

Meat Chicken Levy

No. 36 of 1969

An Act to Levy Moneys in respect of Meat Chickens.

[Assented to 14 June 1969]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969*. Short title.
2. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine. Commencement.
3. The *Meat Chicken Levy Collection Act 1969* shall be read as one with this Act. Collection Act to be read with this Act.
4. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
 - “levy” means levy imposed by this Act;
 - “chicken” means a chicken hatched from an egg of a domesticated fowl;
 - “meat chicken” means a chicken that is to be raised as a meat chicken;
 - “the Committee” means the Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee constituted under the *Chicken Meat Research Act 1969*.
5. Subject to this Act, a levy is imposed in respect of meat chickens hatched after the commencement of this Act. Imposition of levy.
- 6.—(1.) Where, in a year to which this section applies, less than twenty thousand meat chickens are hatched at a hatchery, levy is not payable in respect of the meat chickens hatched at that hatchery in that year. Exemption of small hatcheries.
 - (2.) In the last preceding sub-section, “year to which this section applies” means the year commencing on the date of commencement of this Act and each succeeding year.
- 7.—(1.) The rate of levy is— Rate of levy.
 - (a) in respect of meat chickens hatched before the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two—one-tenth of a cent in respect of each chicken; and
 - (b) in any other case—such rate, not exceeding a rate of one-quarter of a cent in respect of each chicken, as is prescribed.

(2.) Before making any regulations for the purposes of paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-section, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any recommendation with respect to the rate of levy made to the Minister by the Committee and regulations shall not be made prescribing a rate higher than the rate last recommended by the Committee to the Minister.

By whom levy payable.

8. Levy in respect of meat chickens is payable by the proprietor of the hatchery in which the chickens were hatched.

Exemption of chickens that die, &c., within 48 hours.

9. Levy is not payable in respect of meat chickens that die, or are destroyed, at the hatchery at which they were hatched within forty-eight hours after being hatched.

Unsexed and certain other chickens deemed to be meat chickens in absence of proof to contrary.

10. For the purposes of this Act, a chicken shall, unless the contrary is shown, be deemed to be a meat chicken if—

- (a) it was fed and its sex was not determined before it was fed; or
- (b) being a cockerel or being a hen that was hatched in a batch of chickens all or any of the cockerels in which were fed—it was fed and its sex was determined before it was fed.

Regulations.

11. The Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of section 7 of this Act.
