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Export of Frozen Meat.

FOR the information of the public it is hereby notified that the following arrangements have been made for the purpose of giving effect to the requests of the Imperial Government in the matter of the export of frozen meat from New Zealand.

By Order in Council of the 23rd day of February, 1915, the export of frozen meat to any place other than the United Kingdom is prohibited.

Under an arrangement entered into between the New Zealand Government and the freezing companies the whole of the frozen meat available for export during the continuance of that arrangement will be purchased from those companies by the New Zealand Government on behalf of the Imperial Government and exported to the United Kingdom.

The business of the freezing companies will continue to be conducted as heretofore, subject only to this right of exclusive purchase by the Government.

The prices to be paid by the Government to the freezing companies will be in accordance with the Schedule hereto, being f.o.b. prices at the nearest port of shipment.

All meat so purchased will be branded, graded, and treated in the same manner as is now customary in the various freezing-works.

This scheme of purchase and export will be under the control of a branch of the New Zealand Public Service temporarily constituted under the title of the "Imperial Government Meat-supply Branch."

All communications are to be addressed to "The Officer in Charge, Imperial Meat-supply Branch, Wellington."

Payment for all supplies so purchased will be made on production by the freezing companies of invoices, bills of lading, and certificates as to quality and weight, at the office of the above-mentioned Officer in Charge. All such certificates must be signed by a responsible officer of the freezing company, and countersigned by the Principal Government Inspector at the works from which the meat is delivered.

The foregoing scheme comes into operation on the 1st day of March, 1915.

SCHEDULE OF F.O.B. PRICES.

Wethers, 1st quality, 72 lb. and under	4½d.	Lamb, 2nd quality	..	..	5½d.
„ 1st „ over 72 lb.	.. 4¼d.	Beef, prime ox	..	..	4¾d.
„ 2nd „	.. 4¼d.	„ second and heifer	..	..	4½d.
Ewes, 1st quality, 72 lb. and under	.. 4d.	„ boning, in quarters	..	..	4d.
„ 1st „ over 72 lb.	.. 3¾d.	„ cow, prime	..	..	4½d.
„ 2nd „	.. 3¾d.	„ „ second	..	..	4d.
Lamb, specially prime (Canterbury quality), 42 lb. and under	.. 5½d.	„ boneless	..	..	5d.
„ 1st quality, 42 lb. and under	.. 5½d.	Mutton, legs	..	..	5½d.
„ 1st „ 42 lb. and over	.. 5¼d.	„ shoulders	..	..	4½d.
		„ loins	..	..	4½d.

The above prices relate to meat slaughtered on or after the 1st day of March, 1915. As to meat in freezing-chambers prior to that date, an allowance of ¾d. per lb. will be made in addition to the above prices, to cover storage and other incidental expenses.

In addition to the above prices, storage will be paid for as follows:—

- (1.) In the case of meat in store prior to the 1st day of March, 1915, no storage will be paid until the expiry of one calendar month from that day, and thereafter the rate of storage shall be ⅓d. per lb. per calendar month or portion of a month.
- (2.) In the case of meat slaughtered on or after the 1st day of March, 1915, no storage shall be paid for the first calendar month after slaughtering, and thereafter the rate of storage shall be ⅓d. per lb. per calendar month or portion of a month.
- (3.) The total storage for any period shall in no case exceed ⅔d. per lb.

Wellington, 3rd March, 1915.

W. F. MASSEY,
Prime Minister.