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CHAPTER 212

The Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act

1. In this Act,

(a) "Commissioner" means Live Stock Commissioner;
(b) "commission merchant" means any person, partnership, corporation or co-operative association engaged in the business of buying or selling live stock or live stock products for a commission;
(c) "grade" means the classification of any live stock or live stock product according to the prescribed standards;
(d) "inspector" means an inspector appointed for the purposes of this Act;
(e) "live stock" means cattle, swine, sheep and live poultry;
(f) "live stock products" means meat, raw hides, dressed poultry, eggs and wool;
(g) "Minister" means Minister of Agriculture;
(h) "regulations" means regulations made under this Act;
(i) "shipper" means any person who assembles, ships, transports or offers for sale any live stock or live stock product on his own account or as an agent for any person;
(j) "stock yard" means any premises used as a market for purchasing and selling live stock designated a stock yard by the regulations. 1950, c. 37, s. 1.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize one or more persons engaged in the production or marketing of live stock or live stock products to act as an advisory committee with the Minister or his representatives in connection with the production or marketing of any live stock or live stock products. 1950, c. 37, s. 2.
3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint one or more inspectors for the purposes of this Act and may fix their remuneration and allowance for expenses. 1950, c. 37, s. 3.

4.—(1) Any inspector, for the purpose of enforcing this Act and the regulations, may,

(a) enter any place, premises or vehicle containing or used for the storage or carriage of any live stock or live stock product;

(b) stop on a highway any vehicle which he believes to contain any live stock or live stock product and inspect the vehicle and any live stock or live stock product found therein;

(c) require the production of any books, records or other documents relating to any live stock or live stock product or the furnishing of copies of or extracts from such books, records or other documents;

(d) take samples of any live stock product in the manner prescribed by the regulations;

(e) delay the shipment of any live stock or live stock product for the time necessary to complete his inspection thereof;

(f) refuse to inspect or mark or give any certificate respecting any live stock or live stock product found in any place, premises or vehicle deemed by him to be unsanitary or unsuitable for inspection purposes;

(g) seize and detain any live stock or live stock product which has been manufactured, packed, branded, labelled, marked, shipped or transported in violation of this Act or the regulations, and subject to any order made by the Minister under section 5, require the owner to remove such live stock or live stock product from the place of detention at the expense of the owner.

(2) No person shall obstruct any inspector in the performance of his duties or refuse to permit the inspection of any live stock or live stock product or furnish any inspector with false information.

(3) Every person shall, when required by an inspector, produce any books, records or other documents relating to any live stock or live stock product or copies of or extracts from such books, records or other documents. 1950, c. 37, s. 4.
5.—(1) Any live stock or live stock product seized or detained by an inspector shall be disposed of as the Minister may direct.

(2) Any live stock or live stock product seized, detained or disposed of under this Act shall be at the risk and expense of the owner thereof, and the inspector shall immediately notify the owner that such live stock or live stock product has been seized, detained or disposed of, as the case may be.

1950, c. 37, s. 5.

6.—(1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations,

(a) establishing and describing standards for the purpose of grading any live stock or live stock product;

(b) providing for the issue of grading certificates and prescribing the form thereof;

(c) prescribing the manner in which samples of any live stock product may be taken for inspection;

(d) providing for and prescribing the manner and conditions of grading, inspection, packing, branding and marking of any live stock or live stock product;

(e) prescribing the manner in and the conditions under which any live stock or live stock product may be stored, transported, delivered, shipped, advertised, purchased, sold, offered or displayed for sale and the types, sizes, branding, marking and labelling of packages or containers in which any live stock or live stock product may be contained;

(f) prescribing the manner in which the seller or shipper of ungraded live stock and live stock products shall identify, for purposes of grading, individual producer’s lots in any shipment;

(g) prescribing the manner in which a receiver shall make returns and prepare for presentation to the seller or shipper the statements of account of purchase of any live stock or live stock product and for the investigation of such statements and the transactions represented thereby;

(h) prescribing the manner in which receipts, classifications, weights and purchase prices shall be recorded at assembling points and abattoirs and made available to the Minister.
(i) prescribing the grades of eggs which may be broken or dried in any egg-breaking plant;

(j) prescribing the manner in which stock yards shall be constructed, equipped, maintained and operated;

(k) prescribing the manner in which complaints against the maintenance and operation of any stock yard shall be made and investigated;

(l) prescribing the manner in which complaints against any live stock exchange or any member of a live stock exchange shall be made and investigated;

(m) prescribing the manner in which business shall be conducted by members of a live stock exchange and by persons using a stock yard;

(n) designating any premises a stock yard for the purposes of this Act;

(o) classifying persons dealing in live stock or live stock products;

(p) providing for the licensing by the Commissioner of any class or classes of persons dealing in any live stock or live stock product, prescribing the forms and terms of licences, the fees to be paid therefor and the conditions under which they shall be issued;

(q) providing for the renewal, suspension and cancellation of such licences and the reinstatement of any suspended or cancelled licence;

(r) exempting from this Act or the regulations or any part thereof any person or group of persons;

(s) respecting any other matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

(2) Any regulation made under this section may be limited as to time and place. 1950, c. 37, s. 6.

Penalty.

7. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations shall be guilty of an offence and on summary conviction shall be liable to a penalty of not less than $25 and not more than $100 for a first offence and to a penalty of not less than $50 and not more than $1,000 for any subsequent offence. 1950, c. 37, s. 7.