

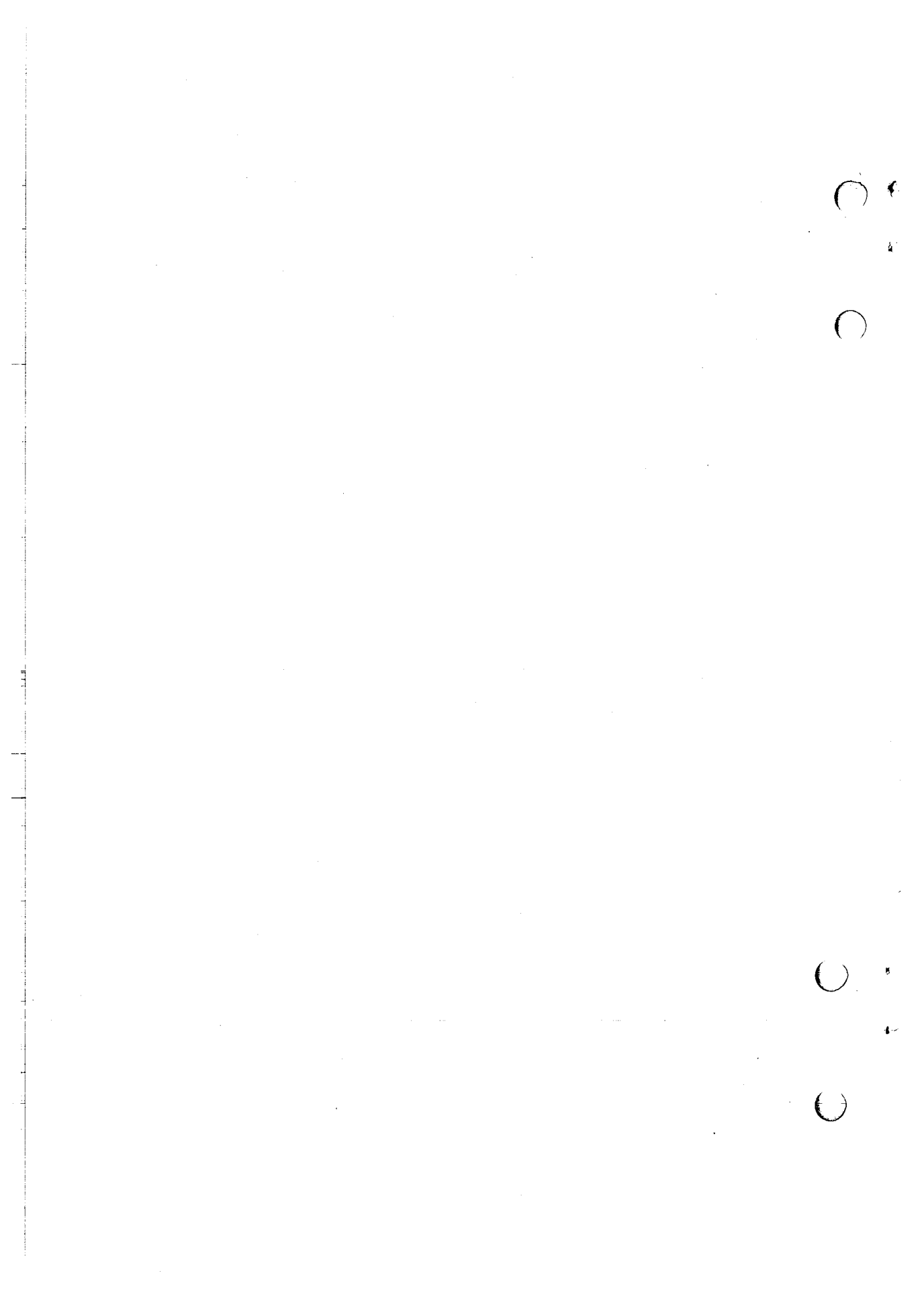
NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

ABATTOIRS AND SLAUGHTERING AMENDMENT BILL 1995

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act*

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Abattoirs and Slaughtering Amendment Act 1995*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

3. PRINCIPAL ACT

In this Act, the *Abattoirs and Slaughtering Act* is referred to as the Principal Act.

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4. LONG TITLE

The long title to the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting "and the" and inserting ", the"; and
- (b) by inserting after "Poultry" the words "and the transportation of product obtained from the slaughtering of stock or poultry".

5. INTERPRETATION

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by adding after the word "poultry" (second occurring) in the definition of "poultry flesh" the words "or the product of that carcass or flesh whether fresh, frozen, chilled, preserved, salted or processed in any other way"; and
- (b) by omitting the definition of "slaughtering" and substituting the following:

"'slaughtering' includes the -

- (a) processing (including the production of smallgoods); and
- (b) storage,

however done, of meat or poultry flesh, or a carcass or part of a carcass;".

6. REGULATIONS

Section 31(1) of the Principal Act is amended

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (z) "regulations;" and substituting "regulations; and";
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (za) "regulations; and" and substituting "regulations."; and
- (c) by omitting paragraph (zb).

7. NEW SECTION

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 55 the following:

"55A. GENERAL POWER OF INSPECTOR TO INSPECT VEHICLES

"An inspector may, in accordance with the regulations, inspect a vehicle transporting meat or poultry flesh.".

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8. REGULATIONS

Section 58 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting "The Administrator" and inserting "(1) The Administrator"; and
- (b) by adding at the end the following:
 - "(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may provide for -
 - (a) the standards to be complied with in relation to the transportation of meat and poultry flesh;
 - (b) the duties and functions of inspectors; and
 - (c) a penalty not exceeding \$5,000 for an offence against the regulations."

"(3) The regulations may apply, adopt or incorporate by reference either wholly or in part and with or without modification, a standard as in force at a particular time or as in force from time to time, prescribed or published by an authority or body, whether or not it is a Territory authority or body.

"(4) A standard applied, adopted or incorporated under this section may refer to another standard and require anything referred to in the first-mentioned standard to be in accordance with the other standard referred to.

"(5) The Minister shall cause a copy of every standard applied, adopted or incorporated under this section, and every standard referred to in a standard applied, adopted or incorporated under this section, to be available for inspection (without charge) by members of the public during normal business hours at the offices of the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries in Alice Springs, Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory."

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