

[AS REPORTED FROM THE AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL
COMMITTEE.]

House of Representatives, 27th September, 1934.

Hon. Mr. Macmillan.

SLAUGHTERING AND INSPECTION AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

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

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

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

2. (1) The Minister, acting on the recommendation of Minister may
the New Zealand Meat-producers Board, may, at any impose
time during the currency of a license granted under the conditions to
15 principal Act in respect of any meat-export slaughter- be observed by
house, by notice under his hand given to the licensee, licensees of
meat-export
slaughterhouses.

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 *on a like recommendation* be at any time in like manner amended or revoked. 10

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(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

Structural
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Minister.

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: *given on the recommendation of the New Zealand Meat-producers Board.* 35

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The giving or withholding of his approval under this section shall be in the absolute discretion of the Minister. 40

(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. 45

(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
 10 approval, commits an offence against this section, and, 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 *and the New Zealand Meat-producers Board* shall take into consideration—

20 (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
 25 licensees of meat-export slaughterhouses to obtain regular supplies of stock sufficient for the reasonable requirements of their business:

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

4. (1) Where, after the commencement of this Act,
 30 any person proposes to erect or construct any premises, 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
 35 several matters mentioned in subsection *four* of the *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

40 *Struck out.*

and when the same is applied for, unless in the meantime economic conditions have so altered that, in his opinion, the grant of a new license would not be in the public interest.

Provisions as to new premises erected for purposes of meat-export slaughterhouse.

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the premises are completed and a license therefor is duly applied for within twelve months after the date of the Minister's undertaking to grant such license, or within such extended time as the Minister may allow. 5

(2) The discretionary powers conferred on the Minister by section seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1918, shall be read subject to the provisions of this section. 10

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. 15 20

(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. 25 30

(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 *made after full inquiry and discussion with the parties concerned*, 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 35 40

See Reprint
of Statutes,
Vol. I, p. 398

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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.

5 (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.

10 (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
 15 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 *and as to the disposal of the meat derived from such stock.*

New.

20 5A. Section six of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1918, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Licensees under meat-export licenses may be required to make returns.

25 “(*d*) Prescribing the returns to be made by the holders of meat-export licenses, with particulars as to the stock slaughtered at any slaughtering-place on behalf of the licensee or on behalf of any person acting in association with or by direction or on account of the licensee, the disposal of the meat from such stock, and such
 30 other matters (if any) as may be prescribed.”

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
 35 to the grant, renewal, or transfer of a license in respect 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,
 40 to comply with any of the conditions approved by the 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

New.

Declaratory provision as to matters included in meat-export business.

7. For the purposes of section four and of section seven of the Slaughtering and Inspection Amendment Act, 1918, the buying of stock to be slaughtered for export shall be deemed to be part of the business carried on under a meat-export license, or of the business of a meat-export slaughterhouse, as the case may be, and the buying of such stock in a manner contrary to the public interest shall accordingly be a ground for the revocation of a meat-export license or for the Minister's refusal to consent to the grant, renewal, or transfer of a license in respect of a meat-export slaughterhouse, as the case may be.