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THE MEAT REGULATIONS 1940.

GALWAY, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 22nd day of May, 1940.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

PURSUANT to the Meat Act, 1939, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, doth hereby make the following regulations.

REGULATIONS.

REGULATION I.—PRELIMINARY.

1 : 1. These regulations are arranged as follows :—

Regulation 1.—Preliminary.

Regulation 2.—Registration of Abattoirs.

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Regulation 11.—Examination of Persons for Appointment as Inspectors.

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Regulation 13.—Miscellaneous Matters.

Regulation 14.—Offences and Penalties.

1 : 2. These regulations may be cited as the Meat Regulations 1940.

1 : 3. Clause 12 : 8 of Regulation 12 hereof shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1940.

1 : 4. Except as hereinbefore provided, these regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of June, 1940.

1 : 5. The Slaughtering and Inspection Regulations 1937, the Baconer Grading Regulations 1938, and the Baconer Grading Regulations 1938, Amendment No. 1, are revoked :

Provided that the revocation of clause (7) of Regulation 12 of the Slaughtering and Inspection Regulations 1937 shall take effect on the 1st day of July, 1940.

1 : 6. All certificates, licenses, registers, official numbers, and generally all acts of authority which originated or had effect under the regulations hereby revoked and are subsisting or in force on the coming into operation of these regulations, shall enure for the purposes of these regulations as fully and effectually as if they had originated under the corresponding provisions of these regulations, and accordingly shall, where necessary, be deemed to have so originated.

1 : 7. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—

“Baconer” means a pig the dressed weight of which is not less than 101 lb. nor more than 180 lb. :

“Department” means the Department of Agriculture :

“Grader” means the licensee of a meat-export slaughterhouse or the manager of an abattoir, and includes any person employed by such licensee or manager to grade meat for the purposes of these regulations :

“Licensee” in respect of a slaughterhouse other than an abattoir means the person to whom a license has been issued in respect thereof :

“Supervising Grader” means an Inspector appointed for the purpose of the said Act, and includes any officer of the Meat-producers Board duly authorized by that Board to supervise the grading of meat intended for export beyond New Zealand and controlled by that Board.

“The said Act” means the Meat Act, 1939 :

1 : 8. In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context, the following expressions have the same meaning as in the said Act, namely :—

“Abattoir” means a slaughterhouse that is registered as an abattoir under the said Act :

“Brand” includes any mark or stamp, and also includes any tag or label bearing any mark or stamp :

“Carcass” means the dead body of any animal and includes any part that has been severed therefrom :

“Disease” includes any of the diseases mentioned in Part I of the First Schedule to the said Act and any other disease affecting stock which the Governor-General may declare to be a disease within the meaning of the said Act, and also includes advanced pregnancy, recent parturition, and any defect, inferiority, or other condition which in the opinion of an Inspector renders any stock or meat unfit to be used for human consumption :

“Inspector” means an Inspector appointed for the purposes of the said Act :

“Manager”, in relation to an abattoir, includes any person for the time being acting as the deputy of the manager of the abattoir :

- “Meat” includes every edible part of any slaughtered stock, whether the same is in its natural state or has been subjected to any freezing, chilling, salting, cooking, canning, or other preservative process :
- “Meat-export slaughterhouse” means a slaughterhouse that is for the time being licensed under the said Act as a meat-export slaughterhouse :
- “Meat-producers Board” means the New Zealand Meat-producers Board established under the Meat-export Control Act, 1921-22 :
- “Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture :
- “Rural slaughterhouse” means a slaughterhouse that is for the time being licensed under the said Act as a rural slaughterhouse :
- “Slaughterhouse” means, as the case may require, an abattoir, a meat-export slaughterhouse, or a rural slaughterhouse, and includes all appurtenances thereto :
- “Slaughtering-place” includes a slaughterhouse or any other place where stock are slaughtered :
- “Stock” includes cattle, sheep, and pigs, and any other animals which the Governor-General may declare to be stock within the meaning of the said Act.

REGULATION 2.—REGISTRATION OF ABATTOIRS.

2 : 1. The application for registration of an abattoir referred to in section 17 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 1 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be signed by the Town Clerk or Clerk of the local authority and forwarded to the Director-General of Agriculture at Wellington.

2 : 2. Every such application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee and by plans, in duplicate, of the existing or proposed buildings.

2 : 3. Forms of application shall be obtainable from the Director-General of Agriculture, at Wellington, free of charge.

2 : 4. The certificate of registration shall be in the form numbered 2 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall continue in force until the registration of the abattoir is cancelled pursuant to the provisions of the said Act.

2 : 5. The Director-General of Agriculture, or some officer of the Department appointed by the Director-General in that behalf, shall by such certificate assign to the abattoir an official number to distinguish that abattoir from all other abattoirs registered by him.

REGULATION 3.—MEAT-EXPORT SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENSE AND RURAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENSE.

3 : 1. The application for a meat-export slaughterhouse license referred to in section 28 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 3 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be accompanied by plans, in duplicate, of the building and a copy of each newspaper in which the advertisement required by section 27 of the said Act is published.

3 : 2. The application for a rural slaughterhouse license referred to in section 39 of the said Act shall be in the said form numbered 3 in the said First Schedule, and shall, in like manner, be accompanied by plans in duplicate of the building and a copy of each newspaper in which the advertisement required by section 38 of the said Act is published.

3 : 3. Forms of application shall be obtainable from any Inspector under the said Act, or the Stock Act, 1908, or local authority free of charge.

3 : 4. The local authority shall, before issuing a license, transmit the application to the Director-General of Agriculture, for the approval of the Minister ; and the Minister, if he consents to the issue of the license, shall signify his consent on the face of the license.

