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THE SLAUGHTER OF STOCK REGULATIONS 1951

B. C. FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 1st day of August, 1951

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, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Slaughter of Stock Regulations 1951.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 1952.

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

“ Abattoir ” means a slaughterhouse that is registered as an abattoir under the Meat Act, 1939 :

“ Bobby calf ” means a calf which is intended for slaughter for the production of boneless bobby veal and includes any other calf that has a live weight of less than 100 pounds :

“ Meat export slaughterhouse ” means a slaughterhouse that is for the time being licensed under the Meat Act, 1939, as a meat export slaughterhouse.

3. No person shall slaughter any head of cattle or pigs in any abattoir or meat export slaughterhouse unless the animal has first been so stunned that it is instantaneously rendered insensible to pain and will remain so until death supervenes from the operation of bleeding by the method usual in the meat production industry.

4. For the purposes of regulation 3 of these regulations the stunning of an animal to which that regulation applies shall be effected in the manner following, that is to say :—

(a) In the case of cattle other than bobby calves, by means of a mechanically operated instrument of the captive bolt type :

(b) In the case of pigs, either by means of an instrument for stunning operated by electricity or by a mechanically operated instrument of the captive bolt type :

(c) In the case of bobby calves, manually in the manner usual in the meat production industry.

5. The controlling authority of every abattoir and the licensee of every meat export slaughterhouse shall keep or cause to be kept at his slaughterhouse a sufficient number of the instruments prescribed by regulation 4 hereof for the stunning of cattle (other than bobby calves) and pigs prior to slaughter and shall maintain those instruments or cause those instruments to be maintained in good order, repair, and condition so as to ensure compliance at all times with the requirements of regulations 3 and 4 hereof.

6. No person shall slaughter any sheep or lamb in any abattoir or meat export slaughterhouse unless it is so slaughtered that the animal is instantaneously killed by the operation of severance of the blood vessels of the neck and severance of the spinal cord.

7. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to prohibit the slaughter of any stock by the Jewish method for the food of Jews so long as the operation of slaughtering cattle other than bobby calves by that method is carried out in a casting pen of the type known as the Weinberg casting pen or in a type of casting pen similar thereto and approved by the Minister of Agriculture.

8. (1) Every person commits an offence against these regulations who acts in contravention of or fails to comply in any respect with any provision of these regulations.

(2) Every person commits an offence against these regulations who permits or suffers any person in his employment or acting as his agent to do any act in contravention of any provision of these regulations or to omit to comply in any respect with any such provision.

(3) Any act done in contravention of any provision of these regulations or any omission to comply in any respect with any such provision by an agent or servant in the course of his agency or employment shall be deemed to have been permitted or suffered by his principal or employer until the contrary is proved.

(4) Every person who commits an offence against these regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £20.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations prescribe the methods of slaughtering cattle, pigs, and sheep to be adopted at abattoirs and meat export slaughterhouses on and after 1st January, 1952.

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