



BEEF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

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AN ACT to establish a Beef Industry Committee and for incidental and other purposes.

[15 May 1975]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as the *Beef Industry Committee Act* Short title.
 1975.

2 This Act shall commence on a day to be proclaimed.

Commencement.

Interpretation.

- 3** In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
 “Committee” means the Beef Industry Committee established as provided by section 4;
 “member” means any member of the Committee, including the chairman.

Beef Industry Committee.

- 4** For the purposes of this Act there shall be established a committee to be known as the Beef Industry Committee which, subject to any directions of the Minister, shall have vested in it the administration of this Act.

Membership of the Committee.

- 5**—(1) The Committee shall consist of 8 members, namely:—
 (a) One person appointed by the Minister to be a member and chairman;
 (b) Two persons appointed by the Minister to represent beef producers in this State;
 (c) One person appointed by the Minister to represent stock agents in this State;
 (d) One person appointed by the Minister to represent the Tasmanian Trades and Labour Council;
 (e) Two persons appointed by the Minister to represent meat processors in this State; and
 (f) The person for the time being holding office as the chairman of the Consumers Protection Council in accordance with the *Consumers Protection Act 1970* or his nominee.

(2) Of the two members of the Committee referred to in subsection (1) (e), one shall be ordinarily resident in the northern part of the State and the other shall be ordinarily resident in the southern part of the State.

(3) A member appointed by the Minister shall be appointed for such term as is specified at the time of his appointment but the Minister may at any time remove any member who, in the opinion of the Minister, because of illness, incapacity, failure to attend meetings of the Committee or any other reason, has ceased to perform or to be able to perform his duties as a member, or who, in the opinion of the Minister, has ceased to be representative of the body or class of persons which he was appointed to represent.

(4) The Minister may appoint persons to be deputies of the several members of the Committee, and any deputy so appointed has, at any meeting of the Committee at which he but not the person for whom he is deputy is present, all the powers and functions of that member.

(5) The Minister may pay to a member of the Committee or his deputy, who is not an officer in the Public Service, such travelling and other allowances as the Governor may approve.

(6) The Minister may appoint a secretary of the Committee and may make arrangements for the provision of such staff and accommodation as the Committee requires.

(7) The Minister may pay to a person appointed as provided by subsection (6) who is not an officer in the Public Service such remuneration and such travelling and other allowances as the Governor may approve.

(8) With the approval of the Public Service Board, a person who holds office in the Public Service may be secretary of the Committee or serve it in any other capacity.

6—(1) The chairman of the Committee shall convene such meetings at such times as are necessary for the Committee to duly exercise its powers and functions under this Act. Meetings of the Committee, &c.

(2) At any meeting of the Committee four members constitute a quorum.

(3) The chairman shall preside at each meeting of the Committee at which he is present, but if the chairman or his deputy is not present at a meeting the other members shall select one of their number to act as chairman.

(4) At any meeting of the Committee—

(a) the members other than the chairman have a deliberative vote; and

(b) if the votes on a question are equally divided, the chairman has a casting vote.

(5) The Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall make that record available on demand to the Minister at any time.

7 A member or deputy of a member is not personally liable for any act done in good faith by the Committee or by him acting as a member or deputy. Protection of members.

Regulation of
supplies of
livestock.

8—(1) For the purpose of attaining the objects of this Act, the Committee shall from time to time as the Committee sees fit give directions to any stock agent as to the quantity of livestock to be offered for sale at any particular sale.

(2) Subject to section 9 (3), no stock agent shall knowingly offer for sale a quantity of livestock in excess of the quantity specified in a direction given under subsection (1) at a sale to which the direction relates.

Penalty: \$500.

Declaration of
minimum
prices.

9—(1) The Committee shall, from time to time by public notice, fix the minimum prices for which the classes and weight ranges of beef specified in the notice may be bought or sold, and may, from time to time by notice so published, vary or cancel any such notice.

(2) A person shall not buy or offer for sale or sell any beef within a class and weight range for which a minimum price is for the time being fixed by public notice under subsection (1) at a price less than the minimum price so fixed for that class and weight range.

Penalty: \$500.

(3) The provisions of section 8 and this section apply only to—

(a) the buying or offering for sale or selling of beef which is sold by a person who owned the animal from which it was derived at the time of the slaughter of the animal and is bought by a person who intends to re-sell that beef either by wholesale or by retail; or

(b) the buying or offering for sale or selling of an animal which is sold by the producer of the animal and bought by another person for the purposes of slaughter either immediately or soon after purchase,

and do not in any event apply to the buying or offering for sale or selling of beef intended to be exported from the State.

(4) For the purposes of the application of subsections (1) and (2) to the buying or offering for sale or selling of a live animal as referred to in subsection (3) (b), the relevant minimum price fixed by the Committee under subsection (1) shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to take into account the fact that the buying or selling is not of dressed beef, but of a live animal.

(5) For the purpose of this section, public notice shall be given in a newspaper circulating in the State or in that part of the State to which the notice relates, as the case requires, and in addition, the Committee may give such additional notice by such means as, in the opinion of the Committee, is adequate to bring the notice to the attention of persons likely to be affected by it.

10 This Act shall expire on the 31st October 1975 or on such earlier date as is fixed by the Governor by proclamation. Termination
of Act.