



**THE BOARD OF TRADE (MEAT GRADING)
REGULATIONS 1943**

C. L. N. NEWALL, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 14th day of
July, 1943

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the provisions of section 26 of the Board of Trade Act, 1919, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and on the recommendation of the Minister of Industries and Commerce, and deeming the provisions hereinafter contained to be necessary in the public interest for divers of the purposes set out in the said section, doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Board of Trade (Meat Grading) Regulations 1943.

(2) These regulations shall come into force twenty-eight days after notification in the *Gazette* of the making thereof.

2. (1) Except as provided in Regulation 5 (6) hereof, these regulations shall apply only in the Wellington abattoir district and in such other abattoir districts as the Minister of Industries and Commerce, with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, may from time to time, by notice notified in the *Gazette* direct.

(2) These regulations shall apply to all meat which is veal, beef, pork, lamb, hoggett, or mutton as described in the said specification, hereinafter referred to, and which is intended for human consumption except—

(a) Meat which has been subjected to any canning process :

(b) Bacon, ham, mincemeat, sausage-meat, saveloy-sausage meat, lard, and dripping.

3. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—
“ Abattoir ”, “ abattoir district ”, “ meat ”, and “ meat-export slaughterhouse ” have the same meanings as in the Meat Act, 1939 :

“ Grader ” means a person appointed as a Meat Grader under the Meat Act, 1939, for the purposes of these regulations, and, in the case of a meat-export slaughterhouse, also means the licensee thereof and includes any person employed by the licensee, with the approval of the Minister of Agriculture, to grade meat for the purposes of these regulations :

“ Inspector ” means a person appointed as an Inspector for the purposes of these regulations :

“ Joint or cut ” means a joint or cut of meat described in the said specification :

“ Premises ” means any land or building, and includes any vehicle or conveyance of any kind whatsoever :

“ The said specification ” means the New Zealand Emergency Standard Specification entitled “ Grades of Meat for Sale on the Local Market and Definitions of Joints and Cuts ” issued by the New Zealand Standards Institute under the authority of the Minister of Industries and Commerce bearing date July, 1943, and numbered N.Z.S.S. E. 79* ; and includes any amendment thereof that may hereafter be issued, or any specification that may hereafter be issued in substitution therefor, if notice of the issue of that amendment or substituted specification has been published in the *Gazette* not less than seven days before it comes into force.

4. (1) There may from time to time be appointed as officers of the Public Service such Inspectors as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of these regulations.

(2) Any Inspector, either alone or in the company of others, may at any time enter any premises used, or suspected by him of being used, for the sale of meat or for the storage of meat intended for sale, and he may inspect the premises and any meat found therein, and may require any person to give him any information in the person's possession as to any meat then or recently on the premises. Any person withholding such information shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.

(3) Any Inspector shall at all times have full and free access to all the books, accounts, and documents relating to the business of any person carrying on business as a vendor of meat for the purpose of inspecting the books, accounts, and documents and making extracts therefrom or copies thereof.

(4) On payment or tender to any person selling meat, or to his agent or servant, of the current market value of any meat selected by an Inspector, the Inspector may purchase and the person to whom the payment is made shall sell to the Inspector the meat so selected.

5. (1) No meat which is intended for human consumption in any abattoir district in which these regulations apply shall be removed from any abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse unless and until it has been graded by a Grader in accordance with the grades and grading requirements set out in the said specification and has been branded or marked by or by direction of the Grader in the manner prescribed by the said specification :

Provided that nothing in this regulation shall apply to any meat which is intended to be subjected to any canning process or converted into bacon or ham.

(2) Where any meat is removed from any abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse by any person who is a vendor of meat in an abattoir

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district in which these regulations apply or for delivery to any such person as aforesaid, the meat shall for the purposes of this regulation be deemed to be intended for human consumption in that district.

(3) If any meat is removed from an abattoir or a meat-export slaughterhouse contrary to the provisions of this regulation the manager of the abattoir or the licensee of the meat-export slaughterhouse, as the case may be, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable accordingly unless he proves to the satisfaction of the Court that the meat was removed without his knowledge, consent, or connivance.

(4) Any person who removes any meat, or causes any meat to be removed, from any abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse contrary to the provisions of this regulation commits an offence and shall be liable accordingly.

(5) All grading carried out in any meat-export slaughterhouse for the purposes of this regulation shall be carried out under the supervision of a Meat Grader appointed under the Meat Act, 1939.

(6) This regulation shall apply in respect of any abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse wherever situated.

6. (1) No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale for human consumption, or have in his possession for sale for human consumption, any meat to which these regulations apply unless the meat has been branded or marked by or by direction of a Grader in the manner prescribed by the said specification.

(2) No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale for human consumption, or have in his possession for sale for human consumption, any joint or cut of meat unless—

(a) The joint or cut of meat bears a grade-mark branded thereon by or by direction of a Grader in the manner prescribed by the said specification, or the grade assigned by the Grader to the carcass or portion of the carcass from which the joint or cut was severed is shown in legible and prominent characters on a ticket or placard which is displayed in such a way that it clearly refers to the joint or cut; and

(b) In the case of meat that has been frozen, the word "Frozen" is shown in legible and prominent characters on a ticket, placard, or label which is displayed in such a way that it clearly refers to the joint or cut.

(3) No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale for human consumption, or have in his possession for sale for human consumption, any joint or cut of meat which has been severed from a carcass or portion of a carcass which has been graded by a Grader in accordance with the said specification as boner grade.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation meat shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be in possession for sale for human consumption if it is in any shop or premises used for the sale of meat, or for the storage of meat intended for sale, and any meat that is sold shall be deemed to be sold for human consumption unless and until the contrary is proved.

7. No person shall in any shop or premises sell or offer for sale by retail any meat to which these regulations apply unless there is displayed in the shop or premises, in full view of the public, a notice not less than 20 in. by 12½ in. in dimensions on which shall be printed in bold type of not less than 36-points face measurement the names of the grades of each different kind of meat as set out in the said specification and which shall show in respect of each such grade a facsimile of the brand prescribed by the said specification.

8. Every person commits an offence against these regulations who—
- (a) Acts in contravention of or fails to comply in any respect with any provision of these regulations :
 - (b) Except in the ordinary course of preparing a joint or cut for sale, defaces, removes, or tampers with any brand, grade-mark, or other distinguishing mark stamped on or affixed to any meat by or by direction of a Grader in the manner prescribed by the said specification :
 - (c) Places on or displays with reference to any joint or cut of meat any ticket or placard which is false or misleading as to the grade assigned to the carcass or portion of the carcass from which the joint or cut was severed :
 - (d) Places on or displays with reference to any joint or cut of meat any ticket or placard bearing any description of the joint or cut which is not in accordance with the definitions of joints and cuts contained in the said specification or which is otherwise false or misleading :
 - (e) Sells any joint or cut of meat under any description which is not in accordance with the definitions of joints and cuts contained in the said specification or which is otherwise false or misleading :
 - (f) Obstructs, hinders, impedes, resists, or opposes any Inspector who is exercising or attempting to exercise any powers conferred on him under these regulations.

C. A. JEFFERY,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Industries and Commerce, Tourist and Publicity.