



## THE MEAT BOARD REGULATIONS 1970

RICHARD WILD, Administrator of the Government

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 25th day of May 1970

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Meat Export Control Act 1921-22 and the Wool Industry Act 1944, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

### REGULATIONS

1. **Title**—These regulations may be cited as the Meat Board Regulations 1970.

2. **Interpretation**—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Meat Board” or “the Board” means the New Zealand Meat Producers Board:

“Producers’ representatives” means the persons to be elected pursuant to these regulations for appointment to the Board as representatives of the persons carrying on the business of the production of meat for export:

“Sheep farmer” means a person owning not less than 100 sheep; and includes a company or other corporation:

“The Wool Board” means the New Zealand Wool Board established under the Wool Industry Act 1944.

#### *Election of Producers’ Representatives*

3. **Election of producers’ representatives**—(1) For the purposes of the election of producers’ representatives, a meeting of delegates (herein referred to as the Electoral Committee) elected as hereinafter provided shall be held in the month of March 1971 and in the same month in each year thereafter, on a day and at a place to be from time to time fixed by the Board.

(2) The Electoral Committee shall comprise 25 delegates, to be elected by sheep farmers.

(3) If any member of the Electoral Committee dies or resigns his office, the vacancy shall be deemed to be an extraordinary vacancy and the Meat Board, after consultation with the Wool Board, may by resolution appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

(4) For the purposes of the election under the Wool Board Election Regulations 1946\* of members of the Wool Board as representatives of the wool growers of New Zealand under the Wool Industry Act 1944, a meeting of the Electoral Committee shall be held in the month of August in the year 1970 and in the same month in each year thereafter, on a day and at a place to be from time to time fixed by the Wool Board.

**4. Electoral districts**—(1) For the purpose of the election of delegates of the Electoral Committee, the Board shall divide New Zealand into such number of electoral districts as it thinks fit.

(2) Each electoral district shall consist of one or more counties.

**5. List of sheep farmers**—The Board shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, for each electoral district a list of sheep farmers within the electoral district.

**6. Electoral Committee**—The number of delegates for each electoral district to be elected to the Electoral Committee shall be determined by the Board, and shall, so far as practicable, bear to 25 the proportion that the number of sheep in the district bears to the total number of sheep in New Zealand.

**7. Nomination of delegates**—(1) No member of the Meat Board or the Wool Board and no person who has been nominated for appointment at the next ensuing election to either of those Boards shall be eligible for nomination as a delegate.

(2) No person shall be eligible for election as a delegate unless he has been nominated by a sheep farmer, and his nomination has been seconded by another sheep farmer, and he has accepted nomination in writing.

(3) No person may accept nomination as a delegate for more than one electoral district.

(4) The form of nomination may be in form 1 in the Schedule to these regulations.

(5) Nominations shall be received at such time and in such manner as the Board determines:

Provided that the last day for receiving nominations shall be one week later than the last day fixed by the Wool Board under the Wool Board Election Regulations 1946\* for receiving nominations for election as representatives of the wool growers of New Zealand under the Wool Industry Act 1944.

**8. Where nominations do not exceed number of delegates required**—If no more persons are nominated as delegates in respect of any electoral district than are required for that electoral district, they shall be deemed to have been duly elected.

\*S.R. 1946/17  
Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1958/139  
Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1970/108

**9. Election of delegates**—(1) If more persons are nominated as delegates for any electoral district than the number that has been determined by the Board for that district, the electors of that district shall elect the required number of delegates by postal ballot to be conducted by the Board.

(2) If any question arises as to the validity of the election of any delegate, it shall be determined by the Board, whose decision shall be final. The Board may in any case, if it thinks that the election of any delegate has been irregular, require a fresh election to be held.

**10. Meetings**—(1) The Electoral Committee shall meet in the months of March and August on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Board.

(2) At the March meeting of the Electoral Committee, the Chairman of the Meat Board shall preside and at the August meeting of the Electoral Committee the Chairman of the Wool Board shall preside.

(3) If the Chairman presiding at any meeting of the Electoral Committee is also an elected delegate, but not otherwise, he shall have a deliberative vote on any question before the meeting. In the case of an equality of votes on any question, he shall have a casting vote, whether he is an elected delegate or not.

(4) The Chairman of the Meat Board shall submit to the Electoral Committee meeting in March for its consideration the report and balance sheet of the Meat Board's operations for the previous year. The Chairman of the Wool Board shall submit to the Electoral Committee meeting in August for its consideration the report and balance sheet of the Wool Board's operations for the previous year.

**11. Nomination of producers' representatives**—(1) No person shall be eligible for election as a producers' representative unless he has been nominated by a sheep farmer, and his nomination has been seconded by another sheep farmer, and he has accepted nomination in writing.

(2) The form of nomination may be in form 2 in the Schedule to these regulations.