3 : 5. If the application is approved by the Minister, the Director-General of Agriculture, or some officer of the Department appointed by the Director-General in that behalf, shall assign to the meat-export slaughterhouse or the rural slaughterhouse, as the case may be, an official number to distinguish it from all other meat-export slaughterhouses and rural slaughterhouses in respect of which a license is approved for issue by the Minister.

3 : 6. To the official number assigned to a rural slaughterhouse shall be prefixed the appropriate letter or letters set out in the Second Schedule hereto according to the place where the rural slaughterhouse is situate.

3 : 7. A meat-export slaughterhouse license or rural slaughterhouse license shall be in the form numbered 4 or 5 in the First Schedule hereto, as the case may be, and shall be registered by the local authority under its official number.

3 : 8. Every meat-export slaughterhouse license or rural slaughterhouse license issued pursuant to the said Act and these regulations shall be held by the licensee on the following terms and conditions :—

- (a) That the licensee will at all times during the currency of the license furnish to the Minister all such information as the Minister shall require relating to the business in respect of which the license is in force, and will, if so required by the Minister, cause any information so furnished to be verified by a statutory declaration :
- (b) That the licensee will at all times during the currency of the license when so required by the Minister afford to the Minister, or to any officer of the New Zealand Government appointed by him in that behalf, all reasonable facilities for examining all books, records, correspondence, or other documents relating to the said business.

3 : 9. Where application is made for a meat-export slaughterhouse license in respect of premises which are used or intended to be used for the slaughter of pigs only, there may be imposed as a term or condition of the license a term or condition limiting the use of the premises for the slaughter of pigs only.

3 : 10. No alterations or additions shall be made to any rural slaughterhouse during the currency of any license issued in respect thereof except with the approval of the Inspector.

3 : 11. No license for a rural slaughterhouse shall be renewed except with the consent of the Minister.

3 : 12. Application for the renewal of a license for a meat-export slaughterhouse or a rural slaughterhouse shall be in the form numbered 6 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be addressed to the local authority and shall be made so as to be in the hands of the Director-General at Wellington not later than the 1st day of June in the year in which the license if not renewed would expire.

3 : 13. Upon renewal of a license for a meat-export slaughterhouse or a rural slaughterhouse there shall be issued to the licensee a certificate of renewal in the form numbered 7 in the First Schedule hereto.

3 : 14. A rural slaughterhouse license may, with the consent of the Minister, be transferred to any suitable person by the local authority in whose district the slaughterhouse is situated, on application in that behalf made to the local authority by the licensee and on payment to the local authority of the prescribed fee.

3 : 15. Application for the transfer of a license for a meat-export slaughterhouse or a rural slaughterhouse shall be made in the form numbered 8 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be addressed to the local authority by whom the license was issued, and shall be signed by or on behalf of the licensee and by or on behalf of the proposed transferee.

3 : 16. A transfer of a license for a meat-export slaughterhouse or a rural slaughterhouse shall be by certificate in the form numbered 9 in the First Schedule hereto.

REGULATION 4.—MEAT-EXPORTER'S LICENSE.

4 : 1. The application for a meat-exporter's license referred to in section 54 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 10 in the First Schedule hereto.

4 : 2. Every meat-exporter's license shall be in the form numbered 11 in the First Schedule hereto.

4 : 3. The provisions of clause 3 : 8 of the last preceding regulation shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to any meat-exporter's license issued pursuant to these regulations.

4 : 4. Application for the renewal of a meat-exporter's license shall be in the form numbered 12 in the First Schedule hereto, and shall be addressed to the Director-General of Agriculture so as to be in the hands of the Director-General not later than the 1st day of June in the year in which the license if not renewed would expire.

4 : 5. Upon renewal of a meat-exporter's license there shall be issued to the licensee a certificate of renewal in the form numbered 13 in the First Schedule hereto.

REGULATION 5.—BRANDS AND BRANDING.

5 : 1. The brand to be affixed to every carcass pursuant to section 44 of the said Act shall consist of the official number (including prefixed letter or letters, if any) of the slaughterhouse.

5 : 2. Such brand shall be of an approved colour and design, and shall be affixed—

- (a) In the case of meat for human consumption within New Zealand from stock slaughtered at an abattoir or a meat-export slaughterhouse, by the Inspector; and
- (b) In all other cases, by the manager or licensee, as the case may be.

5 : 3. In the case of meat intended for consumption within New Zealand the brand shall be stamped on every quarter of the carcass.

5 : 4. The carcass of every ram or bull which upon inspection in accordance with these regulations is passed as fit for consumption within New Zealand shall, in addition to any other brand or mark required by these regulations to be affixed to such carcass, be branded or marked by the Inspector or under his authority with a brand or mark bearing the word "RAM" or "BULL", as the case may be.

5 : 5. The brand or mark referred to in the last preceding clause of this regulation shall be affixed to each quarter and to each side of every carcass to which that clause applies at a point approximately in the centre of the outer side of every such portion of the carcass.

5 : 6. In the case of meat intended for export the brand shall be affixed to each carcass or separate portion of a carcass by a label or tag approved by the Minister. Such label or tag shall be supplied by the licensee or meat-exporter, and, in addition to the official number, shall contain such other words as the Minister may from time to time approve or direct.

5 : 7. In the case of tinned meat such brand shall be affixed by label to every tin containing such meat and to every case or other package wherein the tinned meat is packed, and each tin, case, and other package shall, in addition, be branded with the following particulars:—

- (a) The words "New Zealand":
- (b) The name of the exporter or owner and his registered trade-mark (if any):
- (c) The trade name and description of the contents.

