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**Act No. 85, 1992**

An Act to amend the Meat Industry Act 1978 to provide for the processing and sale of game meat for human consumption; and for other purposes. [Assented to 27 November 1992]

**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Meat industry (Game Meat) Amendment Act 1992.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Amendment of Meat Industry Act 1978 No. 54**

3. The Meat Industry Act 1978 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

**Consequential amendment of National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 No. 80**

4. The National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 is amended as set out in Schedule 2.

**Review of amendments made by this Act**

5. (1) The Minister is to appoint an advisory committee before 1 January 1995 comprising the following persons:

- (a) 1 person who is an officer of the Department of Health, nominated by the Minister for Health;
- (b) 1 person who is an officer of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, nominated by the Minister for the Environment;
- (c) 1 person who is an officer of the New South Wales Meat Industry Authority, nominated by the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs;
- (d) 1 person who is an officer of the Department of Agriculture, nominated by the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs;
- (e) 1 person nominated by the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs who the Minister considers represents the interests of consumers;
- (f) if the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs considers it necessary, 1 other person nominated by the Minister who possesses relevant technical knowledge regarding the public health aspects of the human consumption of game meat.

(2) The person referred to in subsection (1) (c) is to be the Chairperson of the advisory committee.

(3) The function of the advisory committee is to review the amendments made by this Act with respect to their impact on public health and any other issue regarding human consumption of game meat which the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs directs.

(4) The advisory committee is, in conducting its review, to seek submissions from the public on the matters referred to in subsection (3).

(5) The advisory committee is to make a written report of its findings to the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs before 1 July 1995.

(6) The Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs is to report the findings of the advisory committee to Parliament by 1 December 1995.

(7) The procedure for the calling of meetings of the advisory committee and the conduct of business at those meetings is to be determined by the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Affairs.

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## SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENT OF MEAT INDUSTRY ACT 1978

(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 4 (**Definitions**):

(a) After the definition of “functions”, insert:

**“game animal”** means kangaroo;

**“game meat”** means meat that is from a game animal and that is intended for human consumption;

(b) In the definitions of “meat market”, “meat processing plant”, “meat van”, “processed meat” and “retail butcher’s shop”, after “abattoir meat” wherever occurring, insert “or game meat”.

(c) In the definition of “offal”, after “abattoir animal”, insert “or game animal”.

(2) Section 9 (**Licences**):

At the end of the section, insert:

(2) The regulations may make provision for or with respect to the issue of different classes of such licences for different types of premises or vehicles.

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(3) Without limiting the generality of subsection (2), different classes of meat processing licences and meat van licences may be prescribed in relation to game meat.

(3) Section 10 (**Unlicensed operations prohibited**):

After section 10 (1), insert:

(1A) If the regulations prescribe different classes of licences for different types of premises or vehicles, a reference in this section to the holder of a licence in respect of any premises or vehicle is a reference to the holder of the relevant class of licence.

(4) Section 26 (**Condemning of abattoir animals, game animals, meat, processed meat or processed animal food**):

In section 26 (1), after “any abattoir animal,”, insert “any game animal,”.

(5) Section 41 (**Offences as to sale of meat**):

(a) After section 41 (1) (a), insert:

(a1) in the case of meat from a game animal, the animal was taken and killed in accordance with a licence under Part 9 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and the carcass was processed at a meat processing plant; or

(b) In section 41 (1) (b), after “section 43 (1)”, insert “or (1A)”.

(c) After section 41 (1A) (a), insert:

(a1) in the case of meat from a game animal, the animal was taken and killed in accordance with a licence under Part 9 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and the carcass was processed at a meat processing plant; or

(6) Section 41A (**Offences as to storage of meat**):

(a) **After** section 41A (1) (a), insert:

(a1) in the case of meat from a game animal, the animal was taken and killed in accordance with a licence under Part 9 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and the carcass was processed at a meat processing plant; or

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- (b) In section 41A (1) (b), after “section 43 (1)”, insert “or (1A)”.
  - (c) After section 41A (2) (a), insert:
    - (a1) in the case of meat from a game animal, the animal was taken and killed in accordance with a licence under Part 9 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and the carcass was processed at a meat processing plant; or
  - (d) In section 41A (2) (b), after “section 43 (1)”, insert “, (1A)”.
- (7) Section 42 (**Branding of prescribed grades or classes of meat**):
- (a) In section 42 (1), after “abattoir meat”, insert “, or remove from a meat processing plant any game meat,”.
  - (b) In section 42 (1A), after “abattoir meat”, insert “or game meat”.
- (8) Section 43 (**Importation of meat**):
- After section 43 (1), insert:
- (1A) No person shall bring or cause or permit to be brought into the State any game meat for human consumption unless:
- (a) the game animal from which it came was slaughtered in a manner, transported in a vehicle and processed at premises that have been approved by the Authority for the purposes of this subsection or in such other circumstances as may be prescribed; and
  - (b) the game meat has been inspected in the prescribed manner and is accompanied by any certificates that may be prescribed.
- (9) Section 46 (**Functions of the Authority**):
- (a) In section 46 (1) (c), omit “and abattoir animals”, insert instead “, abattoir animals or game meat”.
  - (b) Omit section 46 (2) (g) (ii) and (iii), insert instead:
    - (ii) purchase or sell, within or outside the State, or export abattoir animals, abattoir meat, game meat, offal or other products of abattoir animals or game animals; or

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(iii) enter into contracts for the treatment of or the application of a manufacturing process to any abattoir meat or game meat or offal or other products of abattoir animals or game animals and sell any resulting product;

(10) Section 77 (**Regulations**):

Omit section 77 (2) (g).

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NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT 1974

(Sec. 4)

Section 104 (**Fauna dealers**):

After section 104 (l), insert:

(1A) A person is not to be convicted of an offence arising under subsection (1) in respect of the sale by retail of meat from a game animal (within the meaning of the Meat Industry Act 1978), but only if the meat was acquired from the holder of a fauna dealer's licence under section 124.

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