



## Statutory Rules 1981 No. 99<sup>1</sup>

# Meat Exporters and Abattoir Operators Consultative Group Regulations

I, THE ADMINISTRATOR of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977*.

Dated 5 May 1981.

STANLEY BURBURY  
Administrator

By His Excellency's Command,

PETER NIXON  
Minister of State for Primary Industry

### Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Meat Exporters and Abattoir Operators Consultative Group Regulations.

### Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears—

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Group;

“Group” means the Meat Exporters and Abattoir Operators Consultative Group established by section 41 of the Act;

“member” means a member of the Group;

“the Act” means the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977*.

### Powers of Group

3. The Group may do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with, or as incidental to, the performance of the functions conferred on it by the Act or these Regulations.

**Membership of Group**

**4. (1)** The Group shall consist of 8 members, appointed by the Minister, of whom—

- (a) 5 shall have been nominated in writing by the body known as the Australian Meat Exporters' Federal Council;
- (b) 1 shall have been nominated in writing by the body known as the Australian Meatworks Federal Council;
- (c) 1 shall have been nominated in writing by the body known as the Council of Australian Public Abattoir Authorities; and
- (d) 1 shall have been nominated in writing by the body known as the Meat and Allied Trades Federation of Australia.

**(2)** The performance of the functions or the exercise of the powers of the Group is not affected by reason of there being a vacancy or vacancies in the membership of the Group.

**(3)** The appointment of a member is not invalidated, and shall not be called in question, by reason of a deficiency or irregularity in, or in connection with, his selection or appointment.

**Term of office of members**

**5.** A member shall be appointed for such period, not exceeding 5 years, as is specified in the instrument of his appointment, but is eligible for re-appointment.

**Chairman**

**6. (1)** Subject to sub-regulation (2), the members shall, from time to time, as occasion requires, elect one of their number to be the Chairman of the Group.

**(2)** Where the Chairman of the body known as the Australian Meat Exporters' Federal Council is a member of the Group, he shall be the Chairman of the Group.

**(3)** The Chairman holds office until—

- (a) he resigns his office by writing under his hand delivered to a meeting of the Group;
- (b) another member is elected Chairman of the Group;
- (c) in the case of a person who is Chairman by virtue of sub-regulation (2)—he ceases to be the Chairman of the body known as the Australian Meat Exporters' Federal Council; or
- (d) he ceases to be a member.

**Deputies of members**

**7. (1)** The Minister may, if requested by the Group so to do, appoint not more than 8 persons to be deputies of members of the Group.

**(2)** Of the persons referred to in sub-regulation (1)—

- (a) 5 shall have been nominated in accordance with paragraph 4 (1) (a);
- (b) 1 shall have been nominated in accordance with paragraph 4 (1) (b);

(c) 1 shall have been nominated in accordance with paragraph 4(1)(c); and

(d) 1 shall have been nominated in accordance with paragraph 4(1)(d).

(3) Where a member of the Group is unable to attend a meeting of the Group, he may call upon a person appointed under sub-section (1) to act as his deputy for the duration of the meeting.

(4) The Minister may, from time to time, as occasion requires—

(a) revoke the appointment of a person under this regulation; and

(b) appoint another person, nominated by the body by whom the first-mentioned person was nominated, to be a deputy of a member.

(5) A person called upon to be the deputy of a member for the purpose of a meeting of the Group is entitled to attend the meeting and, while so attending, shall be deemed to be a member.

### **Resignation of members**

8. A member may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the Minister.

### **Termination of appointments**

9. (1) Where—

(a) a member is appointed as a member of the Corporation; or

(b) the body by whom a member was nominated notifies the Minister in writing that it is no longer desired to retain the member as a nominee of the body,

the Minister shall terminate the appointment of the member.

(2) The provisions of sub-regulation (1) apply to and in relation to a deputy of a member in like manner as they apply to and in relation to a member.

### **Meetings of Group**

10. (1) Subject to this regulation, meetings of the Group shall be held at such times and places as the Group from time to time determines.

(2) The first meeting of the Group shall be held at a time and place determined by the Minister.

(3) Subject to this regulation, the Chairman may at any time convene a meeting of the Group.

(4) A meeting of the Group, other than a meeting held for the purpose of consulting with the Corporation or with another consultative group, shall not be convened without the consent of the Chairman of the Corporation.

(5) At a meeting of the Group, 6 members constitute a quorum.

(6) Of the 6 members referred to in sub-regulation (5)—

(a) 1 shall be a member referred to in paragraph 4(1)(a);

(b) 1 shall be a member referred to in paragraph 4(1)(b);

(c) I shall be a member referred to in paragraph 4 (1) (c); and

(d) I shall be a member referred to in paragraph 4 (1) (d).

(7) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings at which he is present.

(8) In the event of the absence of the Chairman, the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside at the meeting.

(9) A question arising at a meeting of the Group shall be decided by a majority of votes of the members present and voting.

(10) The member presiding at a meeting of the Group has a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, also has a casting vote.

(11) The Group shall keep a record of its proceedings.

(12) Subject to the preceding provisions of this regulation, the procedure at meetings of the Group shall be as determined by the Group.

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**NOTE**

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 7 May 1981.