5 : 8. No brand or mark other than those hereinbefore mentioned shall be placed on any tinned meat or on any carcass or portion of a carcass or on any tin, case, package, tag, wrapping, or covering enclosing or containing any such meat or on any label or tag affixed thereto unless such brand or mark is approved by the Minister.

5 : 9. The stamp for branding the official number on meat for consumption within New Zealand will be supplied on application to the Director-General of Agriculture at Wellington, on payment of the appropriate cost of such stamp.

REGULATION 6.—SANITATION OF SLAUGHTERING PLACES AND APPLIANCES.

6 : 1. In every slaughterhouse the killing, dressing, and hanging places shall be floored with concrete.

6 : 2. In every slaughterhouse the killing, dressing, and hanging places shall, to the satisfaction of the Inspector, be provided with adequate windows or openings for daylight and with adequate ventilation, and all means of lighting and ventilation shall at all times be maintained in clean, clear, and efficient order and condition.

6 : 3. The walls of the killing or dressing places in a rural slaughterhouse shall be constructed of concrete or of brick, stone, and mortar, and the interior surface of such walls to a height of not less than 6 ft. from the floor shall be finished in concrete to a smooth plane surface with a steel tool.

6 : 4. The floor and lower portions of the walls, partitions, and posts of the killing and dressing places in a slaughterhouse shall be thoroughly washed down immediately after the slaughtering for the day is finished, or oftener if directed by the Inspector.

6 : 5. The race leading to the killing-place in a rural slaughterhouse shall be paved with concrete to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

6 : 6. Every part of the interior of the killing, dressing, and hanging places in a slaughterhouse shall at all times be kept in a thoroughly clean and sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

6 : 7. The yards and all other premises attached to a slaughterhouse shall at all times be kept clean, and supplied with a sufficient supply of pure water for the watering of the stock yarded therein.

6 : 8. The licensee of a rural slaughterhouse shall cause all offal, heads, bones, and other parts of the carcass of any slaughtered stock which are unfit for human consumption to be disposed of to the satisfaction of the Inspector, and shall not permit or allow to remain in or about the slaughterhouse any such part of the carcass of any slaughtered stock.

6 : 9. All knives, knife-scabbards, saws, cleavers, hooks, hanging-rails, and other instruments, and all trollies or other conveyances used in or about a slaughterhouse, shall be kept thoroughly clean.

6 : 10. All coverings used by the Inspector and by all employees in any slaughterhouse to protect their clothing or person shall be of such material as can be readily cleaned, and only clean garments shall be worn.

6 : 11. The manager of an abattoir and the licensee of every other slaughterhouse shall provide, or cause to be provided, an adequate supply and a suitable plant for the boiling of sufficient water for the cleansing and sterilization of knives, instruments, and other appliances used in or about a slaughterhouse.

6 : 12. The manager of an abattoir and the licensee of any other slaughterhouse and the occupier of any other slaughtering-place shall take every precaution to ensure that the slaughtering-place is kept as free as possible from flies, and shall not permit any material which may constitute a breeding-ground for flies to remain in any slaughtering-place.

6 : 13. At every slaughterhouse proper and sufficient urinal and closet accommodation shall be provided, such accommodation to be contained in an apartment separated structurally from any other part of the slaughterhouse.

6 : 14. No hide, skins, fat, or other portion of any carcass likely to become a nuisance shall be stored in any killing, dressing, or hanging place in respect of a slaughterhouse.

6 : 15. In every rural slaughterhouse adequate provision to the satisfaction of the Inspector shall be made for the storage of hides and skins for the time being kept on the premises of the slaughterhouse.

6 : 16. In every slaughterhouse the rooms and compartments used for the storage of edible products shall be separate and distinct from those used for the storage of inedible products.

6 : 17. Every conveyance used for removing meat from any slaughterhouse shall be kept clean, and provided with a clean cover both under and over the meat conveyed therein.

6 : 18. The manager of an abattoir and the licensee of any other slaughterhouse and the occupier of any other slaughtering-place shall at all times comply with the requirements of this regulation in so far as the same may be applicable to the slaughtering-place.

6 : 19. Nothing in this regulation in so far as it relates to the construction of rural slaughterhouses shall apply to any building which at the time of coming into force of these regulations is erected upon any premises deemed to be licensed under the said Act by virtue of section 73 of the said Act as a rural slaughterhouse and which at the time of coming into force of these regulations is regularly in use for the purposes of a slaughterhouse, so long as such building is maintained at all times in a sanitary condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

REGULATION 7.—INSPECTION OF MEAT : GENERAL.

7 : 1. No stock slaughtered in an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse shall be passed by the Inspector as fit for human consumption unless the Inspector appointed to such abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse is satisfied after conducting ante-mortem and post-mortem examinations of such stock in accordance with the provisions of these regulations that such stock are sound, healthy, and in every way suitable for human consumption.

7 : 2. The licensee of every meat-export slaughterhouse and the manager of every abattoir respectively shall provide rent free and to the satisfaction of the Director-General of Agriculture proper office accommodation for the Inspector, including the lighting and heating of the office.

7 : 3. The licensee of every meat-export slaughterhouse and the manager of every abattoir respectively shall provide the following facilities to ensure the efficient ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of all stock slaughtered therein :—

- (a) Proper and adequate holding accommodation for ante-mortem inspection of stock and adequate provision for pens for animals suspected of disease and awaiting further inspection :
- (b) Sufficient natural light in the slaughter-room and artificial light at times of the day when natural light is inadequate to ensure a proper inspection of the carcasses.

