

Amended Regulations under the Meat Export Control Act, 1921-22.—Notice No. Ag. 2271.

JELLICOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 7th day of June, 1923.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE SIR FRANCIS BELL PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers conferred on him by the Meat-export Control Act, 1921-22 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act"), His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby revoke the regulations made under the said Act on the eighth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the following regulations for the purposes of the said Act.

REGULATIONS.

ELECTION OF PRODUCERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

1. In these regulations—

"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.

2. (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 August, 1923, 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 twenty-five delegates to be elected by sheep-farmers.

3. (1.) For the purpose of the election of delegates 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.

4. The Board shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, for each electoral district a list of sheep-farmers within the electoral district.

5. The number of delegates to be elected for each electoral district shall be determined by the Board, and shall, so far as practicable, bear to twenty-five the proportion that the number of sheep in the district bears to the total number of sheep in New Zealand.

6. (1.) 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.

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

(3.) The form of nomination may be in the form No. 1 in the Schedule hereto.

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

7. 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.

8. (1.) If more persons are nominated as delegates for any electoral district than the number that has been determined by the Board for such district, then the electors of such 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 delegates has been irregular, require a fresh election to be held.

9. (1.) The Electoral Committee shall meet in the month of August on a day and at a place to be fixed by the Board.

(2.) At that meeting the Chairman of the Board shall preside. If the Chairman 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.

(3.) The Chairman shall submit to the Electoral Committee for its consideration the report and balance-sheet of the Board's operations for the previous year.

10. (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 the form No. 2 in the Schedule hereto.

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

11. 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.

12. (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.) At such ballot no voting-paper shall be valid unless votes are recorded for the full number of persons required to be elected.

(3.) If at such ballot two or more candidates have received the same number of votes, then, if it is necessary for the purposes of the election to determine their order of preference, and so often thereafter as it may be necessary to determine the order of preference of any candidates, a further ballot shall be taken of those candidates only :

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

(4.) Subject to the foregoing provisions, the number of candidates required to be elected who have received the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.

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

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

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15. 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.

16. Without limiting any authority conferred on the Board by the said Act, the Board shall have power, for the purpose of carrying on its business, to borrow moneys 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.

SCHEDULE.

[Form No. 1.]

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.

[Signature of Candidate.]

[Form No. 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.

[Signature of candidate.]

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