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Provide for Marking of Imported Meat in Ireland. A.D. 1906.

**W**HEREAS it is expedient that the sale in Ireland of imported, frozen and chilled meat should be regulated, in order that the public may know the meat they are purchasing:

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Imported, Frozen and Chilled Meat (Ireland) Act, 1906. Short title.

10 2. This Act shall come into operation on the *first day of January one thousand nine hundred and seven*, and shall apply to Ireland only. Commence-  
ment and ex-  
tent of Act.

3. The words "imported, frozen and chilled meat" shall mean and include all dead meat, the flesh of cattle or sheep, or pork of any kind or age which shall be imported in a frozen or chilled state into any part of Ireland, excepting meat killed in Great Britain. Definitions.

4. Every person who either by himself or by any agent, servant, or other person employed by him, sells imported, frozen or chilled meat killed beyond the limits of Great Britain or Ireland, shall deliver with such meat to the purchaser an invoice, stating that such meat is imported, frozen or chilled meat, and the non-delivery of such invoice shall have the effect of warranty that meat sold without such invoice is not imported, frozen or chilled meat within the meaning of this Act; and every person who acts contrary to, and who does not duly observe and keep the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. Delivery of  
invoice with  
foreign  
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Provisions  
of sale by  
auction.

5. Every person who sells by auction, or offers for sale by auction any imported, frozen or chilled meat killed beyond the limits of Great Britain and Ireland, shall, in addition to the provisions of section four of this Act, at the time of offering such meat for sale announce in an audible manner or otherwise fully 5 acquaint the persons attending such auction that the meat offered for sale by him is imported, frozen or chilled meat; and every person who acts contrary to, or who does not duly observe and keep the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act. 10

Provisions as  
to the sale of  
foreign, &c. to  
a person  
asking for  
other meat.

6. Every person who shall sell or supply or offer for sale any imported, frozen or chilled meat to any purchaser or person who has asked to be supplied with some meat other than imported, frozen or chilled meat, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

Penalties  
for offences  
against this  
Act.

7. Every person who is guilty of an offence under this Act 15 shall be liable on summary conviction for the first offence to a fine not exceeding *five pounds*, and for the second or any subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding *twenty pounds*.

Employer  
exempt who  
proves his  
servant  
committed  
the offence  
against his  
orders.

8. When an employer is charged with an offence against this Act he shall be entitled, upon information duly laid by him, to 20 have any agent, servant, or other person employed by him, whom he charges as the actual offender, brought before the court at the time appointed for hearing the charge, and if, after the commission of the offence has been proved, the employer proves to the satisfaction of the court that he has used due diligence to enforce the 25 execution of this Act, and that the said agent, servant, or other person has committed the offence in question against his orders or without his knowledge, consent, or connivance, the said agent, servant, or other person shall be summarily convicted of such offence, and the employer shall be exempt from any penalty beyond 30 the payment of the costs of the proceedings.

Invoices,  
&c. to be  
produced.

9. The defendant in any proceedings taken under this Act shall, upon notice by the informant or complainant, be bound to produce all invoices, account books, papers, and writings, showing from whom, and when, and at what price he purchased, and all 35 other particulars in reference to the meat alleged to be imported frozen or chilled meat sold by or on his behalf.

Dealers to  
affix notice  
of being  
dealers on  
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10. Every importer, salesman, or wholesale or retail dealer in imported, frozen or chilled meat, or other person who sells or exposes for sale any imported, frozen or chilled meat shall 40 affix in a conspicuous place so as to be reasonably visible by

night and by day in front of the office, shop, stall, or other place where he shall carry on his business, or upon any cart from which he hawks or offers any imported, frozen or chilled meat for sale, in printed or painted capital letters not less than 5 three inches square the words "dealer in imported frozen and chilled meat," and shall before selling or exposing for sale any such meat give notice in writing to the local authority that he is a dealer in such meat, and the place or places where he carries on his business; and every person who acts contrary to, or who 10 does not duly observe and keep the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.

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mises and to give notice to the local authority.

11. The local authority shall, without charging any fee, keep a register of dealers in imported, frozen and chilled meat, and shall cause to be entered in such register the name, address, and 15 place or places of business of every such dealer, and the said register shall be open to the inspection of all persons during the usual business hours of the local authority without fee or reward.

Local authority to keep a register of dealers.

12. This Act shall be enforced by the local authorities, and for the purposes of this Act the local authorities shall be the 20 urban and rural sanitary authorities under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Local authorities in Ireland.

13. Every person charged with an offence under this Act, and the husband and wife of every such person, shall be a competent and compellable witness in any proceeding under this Act.

Defendant and the husband or wife of defendant, witnesses.

25 14. All offences under this Act, and all fines and costs under this Act, shall be prosecuted and received in manner directed by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts before a court of summary jurisdiction.

Procedure.

30 15. If in any proceedings under this Act the court shall be of opinion that a *prima facie* case has been established by the prosecution, then the court shall require the defendant to show that the meat alleged to be imported, frozen or chilled meat is not imported frozen or chilled meat, and how and from whom such meat was acquired by the defendant, and the burden of proving 35 that such meat is not imported, frozen or chilled meat shall devolve upon and be proved by the defendant.

If *prima facie* case shown, burden of proof that the meat is not foreign to be upon the defendant.

16. The officers of the local authority under this Act shall possess all the powers, rights, and authorities for the purposes of enforcing the provisions of this Act, as such local authorities 40 possess under any Act or Acts of Parliament in reference to the sale or exposure for sale of meat unfit for human food.

Powers of the officers of the local authority.