

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LANDS AND AGRICULTURE  
COMMITTEE]

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Right Hon. Mr MacIntyre

**MEAT EXPORT PRICES AMENDMENT**

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A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to amend the Meat Export Prices Act 1976**

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

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Meat Export Prices Amendment Act 1982, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Meat Export Prices Act 1976\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Interpretation**—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, before the definition of the term “bench mark grade”, the following definitions:

“ ‘Actual minimum price’ means the minimum price as determined from time to time by the Meat Board under section 17 of this Act and in respect of which a supplementary payment is calculated:

“ ‘Average schedule price’, in relation to any grade of meat in a category, means a price calculated by the Meat Board as being the average of the schedule prices for that grade of meat payable at any one time

during the current season weighted according to the quantity of meat or the number of carcasses produced in that category by each export slaughterhouse during the immediately preceding season.”

\*1976, No. 123

(2) The said section 2 is hereby further amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “Committee”, the following definition:

“‘Export slaughterhouse’ has the same meaning as in section 2 (1) of the Meat Act 1981:” 5

(3) The said section 2 is hereby further amended by omitting, from the definition of the term “minimum price”, the words “or as determined from time to time by the Meat Board pursuant to section 17 of this Act”.

**3. Minimum prices for bench mark grades**—Section 15 10  
of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By repealing subsection (1):

(b) By omitting from subsection (2) the word “such”.

**4. Meat Board to determine actual minimum prices**—  
The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section 17, 15  
and substituting the following section:

“17. (1) If at any time during a season the average schedule price for the bench mark grade of a particular category of meat falls below the minimum price for that bench mark grade, the Meat Board shall determine the actual 20  
minimum price of all grades of meat (including non-bench mark grades) comprising that category.

“(2) In determining any such actual minimum price, the Meat Board shall have regard to all or any of the following:

“(a) The minimum price fixed by the Committee in respect 25  
of each bench mark grade of meat:

“(b) The ruling price levels of, the price differences between, and the market prospects for, various grades of meat:

“(c) The difference in killing and processing charges 30  
applying at one export slaughterhouse compared with the killing and processing charges applying at another export slaughterhouse:

“(d) Such other matters as the Meat Board may consider 35  
relevant.

“(3) Instead of determining one actual minimum price for each grade of meat to apply throughout New Zealand, the Meat Board, after having regard to the matters specified in subsection (2) of this section, may determine different actual minimum prices to apply at the same time in different regions 40  
or areas throughout New Zealand or in respect of meat from stock slaughtered at different export slaughterhouses.

“(4) Where more than one actual minimum price has been determined under subsection (3) of this section, the average of those actual minimum prices applying to the bench mark 45

grade of the category of meat in respect of which they had been determined (weighted according to the quantity of meat or the number of carcasses produced in that category by each export slaughterhouse during the immediately preceding season) shall equate with the current minimum price determined by the Committee for that bench mark grade.

5 “(5) Where more than one actual minimum price is being determined under subsection (3) of this section to apply in respect of a particular grade of meat, the Meat Board shall  
10 ensure that each such actual minimum price is of such amount that, if a supplementary payment is to be made in respect of that particular grade of meat, the same rate of supplementary payment shall apply uniformly throughout New Zealand at the same time.

15 “(6) Actual minimum prices determined under this section shall be published in the meat exporters’ schedule, and shall apply during such period as the Meat Board may therein specify.”

**5. Meat Board to supplement prices**—Section 18 of the  
20 principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “any meat”, and substituting the words “any grade of meat”, and by inserting, before the word “minimum” wherever it occurs, the word “actual”.

**6. Meat income stabilisation levy**—(1) Section 20 (3) of  
25 the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “the price shown”, and substituting the words “the average schedule price shown”.

(2) Section 20 (4) of the principal Act is hereby amended  
30 by inserting, before the words “schedule price” in both places where they occur, the word “average”.

**7. Payment of levy**—Section 21 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “or, as the case may be, approved abattoir”.

**8. Validation of actions of Meat Board**—The actions of  
35 the Meat Board in determining actual minimum prices for meat consequential on the Minimum and Trigger Prices for Export Meat Notice, as published by the Committee in the *Gazette* on the 30th day of September 1982 at page 3215, are hereby declared to be lawful and to have effect as if this Act  
40 were in force immediately before that notice was published.