

MEAT EXPORT CONTROL AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill makes miscellaneous amendments to the Meat Export Control Act 1921-22.

Clause 2 reconstitutes the New Zealand Meat Producers Board. The Board will consist of:

- (a) Two members appointed as representatives of the Government; and
- (b) Six other members appointed as representatives of producers of meat for export.

An additional member may be appointed on the recommendation of the Dairy Board as the representative of dairy producers.

The changes effected to the present constitution are:

- (a) One extra member to represent producers will be appointed;
- (b) No provision is made for the appointment of a member representing stock and station agents.

In future the Government members will be appointed for a term of three years. At present they hold office during the pleasure of the Governor-General.

Clause 3 provides that the present members in office will remain in office until their successors are appointed in accordance with the proposed new constitution and that the present members will retire in rotation.

Clause 4 rewrites existing provisions relating to the powers of the Board to promote the sale of meat and to improve the quality of meat produced in New Zealand. The existing provisions are widened but no substantial change is effected.

Clause 5 authorises the Board to open separate banking accounts. At present the Board is limited to one account.

Clause 6 makes provision for offences against the principal Act. No corresponding provision is now in existence.

Right Hon. Mr Holyoake

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Meat Export Control Act 1921-22

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Meat Export Control Amendment Act 1956, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Meat Export Control Act 1921-22 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 2. **New Zealand Meat Producers Board**—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section two, and substituting the following section:

15 “2. (1) There is hereby established a Board to be called the New Zealand Meat Producers Board (in this Act referred to as the Board).

“ (2) The Board, the members of which shall be appointed by the Governor-General, shall consist of:

20 “(a) Two members, who shall be appointed on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture as representatives of the Government of New Zealand; and

“(b) Six other members, who shall be appointed as representatives of producers of meat for export.

“(3) The members appointed under paragraph (b) of subsection two of this section shall be elected by producers of meat for export in accordance with regulations made in that behalf under this Act.

“(4) In addition to the members appointed under subsection *two* of this section, the Governor-General may from time to time appoint, on the recommendation of the New Zealand Dairy Board, a member as a representative of the dairy producers of New Zealand. 5

“(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, every member of the Board shall be appointed for a term of three years, but may from time to time be reappointed. 10

“(6) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, every member of the Board, unless he sooner vacates his office otherwise than by effluxion of time, shall continue in office until his successor comes into office. 15

“(7) Any member of the Board may at any time be removed from office by the Governor-General for disability, bankruptcy, neglect of duty, or misconduct proved to the satisfaction of the Governor-General, or may at any time resign his office by written notice given to the Minister of Agriculture. 20

“(8) If any member of the Board dies, or resigns, or is removed from office, the vacancy shall be deemed to be an extraordinary vacancy.

“(9) In the case of an extraordinary vacancy the Governor-General may appoint some qualified person to fill the vacancy. Any such appointment shall be made in the same manner as the appointment of the vacating member. 25

“(10) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.” 30

(2) Section twenty-nine of the Statutes Amendment Act 1942 is hereby repealed.

(3) This section shall come into force on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

3. Provisions as to membership of Board—(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, the members of the Board in office on the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and appointed under paragraph (b) of subsection two of the principal Act shall be deemed to have been duly appointed after election under paragraph (b) of subsection two of the principal Act, as substituted by section *two* of this Act. 35 40

(2) With respect to the members deemed by subsection *one* of this section to have been appointed to the Board, the following provisions shall apply:

- 5 (a) One of those members shall retire on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, two more of those members shall retire on the first day of September nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, and the remaining two members shall retire on the first day of September nineteen hundred and fifty-nine:
- 10 (b) The member or members so to retire shall be determined by agreement of those members affected, and, failing agreement shall be determined by lot.

4. Extension of powers of Board—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section fourteen, the following section:

15 “14A. (1) In addition to the powers conferred on it by this Act, the Board may out of its funds promote, in such manner as it thinks fit, the sale of meat produced in New Zealand or the improvement of the quality of meat produced in New Zealand.

20 “(2) Without limiting the generality of the power conferred by subsection *one* of this section, it is hereby declared that the Board may out of its funds:

- 25 “(a) Provide and carry out in New Zealand or elsewhere any such display or exhibit of New Zealand meat as it deems advantageous:
- “(b) Advertise in any manner it thinks fit the sale of New Zealand meat:
- 30 “(c) Undertake experiments calculated to improve the quality of New Zealand meat:
- “(d) Promote, by way of subsidy or otherwise, scientific or industrial research in relation to meat or stock, with a view to the improvement of the quality of New Zealand meat or the increased production thereof:
- 35 “(e) To act in combination or association with the New Zealand Dairy Board and the New Zealand Wool Board, or with either of those Boards, in carrying out or assisting any project that may be considered by the Board directly or indirectly to benefit any primary industry, on terms of sharing the costs and expenses involved in that combination or association in such proportions or in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon.”
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(2) Section two of the Meat Export Control Amendment Act 1924 is hereby repealed.

5. Board may open separate accounts—Section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “separate account”, the words “or into separate accounts”. 5

6. Offences—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section eighteen, the following section:

“18A. (1) Every person commits an offence against this Act who without lawful excuse acts in contravention of or fails to comply in any respect with any provision of this Act or of any 10 regulations thereunder.

“(2) Any person who commits an offence against this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding ten pounds for every day on 15 which the offence continues.”