7 : 4. Any carcass which has been passed by the Inspector for canning and is not rendered into lard or tallow may be used for human consumption, upon being treated by methods and handled and marked in a manner approved by the Inspector.

7 : 5. Fat used in the preparation of edible fat shall be the product of healthy animals which have been passed by the Inspector as sound and suitable for human consumption.

7 : 6. All such edible fat shall be prepared under sanitary conditions, and all appliances used in connection with its manufacture shall, where necessary, be cleansed and sterilized to the satisfaction of the Inspector.

7 : 7. No person shall use any carcass or cause or permit any carcass to be used for human consumption or use any material, or cause or permit any material to be used, in the preparation of edible fat in an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse in breach of this regulation.

REGULATION 8.—ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION.

8 : 1. Ante-mortem inspection of all kinds of stock shall include—

- (a) Examination of the loading bank and yards of any abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse for dead or dying animals :
- (b) Examination for any evidence of cruelty to animals by over-trucking, over-driving, or by any other act :
- (c) Examination for the detection of animals in an emaciated condition or affected with disease in any form.

8 : 2. No person shall slaughter or cause or permit to be slaughtered for human consumption in any slaughtering-place any stock in a febrile condition.

8 : 3. Unless with the specific authority of the Inspector, no person shall in any abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse slaughter or cause or permit to be slaughtered any stock showing ante-mortem symptoms of disease until all other stock intended to be slaughtered at the abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse, as the case may be, on the same day have been slaughtered.

8 : 4. All cases where in the opinion of the Inspector there is evidence of cruelty to stock shall be reported by the Inspector, either orally or in writing, to the manager of the abattoir or licensee of the meat-export slaughterhouse, as the case may be, and in writing to the supervising officer of the Live-stock Division of the Department.

REGULATION 9.—POST-MORTEM INSPECTION.

9 : 1. The carcass of any stock slaughtered for human consumption in an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse shall be thoroughly inspected by the Inspector, who shall, upon being satisfied that such carcass should be passed as fit for human consumption, cause the same to be dealt with in accordance with section 44 of the said Act.

9 : 2. No person shall dress, or cause or permit to be dressed, any carcass without removing the skin unless the skin has been thoroughly washed and cleaned before the carcass is eviscerated.

9 : 3. In every case where disease is detected by the Inspector during the course of his inspection the knife used by him for cutting into any diseased part of a carcass shall forthwith be disinfected before being used on any other carcass.

9 : 4. The manager of an abattoir or the licensee of a meat-export slaughterhouse shall forthwith disinfect, or cause to be disinfected, all instruments which have been used on any diseased carcass or any

carcass which the Inspector declares to be apparently diseased before such instruments are used on any other carcass. All wiping-cloths used on any such carcass shall be sterilized by boiling.

9 : 5. The manager of an abattoir or the licensee of a meat-export slaughterhouse shall, as and when required by the Inspector, cause the head, tongue, and all viscera of stock to be held until post-mortem examination has been completed by the Inspector, in such a manner as to preserve their identity with the remainder of the carcass.

9 : 6. Any carcass shall be deemed to be too immature to produce wholesome meat for human consumption and shall be condemned, if the meat thereof—

- (a) Has the appearance of being water-soaked, or is loose and flabby, or tears easily, or can be perforated with the fingers ;
or
- (b) Has a greyish colour ; or
- (c) Shows that good muscular development as a whole is lacking, which is especially noticeable on the upper shank of the leg, where small amounts of serous infiltrates or small edematous patches are sometimes present between the muscles ; or
- (d) Shows that the tissue which later develops as the fat capsule of the kidneys is edematous, dirty yellow or greyish red, tough, and intermixed with islands of fat.

9 : 7. All unborn and still-born animals shall be condemned.

9 : 8. The carcass of any stock which upon inspection is found to contain any of the conditions or lesions named in the Third Schedule hereto shall be condemned.

9 : 9. The Inspector shall cause the carcass of any sheep or lamb which upon inspection is found by him to be affected with the disease known as caseous lymphadenitis to be rejected for export, and such carcass shall thereafter be dealt with as the Inspector shall direct.

9 : 10. Where on inspection evidence of tuberculosis is found in a carcass, the carcass shall not be condemned as unfit for human consumption if in the opinion of the Inspector—

- (a) The lesions of tuberculosis are localized and not numerous ;
and
- (b) There is no evidence of distribution of tubercle bacilli through the blood, lymphatics, or by other means to the muscles or to parts that may be eaten with the muscles ; and
- (c) The animal is well-nourished and in good condition :
Provided that in localized infections—
 - (i) An organ or part thereof shall be condemned when tuberculosis exists on its capsule or in its substance or in the associated lymphatic glands ; and
 - (ii) The head, including the tongue, shall be condemned if any of the lymphatic glands of the head are found to be affected.

9 : 11. The entire carcass and organs shall be condemned when the following conditions are found to be present :—

- (a) Tuberculosis with emaciation ; or
- (b) Generalized tuberculosis.

9 : 12. In deciding whether tuberculosis is generalized the judgment of the Inspector shall be based on the sum of the evidence of the disease throughout the entire carcass and organs. The following conditions shall be regarded as evidence of generalization :—

- (a) Miliary tuberculosis of both lungs :
- (b) Where the lesions are multiple, acute, and actively progressive :
- (c) Where there is multiple and widespread infection of the carcass lymphatic glands :
- (d) Where there are diffuse acute lesions of both serous membranes (pleura and peritoneum) and any of the carcass lymphatic glands are enlarged or contain visible tuberculous lesions :
- (e) Where, in addition to the presence of tuberculous lesions in the respiratory or digestive tracts, these are also lesions present in the substance of any one of the following parts of the carcass—namely, spleen, kidney, udder (or uterus or ovary), testicle, brain, and spinal cord, and their membranes.
- (f) Congenital tuberculosis in calves.

