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An Act to amend the Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs Act, 1936-1954, so as to provide that prescribed quotas of meat from country abattoirs existing at the time of the passing of this Act or thereafter established, may be brought into and sold within the metropolitan abattoirs area, and to enact other provisions respecting the sale of meat within the said area.

[Assented to 8th December, 1955.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs Act Amendment Act, 1955".

(2) The Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs Act, 1936-1954, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs Act, 1936-1955".

(3) The Metropolitan and Export Abattoirs Act, 1936-1954, is hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Incorporation.

2. This Act is incorporated with the principal Act and that Act and this Act shall be read as one Act.

**Amendment of
s.78 of principal
Act—
Carcasses from
Port Lincoln.**

3. Section 78 of the principal Act is amended by striking out the word "board" in the second, eighth, and ninth lines and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Minister" in each case.

4. The following sections are enacted and inserted in the principal Act after section 78a :—

Enactment of
ss. 78b and 78c
of principal
Act—

78b. (1) In this section “country abattoirs” means any abattoirs which are situated more than fifty miles from the Abattoirs established under this Act, and at which stock are slaughtered for export. The distance between the abattoirs established under this Act and any other abattoirs shall be measured along the shortest route by roads usually used in travelling.

Permits as to
carcasses and
meat from
country
abattoirs.

(2) The Governor may by proclamation declare that a specified proportion of the carcasses or meat or both derived from stock slaughtered at any specified country abattoirs during any specified period may be brought into and sold within the metropolitan abattoirs area pursuant to permits granted by the Minister of Agriculture.

Proclamations under this section may fix different proportions for different abattoirs and any proportion may be fixed by reference to weight, number or otherwise, according as the Governor may deem fit.

(3) For the purpose of giving effect to any such proclamation the Minister of Agriculture may grant permits to such persons as he deems proper authorizing them to bring into the metropolitan abattoirs area carcasses or meat or both derived from country abattoirs specified in the proclamation, but not exceeding the quantity allowed pursuant to the proclamation.

(4) Any such permit may contain conditions as to all or any of the following matters, namely :—the inspection, counting and weighing of the carcasses and meat to which the permit applies, the place at which such carcasses and meat may enter the metropolitan area, and any other matters which, in the Minister’s opinion, are required for the purpose of ensuring compliance with law, or in the interests of the public.

(5) If the Minister is of opinion that an inspection of any carcasses or meat additional to the inspection provided for in the permit relating to such carcasses or meat is necessary for the purpose of safeguarding the health of the public, he may give such directions to the owner of the meat as he considers necessary to ensure that an additional inspection is made before the meat is sold, and the owner of the meat shall comply with such directions.

A person who fails to comply with a direction given to him under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

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(6) Meat which is brought into the metropolitan abattoirs area in accordance with the terms of a permit and inspected pursuant to the directions (if any) given under this section may be sold within that area.

(7) If a person to whom a permit is granted under this section contravenes or fails to observe any condition of the permit he shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

(8) If a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (7) of this section the Minister of Agriculture may revoke the permit granted to such person.

Permits to
sell rejected
carcasses and
meat.

78c. (1) This section shall apply only to carcasses and meat derived from stock which—

(a) was slaughtered at a slaughter house or abattoirs situated in the metropolitan abattoirs area and licensed by a council as permitted by section 79 or 109 of this Act ; and

(b) was slaughtered for meat to be tinned or canned for export, or for curing bacon and hams, or for export otherwise than as fresh meat in a chilled or frozen condition, or in the case of swine, for export as fresh meat in a chilled or frozen condition pursuant to a permit issued under section 50a of this Act ; and

(c) was after slaughter rejected by an inspector of the Commonwealth as not being suitable for export.

(2) The Minister may in his discretion grant to any person a permit to sell within the metropolitan abattoirs area such amounts of carcasses and meat to which this section applies as are specified in the permit.

(3) Any such permit may contain terms and conditions as to all or any of the following things, namely :—the duration of the permit, the quality, kinds and number or amount of carcasses and meat to be sold thereunder, the inspection and counting or weighing of such carcasses and meat, and any other matters which, in the Minister's opinion, are required for the purpose of ensuring compliance with law or in the interests of the public.

(4) Carcasses and meat may be sold in accordance with the terms of a permit granted under this section notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act.

(5) If a person to whom a permit is granted under this section contravenes or fails to observe any condition of the permit he shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty : One hundred pounds.

(6) If a person is convicted of an offence under subsection (5) of this section the Minister may revoke the permit granted to such person.

(7) The fact that carcasses or meat sold under a permit granted pursuant to this section are not exported shall not affect any power of a constituent council or board of health to licence the slaughterhouse or abattoirs at which the stock from which such carcasses or meat was derived was slaughtered.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby
assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.