

MEAT INDUSTRY (TREATMENT WORKS) LICENSING.

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No. 46 of 1937.

AN ACT to provide for the licensing of treatment works for the treatment of carcasses of sheep, pigs, and cattle for export.

[Assented to 18th January, 1938.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the *Meat Industry (Treatment Works) Licensing Act, 1937*.
- Definitions. 2. In this Act subject to the context the following terms shall have the following meanings:—
- License. "License" means a current license issued and in force under this Act.
- Sheep, pigs, or cattle. "Sheep, pigs, or cattle" or "sheep, pigs, and cattle" include the young of either category.

“Treatment works” means any building or place where sheep, pigs, or cattle are slaughtered prior to export or any place where the carcasses of sheep, pigs, or cattle are treated prior to export.

Treatment works.

3. This Act shall be administered by the Minister for Agriculture.

Administration of Act.

4. No person shall carry on or operate any treatment works in the State unless he is the holder of a license issued by the Minister.

Persons operating treatment works to hold license.

Penalty: Five hundred pounds.

5. (1.) Every person desirous of obtaining a license under this Act shall make application in writing to the Minister and shall furnish with the application—

Application for license to be made in writing to Minister.

(a) a plan of the treatment works or proposed treatment works, together with a statement of the capacity of the treatment works and the class or classes of sheep, pigs, or cattle or carcasses to be treated;

(b) such other information as is prescribed.

(2.) In considering the application the Minister may call for such further information as he may desire and may in his absolute discretion grant or refuse to grant the application.

6. (1.) Every license issued under this Act shall expire on the thirtieth day of June in the fifth year next following the date of the issue of the license.

Expiry of license.

(2.) Every license issued under this Act by the Minister may be regranted from time to time on its expiry and shall enure until the thirtieth day of June in the fifth year next following the date of the regrant of the license and every such regrant shall be considered as a substantive license.

(3.) Every license shall be issued subject to the provisions of this Act and to the regulations from time to time in force thereunder and to such other conditions as the Minister may in his discretion in the particular case require.

Holder of license obliged to treat sheep, pigs, and cattle for members of public.

7. (1.) The holder of a license shall be obliged to treat sheep, pigs, and cattle for members of the public, at charges not exceeding the prescribed charges, at the treatment works specified in his license, in such numbers during the currency of the license as may be stipulated by the Minister.

(2.) Every licensee who refuses or neglects to comply with a request from any member of the public to treat sheep, pigs, or cattle in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred pounds. Notwithstanding the liability for and the imposition of any such penalty the license issued to the holder so offending may be cancelled by the Minister under the provisions of this Act.

Minister may revoke or suspend license.

8. The Minister may in his discretion revoke or suspend any license if in the opinion of the Minister the conditions of the license have not been complied with.

Minister empowered to inspect treatment works.

9. The Minister and any person or persons authorised by the Minister shall have the right at all times to enter and inspect all treatment works in the State where sheep, pigs, or cattle or the carcasses thereof are treated, whether for export or not.

Regulations.

10. The Governor may make regulations under this Act prescribing all such matters as in the opinion of the Governor may be necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out the objects of the said Act and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Governor may make regulations prescribing—

- (a) forms for use under this Act;
- (b) the charges to be made by licensees for treating sheep, pigs, or cattle or the carcasses thereof;
- (c) the method of applying for licenses;
- (d) the form of licenses;
- (e) general conditions which may be attached to licenses;
- (f) the method of revoking licenses;
- (g) returns to be furnished by persons holding licenses under this Act;
- (h) penalties not exceeding twenty pounds for breach of a regulation.