REGULATION 10.—GRADING OF BACONERS.

10 : 1. This regulation shall apply only to meat which is derived from pigs slaughtered in an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse, and only to meat derived from such stock which on inspection by an Inspector is passed as fit for human consumption.

10 : 2. No person shall sell for export or offer for sale for export, or export, or attempt to export from New Zealand, the carcass of any baconer slaughtered and passed as aforesaid unless such carcass has been graded and marked as required by this regulation.

10 : 3. All grading under this regulation shall be carried out under the direct supervision of a Supervising Grader.

10 : 4. All carcasses of baconers graded under this regulation shall be graded as “ No. 1 Prime Grade ”, “ No. 2 Prime Grade ”, or “ Second Grade ”.

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

(a) *No. 1 Prime Grade and No. 2 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) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a carcass affected by blemish, injury, or other defect which in the opinion of the Inspector or Grader renders it unfit for export may be included in a prime grade for consumption within New Zealand if otherwise entitled to be so included, and shall in that case be branded with the appropriate grade-mark in accordance with clause 10 : 8 of this regulation.

(iii) The thickness of shoulder fat, measured as hereinafter prescribed, 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, measured as hereinafter prescribed, 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, such measurement being made in either case after the carcass has been backed down or otherwise cut so as to expose the thickness of fat.

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

Dressed Weight of Carcass.	No. 1 Prime Grade Thickness of Backfat.			No. 2 Prime Grade Thickness of Backfat.		
	Shoulder, Max.	Loin.		Shoulder, Max.	Loin.	
		Max.	Min.		Max.	Min.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
101 lb. to 120 lb. ..	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
121 lb. to 140 lb. ..	$1\frac{3}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	2	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
141 lb. to 160 lb. ..	2	$1\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{1}{4}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
161 lb. to 180 lb. ..	$2\frac{1}{8}$	$1\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$2\frac{3}{8}$	$1\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

(b) *Second Grade.*

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

10 : 6. As soon as practicable after the carcass of any baconer is passed by an Inspector as fit for human consumption the Grader at the abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse 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 this regulation.

10 : 7. Forthwith after examination of the carcass of any baconer pursuant to clause 10 : 6 of this regulation, the Grader shall cause such one or other of the following grade-marks as may be applicable to be legibly and indelibly applied to the carcass in the manner prescribed by clause 10 : 8 of this regulation :—

For No. 1 Prime Grade, the words " No. 1 Prime " :

For No. 2 Prime Grade, the words " No. 2 Prime " :

For Second Grade, the words " Second Grade ".

10 : 8. The appropriate grade-mark shall be applied to every carcass of a baconer by means of a rubber-stamp impression or other indelible impression placed on the carcass, or on the tag or label required to be affixed to each carcass or separate portion of the carcass pursuant to Regulation 5 of these regulations.

10 : 9. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding clause of this regulation, the appropriate grade-mark shall not be applied to hams or any other portion of a carcass except the side or fore-end.

10 : 10. Such tag or label shall, in respect of the respective grades prescribed for baconers by clause 10 : 4 of this regulation, be of a colour as follows :—

For No. 1 Prime Grade	..	..	..	Blue.
For No. 2 Prime Grade	..	..	..	Buff.
For Second Grade	..	..	..	Red.

10 : 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 grade-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 abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse to alter accordingly as hereinafter provided the grade-mark theretofore applied to the carcass or portion of the carcass.

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

REGULATION 11.—EXAMINATION OF PERSONS FOR COMPETENCY AS INSPECTORS.

11 : 1. Any person desiring to obtain a certificate that he is competent to perform the duties of an Inspector may present himself for examination subject to this regulation.

11 : 2. The examination shall be conducted by a Veterinary Surgeon in the service of the Government assigned by the Director-General for that purpose.

11 : 3. A candidate shall not be examined until he has undergone a period of training in meat-inspection in the Department to the satisfaction of the Examiner.

11 : 4. The syllabus for the examination shall be the following :—

- (a) The provisions of the Meat Act, 1939, and of such amendments thereof and regulations thereunder as are in force at the time of the examination :
- (b) The principles and practice of meat-inspection, which shall include ante-mortem inspection of animals ; elementary anatomy of food animals ; the physiology of the blood and blood vascular system ; the lymphatic system ; the respiratory system ; the digestive system ; the urinary and reproductive systems ; slaughtering and dressing of food animals ; differentiation of the carcasses and flesh of food animals ; post-mortem inspection ; post-mortem changes in meat ; general pathological conditions ; bacterial diseases ; parasites and parasitic diseases ; preservation of meat ; methods of inspection ; judgment :
- (c) The general principles of hygiene and sanitation as applied to slaughtering-places :

(d) The nomenclature and situation of the various organs and lymphatic glands in the animal body and their appearance in health and disease :

(e) The standard market values (as ruling at the time of the examination) of cattle, sheep, and pigs.

11 : 5. The Examiner shall as soon as possible notify the Director-General whether the candidate has successfully passed the examination or not.

11 : 6. A certificate of competency granted by the Examiner under this regulation shall be in the form numbered 14 set forth in the First Schedule hereto.

11 : 7. Any such certificate shall be surrendered to the Director-General for cancellation if the holder thereof having been appointed an Inspector under the said Act ceases to hold such appointment, and any holder refusing or neglecting to surrender his certificate within twenty-one days after being called upon to do so by the Director-General commits an offence against these regulations.

