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**THE BACONER GRADING REGULATIONS 1938.**

GALWAY, Governor-General.

By his Deputy,  
MICHAEL MYERS.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 2nd day of February, 1938.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Baconer Grading Regulations 1938.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day following notification in the *Gazette* of the making thereof.\*

(3) In these regulations unless inconsistent with the context,—

“The said Act” means the Slaughtering and Inspection Act, 1908 :

“Baconer” means a pig the dressed weight of which is not less than 121 pounds nor more than 180 pounds :

“Grader” means the licensee of any slaughtering place, and includes any person employed by such licensee to grade meat for the purpose of these regulations :

“Licensee” in respect of a slaughtering place means the person to whom a license has been issued in respect thereof under the said Act and includes the manager within the meaning of that Act of any registered abattoir :

“Inspector” means an Inspector appointed under the said Act :

“Supervising Grader” means an Inspector appointed under the said Act, and includes any officer of the New Zealand Meat-producers’ Board established by the Meat-export Control Act, 1921–22, duly authorized to supervise the grading of meat intended for export beyond New Zealand.

\* See end note.

2. These regulations shall apply only to meat which is derived from swine slaughtered in an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse as defined in the said Act, or a slaughtering-place to which a special Inspector has been appointed pursuant to the provisions of section 33 of the said Act, and only to meat derived from such stock which on inspection by an Inspector is passed as fit for human consumption.

3. No person shall sell or offer for sale or export, or attempt to export beyond New Zealand, the carcass of any baconer slaughtered and passed as aforesaid unless such carcass has been graded and marked as required by these regulations.

4. All grading under these regulations shall be carried out under the direct supervision of a supervising grader.

5. All carcasses of baconers graded under these regulations shall be graded as "No. 1 Prime Grade," "No. 2 Prime Grade," "No. 3 Prime Grade," or "Second Grade."

6. The standards of the respective grades shall be as follows:—

(a) *No. 1 Prime Grade, No. 2 Prime Grade, and No. 3 Prime Grade.*

(i) The carcass shall be that of a prime barrow or maiden sow. The carcass shall be free from taint or blemish (except slight blemish) and well finished from leg to hock. The neck and shoulders shall be not too heavy. The flank shall be of satisfactory thickness, and the fat shall be white and firm.

(ii) Carcasses of these grades shall include any carcass rejected by the grader for export as being slightly affected by blemish, injury, or other defect, but otherwise eligible for inclusion in a prime grade.

(iii) The thickness of shoulder fat shall not exceed the respective maximum set out (according to the weight of the carcass) in the respective column of the table hereinafter contained.

(iv) The thickness of loin fat shall not exceed the respective maximum nor be less than the respective minimum set out (according to the weight of the carcass) in the respective column of the table hereinafter contained.

(v) For the purpose of the foregoing requirements the thickness of shoulder fat shall be measured at the shoulder over the third rib vertebra, and the thickness of loin fat shall be measured at the loin over the last rib vertebra.

(vi) The following is the table hereinbefore referred to:—

Dressed Weight of Carcass.	No. 1 Prime Grade : Thickness of Back-fat.			No. 2 Prime Grade : Thickness of Back-fat.			No. 3 Prime Grade : Thickness of Back-fat.		
	Shoulder.	Loin.		Shoulder.	Loin.		Shoulder.	Loin.	
	Max.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Max.	Min.
121 lb. to 135 lb. . .	$1\frac{5}{8}$	$1\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{7}{8}$	..
136 lb. to 150 lb. . .	$1\frac{7}{8}$	$1\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{8}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{7}{8}$	..
151 lb. to 165 lb. . .	$1\frac{7}{8}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{8}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{7}{8}$	..
166 lb. to 180 lb. . .	2	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{8}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$2\frac{1}{8}$	..

*(b) Second Grade.*

Carcasses of this grade shall include any carcass which shows lack of condition or contains discoloured, soft, or excessive fat, or which is, in the opinion of the grader, of a standard of quality lower than that prescribed for prime grade.

7. As soon as practicable after the carcass of any baconer is passed by an Inspector as fit for human consumption, the grader at the slaughtering-place in which the baconer was slaughtered shall examine, or cause such carcass to be examined, for the purpose of having its proper grade assigned thereto in accordance with these regulations.

8. Forthwith after examination of the carcass of any baconer pursuant to Regulation 7 hereof the grader shall cause such one or other of the following distinguishing-marks as may be applicable to be legibly and indelibly applied to the carcass in the manner prescribed by Regulation 9 hereof:—

- For No. 1 Prime Grade, the words “ No. 1 Prime ” :
- For No. 2 Prime Grade, the words “ No. 2 Prime ” :
- For No. 3 Prime Grade, the words “ No. 3 Prime ” :
- For Second Grade, the words “ Second Grade.”

9. The appropriate distinguishing-mark shall be applied to every carcass of a baconer by means of a rubber-stamp impression or other indelible impression placed on the tag or label required to be affixed to each carcass or separate portion of the carcass pursuant to clause (5) of Regulation 6 of the Slaughtering and Inspection Regulations 1937.

10. On and after the 1st day of October, 1938, such tag or label shall, in respect of the respective grades prescribed for baconers by Regulation 5 hereof, be of a colour as follows:—

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|-----------------------|----|----|----|--------|
| For No. 1 Prime Grade | .. | .. | .. | Blue.  |
| For No. 2 Prime Grade | .. | .. | .. | Buff.  |
| For No. 3 Prime Grade | .. | .. | .. | Green. |
| For Second Grade      | .. | .. | .. | Red.   |

11. In any case where the standard of quality of the carcass or any portion of a carcass is not in the opinion of a supervising grader in accordance with the distinguishing-mark affixed to the carcass or portion of a carcass, the supervising grader shall assign to the carcass or portion of a carcass the grade which in his opinion is appropriate thereto, and shall thereupon direct the grader at the slaughtering-place to alter accordingly as hereinafter provided the distinguishing-mark theretofore applied to the carcass or portion of the carcass.

12. Where any distinguishing-mark is directed to be altered pursuant to the last preceding regulation the grader shall remove from the carcass or each separate portion of the carcass the label or tag bearing the said distinguishing-mark, and replace such tag or label with a fresh tag or label bearing the distinguishing-mark in accordance with the grade as altered.

13. Every person commits a breach of these regulations who—

- (a) Fails to observe or perform any duty directly or by implication placed upon him by these regulations :
- (b) Does anything contrary to the provisions thereof :

- (c) Removes, or allows or causes to be removed, from any slaughtering-place any carcass or portion of any carcass before the distinguishing-mark required to be stamped or affixed thereto is so stamped or affixed :
  - (d) Defaces, removes, or tampers with any distinguishing mark or label or tag bearing any distinguishing-mark affixed to any carcass or portion of a carcass pursuant to these regulations :
  - (e) Except as authorized by these regulations, alters or obliterates, or causes to be altered or obliterated, any distinguishing-marks used in accordance with these regulations.
14. Every person who commits a breach of these regulations is liable to a fine of £50.

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

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