

# **Meat Board Amendment Bill**

Government Bill

## **Explanatory note**

### **General policy statement**

This Bill amends the Meat Board Act 2004 (the **Act**) to clarify that the New Zealand Meat Board may allocate access to quota markets to persons registered as meat exporters whether or not they currently export meat products. This amendment will protect the Meat Board's ability to continue allocating quota in accordance with the objectives of the Act. It is intended to allow the Meat Board to facilitate the capture, for New Zealand and in the interests of the meat industry, of the best possible ongoing returns available from quota markets.

### **Clause by clause analysis**

*Clause 1* is the Title clause. The Bill amends the Meat Board Act 2004.

*Clause 2* provides that the Bill is deemed to have come into force on 1 July 2004, the date of commencement of the Meat Board Act 2004.

*Clause 3* amends section 24 of the Act, which sets out the requirements for allocation mechanisms for quota markets. The *new subsection (5)* provides that, to avoid doubt, an allocation mechanism may provide for an allocation of access to quota markets to any person who is a registered exporter, whether or not the person currently exports meat products.

*Clause 4* amends section 32 of the Act, which relates to the making of decisions as to the allocation of quota. The current section refers to a prospective quota holder's existing and future investments in the distribution, marketing, packaging, or processing of meat products

for export. The amendment clarifies that the meat products concerned are those that are eligible for export.

*Clause 5* amends section 36 of the Act to clarify that it is persons who apply for or are allocated quota who are liable to pay any relevant fees, not just “meat exporters”, and that it is registered exporters who must be consulted on the level of fees.

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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

**1 Title**

- (1) This Act is the Meat Board Amendment Act **2006**.
- (2) In this Act, the Meat Board Act 2004 is called “the principal Act”.

**2 Commencement**

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This Act is deemed to have come into force on 1 July 2004.

**3 Requirements for allocation mechanisms**

Section 24 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

- “(5) To avoid doubt, an allocation mechanism may provide for an allocation of access to quota markets to any person who is a registered exporter, whether or not the person currently exports meat products.”
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**4 Decisions**

Section 32(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, after the words “or processing of meat products”, the word “eligible”.

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**5 Fees in relation to quota management systems**

- (1) Section 36(1) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “by meat exporters”, and substituting the words “by persons applying for or allocated quota”.
- (2) Section 36(3) of the principal Act is amended by omitting the words “meat exporters”, and substituting the words “registered exporters”.

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