REGULATION 12.—FEES AND RETURNS.

12 : 1. There shall be payable on application for the issue of a certificate of registration in respect of an abattoir a fee of ~~15~~ 15.

12 : 2. There shall be payable to the local authority on application for the issue of a license in respect of a meat-export slaughterhouse or a rural slaughterhouse the fees following, that is to say :—

(a) On application for a meat-export slaughterhouse license £ s. d.
.. .. . 1 0 0

(b) On application for a rural slaughterhouse license .. 0 10 0

12 : 3. The fee payable for the renewal or transfer of a meat-export slaughterhouse license or a rural slaughterhouse license shall be the same as that payable on application for the issue of any such license, and shall be paid to the local authority at the time of application.

12 : 4. In addition to the foregoing fees there shall be payable in respect of stock slaughtered in an abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse the inspection fees following, that is to say :—

	s.	d.
For every head of cattle	0	6
For every head of calves not exceeding 60 lb. dressed weight	0	0½
For every head of calves exceeding 60 lb. and not exceeding 100 lb. dressed weight	0	1
For every head of calves exceeding 100 lb. and not exceeding 250 lb. dressed weight	0	2
For every head of calves exceeding 250 lb. dressed weight	0	6
For every head of pigs	0	4
For every twelve (or fraction of twelve) sheep and/or lambs	0	6

12 : 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding clause hereof (but subject to clause 12 : 6 of this regulation), the inspection fees payable under clause 12 : 4 hereof shall not be less than £10 in any month during which the Inspector is employed, increased by 2d. for every pig slaughtered during that month.

12:6. Nevertheless, where the slaughter of stock in any meat-export slaughterhouse for the export slaughtering season in any year commences within seven days before the termination of a month or ceases within seven days after the commencement of a month, and the inspection fees payable in accordance with the scale prescribed in clause 12:4 hereof would not exceed the sum of £10, then, in such case, the fees payable shall be calculated in accordance with the scale prescribed in clause 12:4 hereof, but shall not be less than an average charge of £1 in respect of each day on which the Inspector is employed, increased by 2d. for every pig slaughtered during such period.

12:7. The manager of every abattoir and the licensee of every meat-export slaughterhouse shall, within five days after the end of each month, forward to the Inspector a return of the number and description of all stock slaughtered at that abattoir or meat-export slaughterhouse during the preceding month. Such return shall be signed by the manager or licensee, as the case may be, and shall be accompanied by a duplicate bank receipt showing that the amount of the inspection fees payable in respect of such return has been paid to the credit of the Public Account.

12:8. (i) Subject to the provisions of subclause (ii) of this clause, there shall be payable in respect of cattle, sheep, calves, and pigs slaughtered in any rural slaughterhouse the inspection fees following, that is to say:—

Where the number of stock slaughtered in any one period of three months ended the 30th September, 31st December, 31st March, and 30th June—		£	s.	d.
Does not exceed 100 head .. .. .	.. .. .	0	7	6
Exceeds 100 but does not exceed 250	.. .. .	0	15	0
" 250 " 500	.. .. .	1	10	0
" 500 " 750	.. .. .	2	5	0
" 750 " .. .. .	.. .. .	3	0	0

(ii) The appropriate fee prescribed by subclause (i) of this clause shall be increased by 2d. for every pig slaughtered during any period prescribed by that subclause.

(iii) For the purposes of this clause every head of cattle, other than calves, shall be reckoned as five head of stock.

12:9. The licensee of every rural slaughterhouse shall, within the first ten days of the months of October, January, April, and July forward to the Director-General of Agriculture a return of the number and description of all stock slaughtered in the slaughterhouse during the preceding three months. Such return shall be signed by the licensee and shall be accompanied by either a remittance (including bank exchange, if any) for the amount of the inspection fees, or a duplicate bank receipt showing that the amount has been paid to the credit of the Public Account.

12:10. Forms of the return required under the last preceding clause of this regulation shall be obtainable free of charge from any Inspector under the Stock Act, 1908.

12:11. The fee payable on application for a meat-exporter's license in respect of any business shall be the sum of £5, and the fee payable on application for the renewal of any such license shall be the sum of £1.

REGULATION 13.—MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

13 : 1. The application for compensation for diseased stock referred to in subsection (3) of section 50 of the said Act shall be in the form numbered 15 in the First Schedule hereto.

13 : 2. Any person who signs an application for compensation that is false or misleading in any material particular commits an offence against these regulations.

13 : 3. It shall not be lawful for the owner of any dog, or for any person for the time being in charge of any dog, to feed it, or cause or permit or suffer it to be fed, with any diseased meat or offal, or with any raw offal.

13 : 4. It shall not be lawful for any person, whether by mechanical or by any other means, to subject meat or the carcass of any stock to the process commonly known as “blowing” or “spouting.”

REGULATION 14.—OFFENCES AND PENALTY.

14 : 1. Every person commits an offence against 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 slaughterhouse any carcass or portion of a carcass before the brand, label, tag, grade-mark, or other distinguishing-mark required to be stamped or affixed thereto is so stamped or affixed ;
- (d) Defaces, removes, or tampers with any brand, label, tag, grade-mark, or other distinguishing-mark or label or tag bearing any grade-mark or other distinguishing-mark affixed to any carcass or portion of a carcass pursuant to these regulations ;
- (e) Places upon any carcass or portion of a carcass any brand, label, tag, grade-mark, or other distinguishing-mark except in accordance with these regulations ; or
- (f) Except as authorized by the said Act or by these regulations, alters or obliterates, or causes to be altered or obliterated, any brand, label, tag, grade-mark, or other distinguishing-mark used in accordance with these regulations.

