

Serial 39
Meat Industries Amendment Bill 2002
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**A BILL
for
AN ACT**

to amend the *Meat Industries Act*

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
MEAT INDUSTRIES AMENDMENT ACT 2002

No. of 2002

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AN ACT

to amend the *Meat Industries Act*

[Assented to 2002]
[Second reading 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The long title of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

"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".

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Section 35 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted: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

SCHEDULE

Section 10

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