(3) Nominations shall be received at such time and in such manner as the Board determines.

**12. Where nominations do not exceed number of vacancies**—If no more persons are nominated as producers' representatives than are required to fill the vacant positions on the Board, they shall be deemed to be duly elected.

**13. Election of producers' representatives**—(1) If more persons are nominated than are required to fill the vacant positions on the Board, the delegates comprising the Electoral Committee shall proceed to elect by ballot from among the persons duly nominated the number of producers' representatives required.

(2) Where in any such ballot any candidate secures a majority of the total number of votes entitled to be cast in respect of any one candidate, he shall be declared elected, and there shall thereafter be taken such further ballot or ballots as may be necessary for

the purpose of electing the required number of producers' representatives, and the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall apply to every such ballot:

Provided that where in any ballot the number of candidates securing a majority of the votes exceeds the number of producers' representatives as at the time of that ballot are required to be elected, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in that ballot shall thereupon be declared elected.

(3) If at any ballot taken in accordance with this regulation two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, then, if that number represents a majority of the votes entitled to be cast in respect of any one candidate and it is necessary for the purposes of the election to determine the order of preference, a ballot shall be taken of those candidates only and the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes at that ballot shall thereupon be declared elected:

Provided that if no order of preference is indicated with respect to any candidate in two successive ballots, the Chairman of the Electoral Committee shall determine the order of preference by lot.

(4) Any candidate who is declared to be elected at any ballot taken in accordance with this regulation shall not be a candidate in any ballot that may thereafter be taken among the remaining candidates for the purposes of that election.

(5) Where in any ballot taken under the provisions of this regulation no candidate receives a majority of the votes and consequently no candidate is declared to be elected at that ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes in that ballot shall thereupon be eliminated and shall not be a candidate in any ballot that may thereafter be held for the purposes of that election:

Provided that where two or more candidates receive at any ballot the same number of votes and that number of votes is recorded as the lowest number of votes received by any candidate at that ballot, the candidate to be eliminated from any further ballot that may be held for the purposes of that election shall be determined by lot.

(6) At any ballot taken under this regulation no voting paper shall be valid unless votes are recorded for such number of persons as, at the time of the ballot, are required to be elected.

(7) Any delegate entitled to vote at any ballot held for the purposes of the election shall be entitled to appoint in writing any other delegate as his proxy to attend and vote at the ballot instead of him.

**14. Returning Officer**—The Secretary to the Board shall be the Returning Officer for the purposes of any ballot conducted for the purposes of these regulations.

**15. Appointment of persons elected**—The names of the persons who have been elected pursuant to these regulations as producers' representatives shall be forthwith forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, and shall be submitted by him to the Governor-General for appointment.

#### *Miscellaneous Provisions*

**16. Fees and travelling allowances, etc.**—The travelling allowances, fees, or other remuneration of members of the Board shall be such as are from time to time determined by resolution of the Board.

17. Power to borrow—Without limiting any authority conferred on the Board by the Meat Export Control Act 1921–22, the Board shall have power, for the purpose of carrying on its business, to borrow money by way of bank overdraft or otherwise howsoever, and may give as security therefor debentures, mortgages, or other securities charged on any or all of the assets of the Board.

18. Revocations—The following regulations are hereby revoked:

- (a) Regulations made under the Meat Export Control Act 1921–22 on the 7th day of June 1923\*:
- (b) Regulations made under the said Act on the 21st day of June 1928 amending the regulations referred to in paragraph (a) of this regulation†:
- (c) The Meat Board Election Amending Regulations 1944‡:
- (d) The Meat Board Election Amending Regulations 1958§.

\*Gazette, 7 June 1923, p. 1612  
 †Gazette, 21 June 1928, p. 2055  
 ‡S.R. 1944/77  
 §S.R. 1958/140

SCHEDULE

Form 1

Reg. 7 (4)

NOMINATION OF DELEGATE TO THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

..... Electoral District

Candidate—

Name in full: .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Nominated by—

Name: [Signature] .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Seconded by—

Name: [Signature] .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Nomination accepted—

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[Signature of Candidate]

Reg. 11 (2)

Form 2

NOMINATION OF PRODUCERS' REPRESENTATIVE ON NEW ZEALAND MEAT  
PRODUCERS BOARD

Candidate—

Name in full: .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Nominated by—

Name: [*Signature*] .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Seconded by—

Name: [*Signature*] .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

Nomination accepted—

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[*Signature of Candidate*]

P. J. BROOKS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations replace with some amendments the regulations made under the Meat Export Control Act 1921-22 relating to the election by sheep farmers of persons for appointment as producers' representatives on the New Zealand Meat Producers Board, and other miscellaneous matters.

The changes are consequential on the provisions of the Meat Export Control Amendment Act 1969 changing from August to March the time for that election.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Agriculture.