14 : 2. Every person who commits an offence against these regulations is liable to a fine not exceeding £20.

SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

[Form 1, Reg. 2 : 1.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ABATTOIR.

To the Director-General of Agriculture, Wellington.

APPLICATION is hereby made for registration under the Meat Act, 1939, of the undermentioned premises as an abattoir for the [*Insert particulars of abattoir district*] and for registration of [*Insert name of local authority or delegate*] as the controlling authority thereof.

Plans in duplicate of the existing or proposed building [*In the case of a common abattoir add, and a copy of the agreement with the local authorities concerned with respect to the use of the abattoir in common*] accompany this application.

The particulars of the premises are as follows:—

- Situation :
 Dimensions of buildings (dimensions of each building to be stated separately) :
 Materials of walls :
 Materials of roof :
 Materials of floors :
 Water-supply—
 (a) How obtained :
 (b) Estimated quantity available daily :
 Drainage—
 (a) How constructed :
 (b) Where discharged :
 Offal, how disposed of :
 State whether digester on premises :

The prescribed fee of £5 is enclosed.

Dated this day of, 19..

., Town Clerk.
 [*Or as the case may be.*]

[Form 2, Reg. 2 : 4.]

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

Department of Agriculture,
 Wellington,, 19..

THE abattoir established at, for the [*Abattoir district*] is this day registered under the Meat Act, 1939, the controlling authority being the
 The official number of the abattoir is

.
 Director-General of Agriculture.

No.

[Form 3, Regs. 3 : 1, 3 : 2.]

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE IN RESPECT OF A (MEAT-EXPORT) (RURAL)
 SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

To the [*Local authority*],

APPLICATION is hereby made for a license, under the Meat Act, 1939, in respect of the undermentioned (meat-export) (rural) slaughterhouse:—

1. Name of proposed licensee :
2. Address of proposed licensee :
3. If proposed licensee is a company, name of secretary :
4. The particulars of the premises are as follows:—

- Situation :
 Dimensions of buildings (dimensions of each building to be stated separately) :
 Materials of walls :
 Materials of roof :
 Materials of floors :
 Water-supply—
 (a) How obtained :
 (b) Estimated quantity available daily :
 Drainage—
 (a) How constructed :
 (b) Where discharged :
 Offal, how disposed of :
 State whether digester on premises :

Plans, in duplicate, of the building, and a copy of each newspaper in which the advertisement required by (section 27) (section 38) of the Act is published, accompany this application.

The prescribed fee of (£1) (10s.) is enclosed.

I make this application as (proposed licensee) (one of the proposed licensees) (secretary or manager of the proposed licensee) [*or as the case may be*].

Dated this day of, 19..

[*Signature of Applicant.*]

[Form 4, Reg. 3 : 7.

MEAT-EXPORT SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENSE.

PURSUANT to the application of, of, dated the day of, 19.., and numbered, this license is, with the consent of the Minister of Agriculture, hereby granted to the said by the in respect of the meat-export slaughterhouse described in the said application, and situated at

This license is subject to the provisions of the Meat Act, 1939, and the regulations for the time being in force thereunder, and is in force until the 30th day of June next, unless sooner cancelled or surrendered (and is subject also to the condition that the premises be used for the slaughter of pigs only).

This license is subject also to such conditions and restrictions as may be from time to time imposed by the New Zealand Meat-producers Board or otherwise pursuant to the Meat-export Control Act, 1921-22.

The official number assigned to this meat-export slaughterhouse is

Dated at, this day of, 19..

License consented to.

., Minister of Agriculture.

.....
Clerk of the

[Form No. 5, Reg. 3 : 7.

RURAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENSE.

PURSUANT to the application of, of, dated the day of, 19.., and numbered, this license is, with the consent of the Minister of Agriculture, hereby granted to the said by the in respect of the rural slaughterhouse described in the said application, and situated at

This license is subject to the provisions of the Meat Act, 1939, and the regulations for the time being in force thereunder, and is in force until the 30th day of June next, unless sooner cancelled or surrendered.

The official number assigned to the rural slaughterhouse is

Dated at, this day of, 19..

License consented to.

., Minister of Agriculture.

.....
Clerk of the

[Form 6, Reg. 3 : 12.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A (MEAT-EXPORT) (RURAL) SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENSE.

To the (local authority)

I,, of, hereby apply for a renewal of the (meat-export) (rural) slaughterhouse license numbered

The prescribed renewal fee of (£1) (10s.) is enclosed.

Dated this day of, 19..

[Signature of Applicant.]

[Form 7, Reg. 3 : 13.

CERTIFICATE OF RENEWAL OF A (MEAT-EXPORT) (RURAL) SLAUGHTERHOUSE LICENSE.

PURSUANT to the application of, of, dated the day of, 19.., and with the consent of the Minister of Agriculture, a renewal is hereby granted to the said by the in respect of the (meat-export) (rural) slaughterhouse license officially numbered

This renewal is subject to the provisions of the Meat Act, 1939, and is in force until the 30th day of June next unless sooner cancelled or surrendered.

Dated this day of, 19..

.....
Clerk of the

[Form 8, Reg. 3 : 15.]

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF A (MEAT-EXPORT) (RURAL) SLAUGHTERHOUSE
LICENSE.

To the (local authority)

I,, of, hereby apply for a transfer of the (meat-export) (rural) slaughterhouse license numbered to, of, [*Stating name, address, and occupation of the proposed transferee*].

The prescribed transfer fee of (£1) (10s.) is enclosed.

Dated this day of, 19..

