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Agricultural Produce Grading Act

## **BEEF GRADING REGULATION**

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### Interpretation

1 In this regulation,

"Act" means the Agricultural Produce Grading Act;

"operator" means a person operating an establishment under the Meat Inspection Act or the Meat Inspection Act (Canada);

"tare" means an allowance for the weight of wheels and hooks that are weighed with a carcass of beef but do not form part of the carcass;

"sale weight" means the warm weight of a carcass;

"value" means the amount of money determined by multiplying the sale weight of the carcass by the grade price;

"weight supervisor" means an inspector under the Act.

### Grading of beef carcasses

2 Except as modified by this regulation the grading of beef carcasses by numbered British Columbia grades shall be done by applying the standards for the corresponding numbered Canada grades, imposed by the Canada Agricultural Products Act and the regulations under it.

### Weighing and paying for carcasses of beef sold on the basis of grade

3 (1) This section applies only to establishments where carcasses of beef are purchased on the basis of grade.

(2) Where the value of a carcass of beef is determined by weighing it, the weight used shall be the sale weight.

(3) Where removal of a portion of a carcass is required under the Meat Inspection Act or the Meat Inspection Act (Canada), it shall be removed before the sale weight is established.

(4) No operator shall deduct an allowance for shrinkage in calculating the sale weight of a beef carcass.

(5) The rollers and hooks shall be standardized in weight to within 110 g of the established tare.

(6) Subject to section 4, the operator of an establishment in which beef carcasses are weighed shall cause to be delivered forthwith to the person from whom an animal was purchased the following information:

(a) the live identification and slaughter date;

(b) the weight of each carcass that is weighed;

(c) the grade of each carcass that is graded and the descriptive symbols in accordance with the Beef and Veal Grading Certificate issued under the Canada Agricultural Products Act;

(d) the price per pound at which each carcass was sold.

(7) The weights and grades required to be given under subsection (6) shall be certified by a grader and shall be listed on the grading certificate issued under the Canada Agricultural Products Act or on a form approved by the minister.

(8) Every operator shall designate one or more persons who are satisfactory to the weight supervisor to be scale operators for the plant.

(9) Following the weighing of each lot of carcasses, the scale operator shall, at the next interruption of the kill, provide the weight supervisor with a signed copy of the weight sheet on which the weight of each carcass is recorded.

(10) Every operator shall, within 30 days after the payment for a carcass of beef, produce to the seller the record referred to in subsection (8) in respect of that carcass.

#### Duties of weight supervisor

4 The weight supervisor shall

(a) forward to the Livestock Branch, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, at least twice annually on a random basis, copies of complete tare reports as indicated in Form 1 of Schedule A; and weekly, logs of scale reports as indicated in Form 2 of Schedule A,

(b) advise the operator of the establishment of the established tare to be used,

(c) check the accuracy of the weighing scales a minimum of once per day on days when carcasses are weighed to determine their value,

(d) check the weight of items comprising the tare on a random basis to ensure that they do not deviate by more than 110 g from the mean set for the establishment,

(e) mark and set aside a tare item that fails to comply with this regulation until there is compliance,

(f) report a serious malfunction of scales or other irregularities with respect to the scales to the Livestock Branch, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within 24 hours after it came to his attention,

(g) advise the operator both verbally and in writing to take corrective measures whenever there is a serious malfunction of scales,

(h) conduct a final check after corrective measures have been taken to ensure that a malfunction or other irregularity is no longer occurring,

(i) insure that the beef carcasses being weighed to determine value are in a form that conforms with the Canada Beef Grading Regulations and this regulation, and

(j) report an irregularity under paragraph (i) both verbally and in writing to the operator and in writing to the Livestock Branch, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Supervised sale weight

5 A weight supervisor may demand that a sale weight be taken under his immediate supervision and his decision as to the correct weight shall be final.

Duties of operator of establishment

6 The operator of an establishment shall

(a) supply adequate test weights, which weights shall be certified annually under the Weights and Measures Act (Canada),

(b) supply the weight supervisor with a small scale certified by the Weights and Measures Division for checking the weights of tare items,

(c) provide all necessary assistance to the weight supervisor in handling weights,

(d) provide adequate storage for weights to minimize the effect of rusting and to keep weights clean, and

(e) act promptly on the advice of the weight supervisor when advised of a malfunction or irregularity.

Offence

7 A person who contravenes section 3 (6), 3 (9), 3 (10) or 6 commits an offence.

Schedule A

Form 1

Tare Weight Report

Plant ..... Date .....

Address .....

Tare Items

Item Plant Standard Allowable Tolerance Number Checked Too Heavy (Oz.) Too Light (Oz.)  
1 2 3 4 + 1 2 3 4+

Remarks:

Weight supervisor .....

Form 2

Log of Scale Inspection

Date Time Comments Weight Sup.  
Initials

Plant .....

Address .....

Weight supervisor .....

[Provisions of the Agricultural Produce Grading Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 11, relevant to the enactment of this regulation: section 14]

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