit the plans and specifications to the Minister, and the Minister, after taking into consideration the several matters mentioned in subsection *four* of the
35 *last preceding* section, may, if he is satisfied with the plans and specifications, undertake to give his consent to the grant of a meat-export slaughterhouse license in respect of the premises if and when the same is applied for, unless in the meantime economic conditions
40 have so altered that, in his opinion, the grant of a new license would not be in the public interest.

(2) The discretionary powers conferred on the Minister by section seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1918, shall be read subject
45 to the provisions of this section.

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5. (1) It shall be deemed to be a condition of every license issued in respect of a meat-export slaughterhouse, and in force on the passing of this Act, and of every such license that may be issued after the passing of this Act, that the licensee, at all times while the meat-export slaughterhouse is open for the slaughter of stock intended for export, shall receive for slaughter in that meat-export slaughterhouse all such stock as, being intended for export, is offered on behalf of an owner who, being engaged in the business of producing stock for export, has raised or fattened such stock. 5 10

(2) All stock received as aforesaid shall be so received, and shall be slaughtered and handled, and the meat therefrom shall, if the owner so requires, be exported, on behalf of the owner, in accordance with such conditions as the Minister, on the recommendation of the New Zealand Meat-producers' Board, may determine, and in consideration of the payment by or on behalf of the owner of such charges and allowances and the fulfilment by the owner of such conditions as may from time to time be approved by the Minister on the recommendation of the said Board. 15 20

(3) The foregoing provisions of this section may, in relation to any meat-export slaughterhouse, be applied by the Minister, on the recommendation of the said Board, to require the licensee to receive, slaughter, and handle any stock intended for export and to export the meat therefrom on behalf of owners, not being producers of stock for export. Such application may be effected by notice under the hand of the Minister served on the licensee of the meat-export slaughterhouse. Any such notice may apply generally to all such owners or to any specified owner, and may apply particularly to any specified stock or generally to all stock intended for export. 25 30

(4) Notice of the approval by the Minister of the charges, allowances, and conditions referred to in subsection *two* hereof shall be given in writing to the licensee. Any such notice may be of general application or may relate to any particular stock or to any particular kind or class of stock. 35 40

(5) The power to make regulations prescribing the returns to be made by the managers and licensees of slaughtering-places, in terms of paragraph (*j*) of section sixty-one of the principal Act, shall include power to

require the making of returns giving particulars as to the names of the owners on whose behalf stock is slaughtered at any meat-export slaughterhouse, with particulars as to the stock so slaughtered.

- 5 **6.** Without in any manner restricting the discretionary powers conferred on the Minister by the principal Act, or by section seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1918, the Minister may refuse his consent to the grant, renewal, or transfer of a license in respect
10 of a meat-export slaughterhouse if the licensee has been convicted of any offence under this Act, whether in respect of the same or any other slaughterhouse, or has failed, in respect of the same or any other slaughterhouse, to comply with any of the conditions approved by the
15 Minister in accordance with subsection *two* of the *last preceding* section.

As to powers of Minister under section 7 of Amendment Act, 1918.

See Reprint of Statutes, Vol. I, p. 308