Signature of or on behalf of licensee :*Signature of or on behalf of proposed transferee :**Capacity of person signing (proposed transferee, one of the proposed transferees, secretary or manager of the proposed transferee, or as the case may be) :*

[Form 9, Reg. 3 : 10.]

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER OF A (MEAT-EXPORT) (RURAL) SLAUGHTERHOUSE
LICENSE.PURSUANT to the application of, of, dated the day of, 19.., and with the consent of the Minister of Agriculture, the (meat-export) (rural) slaughterhouse license numbered is transferred to of [*Name, address, and occupation of transferee*].

Dated this day of, 19..

.....
Clerk of the

[Form 10, Reg. 4 : 1.]

APPLICATION FOR A MEAT-EXPORTER'S LICENSE.

To the Minister of Agriculture, Wellington.

(To be forwarded in the first instance to the Director-General of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Private Bag, Wellington.)

THE undersigned applicant, being desirous of carrying on the business of a meat-exporter as defined by subsection (2) of section 53 of the Meat Act, 1939, hereby applies for a meat-exporter's license in respect of premises, particulars of which are as follows :—

1. Address of business premises :
 2. Name of applicant :
 3. If applicant is a company, name of secretary :
 4. If applicant is the agent of any other meat-exporter, state the name and business address of the latter :
 5. State whether applicant has at any time been the holder of a meat-exporter's license :
 6. State whether applicant has at any time been refused a license :
- The prescribed fee of £5 is enclosed.

Dated this day of, 19..

[*Signature of Applicant.*]

[Form 11, Reg. 4 : 2.]

MEAT-EXPORTER'S LICENSE.

PURSUANT to the application of, of, dated the day of, 19.., the said is hereby licensed to carry on the business of a meat-exporter under the provisions of the Meat Act, 1939, and on the terms and conditions set out in the regulations made under that Act and now in force.

This license is subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be from time to time imposed by the New Zealand Meat-producers Board or otherwise pursuant to the Meat-export Control Act, 1921-22, and is in force until the 30th day of June next unless sooner revoked or surrendered.

Official number of license :

Dated at, this day of, 19..

....., Minister of Agriculture.

[Form 12, Reg. 4:4.

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A MEAT-EXPORTER'S LICENSE.

APPLICATION is hereby made for the renewal of the meat-exporter's license held by and expiring on the 30th day of June, 19..

The prescribed fee of £1 for the renewal of the license is enclosed.

Dated this day of, 19..

[*Signature of Applicant.*]

[Form 13, Reg. 4:5.

CERTIFICATE OF RENEWAL OF A MEAT-EXPORTER'S LICENSE.

PURSUANT to the application of, of, dated the day of, 19.., the meat-exporter's license issued to the said under the official number is hereby renewed subject to the provisions of the Meat Act, 1939, until the 30th day of June next unless sooner revoked or surrendered.

Dated at, this day of, 19..

....., Minister of Agriculture.

[Form 14, Reg. 11:6.

The Meat Act, 1939.

INSPECTOR'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.

THIS is to certify that, of, has passed the examination prescribed by regulations under the Meat Act, 1939, and has satisfied me that he is competent to perform the duties of an Inspector for the purposes of the said Act.

Dated at, this day of, 19..

....., Government Veterinary Surgeon.

[Form 15, Reg. 13:1.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION FOR DISEASED STOCK.

Name of Applicant:..... Address of Applicant:

Compensation for Stock condemned under the Meat Act, 1939.

Date of Slaughter.	Number and Description of Stock.	Age, in Years.*	Whether wholly or partially condemned.	Fair Market Value.	Dressed Weight of Meat condemned.	Rate of Compensation payable.	Amount payable.

* Not required in the case of pigs.

Where examined: [*Insert name of abattoir, meat-export slaughterhouse, or other slaughtering-place.*]

Date:

[*Signature of Applicant.*]

SECOND SCHEDULE.

DISTINCTIVE LETTERS TO BE PREFIXED TO OFFICIAL NUMBERS OF RURAL
SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

- A.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Auckland except the counties of Matakaoa, Waiapu, Uawa, Waikohu, Cook, and such parts of the counties of Wairoa and Hawke's Bay as lie within the Provincial District of Auckland.
- H.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Hawke's Bay or the counties of Matakaoa, Waiapu, Uawa, Waikohu, Cook, Wairoa, and Hawke's Bay.
- W.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Wellington.
- T.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Taranaki.
- N.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Nelson.
- WD.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Westland.
- M.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Marlborough.
- C.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Canterbury.
- O.—For a rural slaughterhouse situate in the Provincial District of Otago.

THIRD SCHEDULE.

CONDITIONS OR LESIONS REQUIRING CONDEMNATION OF CARCASS.

- ACTINOMYCOSIS, if generalized.
- Anthrax.
- Blackleg (quarter evil).
- Malignant tumours or new growths, if generalized or extensive.
- Mammitis, acute septic.
- Metritis, acute septic.
- Pericarditis, septic.
- Pneumonia, septic or gangrenous.
- Pyæmia.
- Redwater (specific).
- Rickets.
- Sarcocysts, if generalized in the musculature.
- Septicæmia.
- Swine fever.
- Tetanus.
- Trichinosis.
- Bruising, general, extensive, and severe, with or without gangrene.
- Decomposition.
- Dropsy, or œdema, general.
- Emaciation.
- Fever.
- Odour, sexual, urinous.
- Icterus (severe).
- Advanced pregnancy.
- Recent parturition.
- Cysticercus cellulose.
- Cysticercus bovis.
- Echinococcic cysts (generalized).
- Melanosis (generalized).
- Mange.

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

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