

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
MEAT INDUSTRIES AMENDMENT ACT 2002

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Act No. 19 of 2002

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## **AN ACT**

to amend the *Meat Industries Act*

*[Assented to 7 June 2002]*  
*[Second reading 6 March 2002]*

**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Meat Industries Amendment Act 2002*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the date fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

**3. Principal Act**

The *Meat Industries Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Long title**

The long title of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

"An Act to protect public health and promote domestic and export markets for the meat industry by providing for the processing of wholesome meat for human consumption and for related purposes".

**5. Interpretation**

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by inserting in the definition of "animal" in subsection (1) "or bait meat" after "pet meat";
- (b) by inserting after the definition of "approved fee" in subsection (1) the following:  
". 'bait meat' means meat intended for use as bait;"; and
- (c) by inserting in the definition of "meat for human consumption" in subsection (1) "or bait meat" after "pet meat".

**6. Registers**

Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (f) "and pet meat slaughter licences" and substituting ", pet meat slaughter licences or bait meat licences".

**7. Application for licences**

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by omitting from subsection (2)(a) "licence; or" and substituting "licence;";
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2)(b) "licence." and substituting "licence; or"; and
- (c) by adding at the end of subsection (2) the following:  
"(c) a bait meat licence permitting the slaughter of animals for bait meat and the processing, storage and sale of bait meat."

**8. Repeal and substitution**

Section 35 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

**"35. Presumption as to whether meat intended for human consumption**

"It is conclusive evidence that meat or a meat product was intended for human consumption if –

- (a) the meat is not dyed blue or green; or
- (b) the meat is not labelled, or is not otherwise identified, as not fit for human consumption."

**9. New Division**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after Part 5, Division 2 the following:

***"Division 2A – Bait meat***

**"40A. Sale of bait meat**

- "(1) A person must not sell bait meat unless –
- (a) he or she is selling bait meat under a licence, or a licence or other instrument granted under a corresponding law, that permits the sale of meat for human consumption, pet meat or bait meat; or
  - (b) he or she is selling bait meat that he or she received from the holder of a licence, or a licence or other instrument granted under a corresponding law, that permits the processing of meat for human consumption, pet meat or bait meat.

Penalty: 500 penalty units.

- "(2) A person must not sell bait meat unless it is –
- (a) dyed green in the prescribed manner;
  - (b) labelled in the prescribed manner, if any; and
  - (c) kept separate from meat for human consumption and pet meat in an approved manner.

Penalty: 500 penalty units.

**"40B. Slaughter and processing of bait meat**

- "(1) A person must not slaughter an animal for bait meat unless –
- (a) he or she does so under a licence permitting the slaughter of the animal for bait meat; or
  - (b) the body, meat or meat product derived from the animal is not intended for sale.

Penalty: 500 penalty units.

"(2) A person must not slaughter an animal for bait meat except with the written authority of the owner, if any, of the animal.

Penalty: 100 penalty units.

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"(3) A person must not process bait meat for sale except under a licence permitting the processing of meat for sale.

Penalty: 500 penalty units.

**"40C. Transport of bait meat**

"A person must not transport bait meat for sale unless the meat is derived from an animal that has been slaughtered under a licence or a licence or other instrument under a corresponding law.

Penalty: 200 penalty units."

**10. Further amendments**

The Principal Act is further amended as set out in the Schedule.

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Section 10

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Provision	Amendment	
	omit	substitute
Section 3(b)	pet food is	pet food or bait meat, is
Section 3(c) and (d)	and pet meat	, pet meat and bait meat
Section 10(4)	\$1,000	10 penalty units
Section 11(1)(a)(ii)	pet meat	pet meat or bait meat
Section 20(b)(iii)	or a pet meat slaughter licence,	, pet meat slaughter licence or bait meat licence –
Section 24(5)	a pet meat slaughter licence or a game meat slaughter licence	a game meat slaughter licence, pet meat slaughter licence or bait meat licence
Section 26(2)	or a pet meat slaughter licence	, pet meat slaughter licence or bait meat licence

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Sections 33, 34(1) and (2), 36(1) and (2) and 37(1) and (2)	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Section 37(3)	\$10,000	100 penalty units
Section 38	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Section 39	\$20,000	200 penalty units
Section 40(1)(a)	human consumption; or	human consumption;
Section 40(1)(b)	pet meat,	pet meat; or
		(c) if it is slaughtered under a licence permitting slaughter for bait meat – unfit for bait meat,
Section 40(1)	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Sections 41(1) and (2) and 42(1) and (2)	\$20,000	200 penalty units
Section 44	\$10,000	100 penalty units
Section 45(2) and (3)	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Section 46(1)	or pet meat	, pet meat or bait meat
	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Section 46(2)	, or pet meat,	, pet meat or bait meat
	\$20,000	200 penalty units
Section 47(2) and (3)	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Section 48(1)	\$10,000	100 penalty units
Section 48(2)	\$50,000	500 penalty units
Section 48(3)	\$20,000	200 penalty units
Section 49	or pet meat	, pet meat or bait meat

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Sections 50, 51(1), 52 and 53(1) and (2)	\$20,000	200 penalty units
Section 54	\$2,000	20 penalty units
Section 59(2)	\$10,000	100 penalty units
Section 59(2)	\$500	5 penalty units
Section 74(2)(b)	and pet meat operations	, pet meat or bait meat operations

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