

Meat Hygiene Regulations 2013

I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the Meat Hygiene Act 1985.

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By His Excellency's Command,

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Minister for Primary Industries and Water

PART 1 - Preliminary

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the Meat Hygiene Regulations 2013.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on the day on which their making is notified in the *Gazette*.

3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

Act means the Meat Hygiene Act 1985;

licensee means the holder of a meat premises licence;

register means the register of licences kept under section 26 of the Act;

strip brand means a device for applying a branding mark which is contained on a rotating cylinder.

PART 2 - Branding

4. Issue of brands

(1) After granting a licence in respect of meat premises or pet food works, the Chief Inspector is to issue to the holder of the licence a brand in accordance with the designs specified in Schedule 2.

(2) A brand is to be applied in an approved manner.

5. Application to use strip brand

(1) A licensee may apply to the Chief Inspector to use a strip brand –

(a) to mark meat as fit for human consumption; or

(b) to identify pet food.

(2) An application is to be in an approved form.

(3) The Chief Inspector may –

(a) approve an application; or

(b) not approve the application.

(4) A person is to apply a strip brand in an approved manner.

6. Branding

(1) A brand referred to in regulation 4 or 5 is to be the only symbol used –

(a) to mark meat as fit for human consumption; or

(b) to identify pet food.

(2) A cut of meat weighing more than 2 kilograms that is –

(a) not subject to any further processing, is to be branded before it leaves the licensed meat premises; or

(b) vacuum packaged, is to have a brand applied to, or inserted in, the package before it leaves the licensed meat premises.

(3) A brand is to be applied so that the markings made by the brand are legible.

7. Reproduction of brand

(1) A licensee may apply to the Chief Inspector to use a reproduction of a brand for labelling coverings containing meat, meat products or pet food.

(2) An application is to be in an approved form.

- (3) The Chief Inspector may –
- (a) approve an application; or
 - (b) not approve the application.
- (4) A person is to only use a reproduction of a brand that has been approved.

8. Additional brands

- (1) The holder of a meat premises licence may apply to the Chief Inspector for an additional brand to mark meat produced from various species of animals or birds.
- (2) An application is to be in an approved form.
- (3) The Chief Inspector may issue an additional brand to the holder of a meat premises licence.

9. Prescribed classes of marks

The following marks are prescribed for the purposes of the definition of *official mark* in section 3(1) of the Act:

- (a) a brand in accordance with the designs specified in Schedule 2;
- (b) an approved reproduction of a brand.

10. Prescribed official marking device

The following devices are prescribed for the purposes of the definition of *official marking device* in section 3(1) of the Act:

- (a) a brand issued under regulation 4;
- (b) a reproduction of a brand approved under regulation 7;
- (c) an additional brand issued under regulation 8.

11. Brand remains property of Department

Any brand issued under these regulations remains the property of the Secretary of the Department.

PART 3 - Miscellaneous

12. Fees

The fees specified in Schedule 1 are the fees payable in respect of the matters specified in that Schedule.

13. Expiry of regulations

These regulations expire one year after they commence, inclusive of the day on which they commence.

SCHEDULE 1 - Fees

Regulation 12

	Fee Units
<i>1. Licence fees for meat premises –</i>	
(a) application for licence	350
(b) issue of licence	50
(c) application for renewal of licence	245
(d) application for transfer of licence	300
<i>2. Licence fees for pet food works –</i>	
(a) application for licence	250
(b) issue of licence	50
(c) application for renewal of licence	150
(d) application for transfer of licence	200
<i>3. Fees for inspections or audits under the Act –</i>	
(a) licensed meat premises:	
(i) for the first hour or part hour	166
(ii) for each additional half-hour or part half-hour	54
(b) licensed pet food works:	
(i) for the first hour or part hour	125
(ii) for each additional half-hour or part half-hour	45
<i>4. Fees in respect of the register –</i>	
(a) inspection of the register	25
(b) obtaining an extract of an entry in the register	25
(c) obtaining a copy of anything registered in the register	25

SCHEDULE 2 - Brands

Regulations 4 and 9

1. Brands

A brand issued in accordance with regulation 4 or approved in accordance with regulation 5 to mark meat or meat products processed at licensed meat premises as fit for human consumption –

(a) is to be in the shape of an outline of Tasmania with a height of 40 millimetres and a width of 40 millimetres; and

(b) is to contain the letters "TAS" with a height of 8 millimetres and a corresponding width within the top half of the outline referred to in paragraph (a); and

(c) is to contain the licence number of the meat premises with a height of 8 millimetres and a corresponding width within the bottom half of the outline referred to in paragraph (a).

2. Pet food brands

A brand issued in accordance with regulation 4 or approved in accordance with regulation 5 to identify pet food at licensed pet food works –

(a) is to be in the shape of an outline of Tasmania with a height of 40 millimetres and a width of 40 millimetres; and

(b) is to contain the letters "TAS" with a height of 8 millimetres and a corresponding width within the top half of the outline referred to in paragraph (a); and

(c) is to contain the licence number of the pet food works with a height of 8 millimetres and a corresponding width within the bottom half of the outline referred to in paragraph (a).

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.

Table Of Amendments

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