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PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Public Health (Meat) Regulations (Amendment)

Outline

The Public Health (Meat) Regulations, made under Section 12 of the Public Health Act 1928, apply conditions to the sale of meat in the ACT and to the construction and cleanliness of butchers shops.

The purpose of the amendment is to repeal the licensing provisions for meat vendors. Meat vendors will continue to be licensed but under Part IIB of the Food Act which provides for licences to be granted to enable a person to carry on a food business.

The amendment also repeals the requirement that a person wishing to sell prepared meat goods, that is poultry, rabbits and various cooked meats, must hold a permit. These persons will also fall under licensing provisions in the Food Act.

Financial Considerations

Costs associated with informing butchers of the change in licensing arrangements will be met from existing resources.

Clause Notes

Clause 1 Principal Regulations

The Principal Regulations are the Public Health (Meat) Regulations.

Clause 2 Commencement

The amendment will commence on the day it is notified in the Gazette. The licensing provisions in the Food Act 1992 are now in force and no new meat vendors licences or permits to sell prepared meat goods have been issued for 1994 under the Principal Regulations.

Clause 3 Interpretation

The definition of "Licensed meat vendor" is omitted. The cleanliness and construction provisions in the principal regulations will apply to all meat vendors.

Clause 4 Conditions applicable to meat sold.

The requirement in Regulation 3 that a person cannot sell meat unless he is the holder of a meat vendor's licence is repealed.

Clause 5 Repeal

Administrative matters in regard to issuing licences and permits to sell prepared meat goods in Regulations 4 to 6 are repealed.

Clause 6 Construction of butcher's shops

Reference to "licensed" when referring to a meat vendor in Regulation 7 is removed. The regulation will apply to any meat vendor.

Clause 7 Responsibilities of meat vendor.

Regulation 13 imposes responsibilities in relation to cleanliness of shops and vehicles on meat vendors and will apply to any meat vendor not just "licensed" meat vendor with the repeal of the word "licensed".

Clause 8 Repeal

Regulation 19 allowing a meat vendor to also sell prepared meat goods, and requiring a person who only sells prepared meat goods to hold a permit, is repealed.

Clause 9 Source of minced meat and prepared meat goods

Regulation 20 (2) is amended by removing the reference to licensed meat vendor or holder of a permit to sell prepared meat goods and replacing it with the words "meat vendor". The subsection requires production of invoices or other business documents if sought by an Inspector.

Clause 10 Cleanliness and construction of areas used for the preparation of meat.

The wording of Regulation 21 is modernised.

Clause 11 Repeal

The schedule to the Principal Regulations containing the form of application for a licence and a permit and the form of the licence or permit is repealed.
