

## STOCK AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clauses 3 to 5* of this Bill insert in the Stock Act 1908 three provisions (sections 61 to 63) now in the Meat Act 1939, a consolidation of which is now before Parliament. It is thought that the provisions are more appropriate for inclusion in the Stock Act and they have been omitted from the consolidation of the Meat Act. No change is made in the effect of the existing legislation. *Clauses 2 and 6* contain miscellaneous provisions.

*Clause 2* authorises the Department of Agriculture to import cattle, sheep, or swine, the entry of which is otherwise not allowed, for research or experimental purposes.

*Clause 3* makes it unlawful to destroy skins or remove brands or marks from skins of slaughtered stock without a good and sufficient reason.

*Clause 4* empowers an Inspector or member of the Police to inspect the skins of slaughtered stock.

*Clause 5* authorises an Inspector to obtain information in respect of hides or skins bought or sold by any person.

*Clause 6* provides that where the owner of cattle has neglected or failed to comply with requirements as to the testing or treatment of cattle for tuberculosis, the milk or cream derived from the herd to which the cattle belong shall be subject to a reduction of price amounting to 6d. a pound butterfat.

*Hon. Mr Talboys*

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### ANALYSIS

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Stock Act 1908

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,  
5 as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Stock Amendment Act 1964, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Stock Act 1908\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Introduction of certain stock for research**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 19A (as inserted by section 6 of the Stock Amendment Act 1952) the following section:

\*1957 Reprint, Vol. 15, p. 191  
Amendments: 1958, No. 20; 1959, No. 53; 1960, No. 121; 1961, No. 118;  
1962, No. 15; 1963, No. 67

“19B. The Director-General of Agriculture may, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by regulations under this Act, import or introduce to New Zealand cattle, sheep, or swine not otherwise eligible for entry into New Zealand for the purpose of research or experiment intended to improve the quality of New Zealand stock or the meat derived from any such stock.” 5

**3. Prohibiting destruction of skins or removal of distinguishing marks**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 82, the following section: 10

“82A. (1) It shall not be lawful for any person, without good and sufficient reason,—

“(a) To destroy or attempt to destroy the skin from the carcass of any stock:

“(b) To remove an ear from any such skin: 15

“(c) To remove any earmark, brand, or other distinguishing mark from any such skin, or to deface any such mark:

“(d) To be in possession of any skin from which any ear or any earmark, brand, or other distinguishing mark has been removed, or on which any such mark has been defaced or destroyed: 20

“(e) To purchase the skin of any stock, knowing that an ear, or any earmark, brand, or other distinguishing mark has been removed therefrom, or that any distinguishing mark thereon has been defaced or destroyed. 25

“(2) Where in any proceedings under this section any person is proved to have been in possession of any skin from which any ear or any earmark, brand, or other distinguishing mark has been removed, or on which any such mark has been defaced or destroyed, he shall, unless and until he proves the contrary, be deemed to have removed, defaced, or destroyed, as the case may be, the ear, or the earmark or other distinguishing mark.” 35

**4. Inspection of skins of slaughtered stock**—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 82A (as inserted by section 2 of this Act), the following section:

“82B. (1) Any Inspector or member of the Police shall have the right at any time to inspect the skins of any slaughtered stock (wherever any such stock has been slaughtered and wherever any such skins may be found). 40

“(2) On the request of any Inspector or member of the Police the manager of an abattoir or the licensee of any other slaughterhouse or the occupier of any other premises in or on which any stock has been or appears to have been slaughtered shall furnish to him in writing full particulars as to the person from whom the stock was received for slaughter and as to the disposition of the skins, and the occupier or other person for the time being in charge of the premises on which any such skins are found shall, on a like request, furnish to any Inspector or member of the Police full particulars as to the person from whom the skins were received or on whose account they are held.

“(3) If any person refuses to furnish any particulars in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, or furnishes any particulars that to his knowledge are false and misleading in any material particular, he commits an offence against this Act.”

**5. Inspector may demand particulars as to skins**—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 82B (as inserted by section 3 of this Act), the following section:

“82c. (1) Every person who, whether as principal or as agent, buys or receives from any other person or sells or delivers to any other person, any hides or skins of stock shall, on the request of an Inspector, furnish to him in writing full particulars as to the transaction, together with certified copies of all accounts, records, or other documents in his possession or under his control in relation thereto.

“(2) If any person refuses or fails to comply with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, or furnishes any particulars that to his knowledge are false or misleading in any material particular, he commits an offence against this Act.”

**6. Provisions as to certain cattle**—Section 7 of the Stock Amendment Act 1958 is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (7A) (as inserted by subsection (5) of section 7 of the Stock Amendment Act 1961), the following subsections:

“(7B) Where any owner of cattle fails or neglects to carry out any direction given by the Director-General of Agriculture pursuant to subsection (3) of this section or fails or neglects to comply with any requirement of the Director-General under subsection (2) or subsection (6) of this section,

any milk or cream derived from any herd of cattle which includes cattle to which any such direction or requirement applies shall be subject to subsection (7c) of this section.

“(7c) Where any such milk or cream is supplied to a dairy factory within the meaning of the Dairy Industry Act 1952, the amount payable to the owner in respect thereof shall be calculated as if an amount equal to sixpence for each pound of butterfat contained in the milk or cream were deducted from the amount which would otherwise be payable for the milk or cream and, notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment or rule of law, the amount calculated as aforesaid shall be the amount payable to the owner for the milk or cream. 5 10

“(7d) The provisions of subsection (7c) of this section shall be applicable only in cases where the Dairy Production and Marketing Board has notified the owner of the dairy factory in writing of the name of the owner of the cattle concerned and the area to which the notice applies.” 15