

# MEAT.

## No. 1 of 1920.<sup>(a)</sup>

### An Ordinance to Control Slaughtering and the Sale of Meat.

**B**E it ordained by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* and the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Meat Ordinance 1920*. Short title.
  
2. Upon the commencement of this Ordinance the State Acts referred to in the First Schedule, to the extent therein expressed, shall cease to apply to the Territory, save as to any rights, privileges, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued or incurred thereunder. Certain State Acts to cease to apply.
  
3. In this Ordinance, unless the contrary intention appears— Definitions.
  - “ animal ” means cattle, sheep, pigs, calves, goats and lambs, and any other prescribed animal;
  - “ meat ” includes carcasses, butcher’s meat, small goods, cooked meat, bones, fat, and blood and grease for human consumption, but does not include tinned or canned goods;
  - “ regulations ” means regulations made under this Ordinance.
  
- 4.—(1.) The Minister may appoint a person to be Meat Controller who shall, subject to the directions of the Minister, be charged with the general administration of this Ordinance and the regulations. Meat Controller.

(2.) On the happening of any vacancy in the office of Meat Controller the Minister may appoint a person to the vacant office.
  
5. The Minister may appoint such Meat Inspectors and other officers, and may employ such persons as he thinks necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance. Inspectors and officers.
  
6. The Minister may establish in the Territory such public abattoirs, and may approve of such slaughtering places, as he thinks fit. Establishment of public abattoirs.

<sup>(a)</sup> Made on 4th August, 1920; notified in *Gazette* of 5th August, 1920; affected by No. 12 of 1924, *infra* p. 114.

## Regulations.

7.—(1.) The<sup>(a)</sup> Minister may make regulations prescribing all matters which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance, and in particular prescribing matters providing for and in relation to—

- (a) the regulation of public abattoirs and slaughtering places;
- (b) the declaration of areas within the Territory as meat areas;
- (c) the control of the slaughter of animals in the Territory;
- (d) the control of the preparation of meat in the Territory for human consumption;
- (e) the control of the sale of meat in the Territory; and
- (f) penalties not exceeding Fifty pounds for breaches of the Regulations.

(2.) All regulations made by the Minister under this Ordinance shall—

- (a) be notified in the *Gazette*;
- (b) take effect from the date of the notification or from a later date specified in the Regulations; and
- (c) be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within thirty days of the making thereof, or, if the Parliament is not then sitting, within thirty days after the next meeting of the Parliament.

(3.) If either House of the Parliament passes a resolution of which notice has been given at any time within fifteen sitting days after the regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, the regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.

## THE SCHEDULE.

| No. of Act of the State of New South Wales. | Short title.                                                         | Part to cease to apply to the Territory. |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| No. 5, 1901 ..                              | <i>Police Offences Act 1901</i> ..                                   | Section 83                               |
| No. 36, 1902 ..                             | <i>Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act 1902</i> .. | The whole                                |
| No. 56, 1906 ..                             | <i>Local Government Act 1906</i> ..                                  | Sections 109 (x), (xli), and 113         |
| No. 28, 1908 ..                             | <i>Local Government (Amending) Act 1908</i> ..                       | Section 18                               |
| No. 8, 1910 ..                              | <i>Diseased Animals and Meat (Amendment) Act 1910</i> ..             | The whole                                |

(a) This section has since been repealed by No. 12 of 1924, *infra* p. 114.