

## STOCK AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Stock Act 1908 so as to increase the compensation rate payable on cattle that are condemned as diseased; and to make the legislative changes that will be necessary to introduce a proposed scheme for the voluntary testing for tuberculosis of factory herds of dairy cattle, and the payment of compensation for cattle destroyed.

*Clause 1* relates to the Short Title and commencement of the Bill, which is to come into force on 1 April 1958.

*Clause 2* increases the compensation rates payable on cattle condemned as diseased by providing that the maximum market value in ordinary cases shall be £16, instead of £12 as at present. The amendment does not affect the special provisions in *clause 3* of the Bill, or those in section 35 of the Stock Amendment Act 1956, which section relates to cattle in town supply dairy herds that are condemned for tuberculosis.

*Clause 3* applies in cases where cattle (other than cattle to which section 35 of the Stock Amendment Act 1956 applies) are tested or inspected by an Inspector who is a registered veterinary surgeon or by any other registered veterinary surgeon appointed for the purposes of the clause by the Minister. Where a Tuberculosis Testing Officer is satisfied that any such cattle is affected with tuberculosis, he may condemn that animal, and the owner thereof shall thereafter cause it to be destroyed within such period as may be prescribed by regulations. All clinical cases or obviously diseased animals will be destroyed without delay. The destruction is to be at the expense of the owner and as the Tuberculin Testing Officer directs. The owner of any animal so destroyed is to receive the net proceeds from the disposal of the carcass, and compensation of £8 or such lesser sum as may be prescribed by regulations in respect of any class or classes of cattle. The Minister can require compulsory tuberculin testing in any area, but the present proposal is to operate the scheme as far as possible on a voluntary basis.

*Right Hon. Mr Holyoake*

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### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Stock Act 1908

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 and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Stock Amendment Act 1957, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Stock Act 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 (2) This Act shall come into force on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.
2. **Amount of compensation**—(1) Paragraph (b) of section forty-one of the principal Act, as amended by section two of the Stock Amendment Act 1913, is hereby further amended
- 15 by omitting the word “twelve”, and substituting the word “sixteen”.
- (2) Section two of the Stock Amendment Act 1913 is hereby consequentially repealed.

**3. Tuberculin testing of cattle**—(1) The provisions of this section shall apply in every case where any cattle (other than cattle to which section thirty-five of the Stock Amendment Act 1956 applies) are tested or inspected by an Inspector who is a registered veterinary surgeon or by any other registered veterinary surgeon appointed by the Minister to carry out tuberculin tests for the purposes of this section (any such Inspector or other registered veterinary surgeon being hereafter in this section referred to as a Tuberculin Testing Officer).

(2) In any such case, if a Tuberculin Testing Officer is satisfied (whether by reason of a tuberculin test or otherwise) that any such cattle is affected with tuberculosis, he may condemn that animal, and the owner thereof shall thereafter cause it to be destroyed within such period as may be prescribed by regulations made under the principal Act.

(3) Every animal so condemned shall be destroyed at the expense of its owner and as the Tuberculin Testing Officer directs.

(4) When any such animal has been so destroyed, the owner thereof shall be entitled to the net amount received from the disposal of the carcass, and also as compensation to a sum of eight pounds, or such lesser sum as may be prescribed by regulations made under the principal Act in respect of any class or classes of cattle.

(5) All money payable by the Crown as the result of an animal being destroyed pursuant to this section shall be paid to the owner of the animal.

(6) Nothing in sections forty-one to forty-four of the principal Act shall apply in respect of any animal condemned pursuant to this section.

(7) The Minister may at any time by notice in the *Gazette* direct that all cattle of any specified class or all cattle situated on any specified class of premises or in any specified area shall be tested with the tuberculin test from time to time as the Chief Inspector shall determine, and thereupon the foregoing provisions of this section shall extend to apply in respect of tests conducted pursuant to the direction of the Minister.