

The Beef Railgrade Regulations

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Saskatchewan Regulations 239/78
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NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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SASKATCHEWAN REGULATIONS 239/78

The Animal Products Act

Title

- 1 These regulations may be cited as “The Beef Railgrade Regulations”.

Interpretation

- 2 In these regulations:

- (a) “**Act**” means The Animal Products Act, 1978;
- (b) “**beef carcass**” means the entire carcass of any animal of the bovine species;
- (c) “**Beef Carcass Grading Regulations**” means the regulations, as amended from time to time, established under The Canada Agricultural Products Standards Act, as amended from time to time;
- (d) “**department**” means the Department of Agriculture for the province;
- (e) “**director**” means the Director of the Animal Industry Branch of the department;
- (f) “**grade**” means the grade of a beef carcass assigned and marked according to The Beef Carcass Grading Regulations (Canada);
- (g) “**grader**” means a person appointed or designated as a primary products grader appointed pursuant to The Canada Agricultural Products Standards Act, as amended from time to time;
- (h) “**head of cattle**” means any animal of the bovine species;
- (i) “**internal fat**” includes brisket fat, channel fat, cod fat, heart fat, kidney fat, pelvic fat and udder fat;
- (j) “**inspector**” means a person appointed as or authorized to be an inspector under the Act;
- (k) “**market**” includes selling, offering for sale, advertising, assembling, storing, packing, shipping or transporting in any manner;
- (l) “**lot**” means a number of animals grouped for slaughter at one time by an operator for an owner;
- (m) “**plant**” means a place where cattle are slaughtered in accordance with The Canada Meat Inspection Act, as amended from time to time;
- (n) “**operator**” means a person in charge of a plant and includes the owner thereof;
- (o) “**railgrade settlement**” means the method by which a head of cattle is sold to an operator for a price calculated on the basis of either the sale weight or the sale weight and grade of the beef carcass;

- (p) **“railgrade supervisor”** means a person appointed as an inspector;
- (q) **“sale weight”** means the weight of a beef carcass less any tare in respect thereof, calculated according to section 3, 4 and 5 of these regulations;
- (r) **“scale”** means the equipment used to determine the settlement weight of a beef carcass;
- (s) **“subject animal”** means any diseased, suspected diseased or physically injured animal whose true salvage value can only be determined after slaughter and inspection in accordance with The Canada Meat Inspection Act, as amended from time to time;
- (t) **“tare”** means any allowance for the weight of the items that are weighed with a beef carcass but which do not form a part thereof;
- (u) **“weigh person”** means the person responsible for weighing beef carcasses at a plant;
- (v) **“weight sheet”** means a weight sheet approved by the department and used by the weigh person of the plant to record the warm sale weight of a beef carcass at the time of weighing;
- (w) metric units used herein shall be construed with reference to The International System of Units (SI); and
- (x) words not herein defined shall be construed with reference to the interpretations of the Act.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s2.

Sale Weight

3 Where a beef carcass is weighed to determine its sale weight, the operator shall weigh the entire beef carcass without removing any portion thereof other than:

- (a) the hide;
- (b) the head and that portion of the neck anterior to the first cervical joint;
- (c) that part of the fore-shank below the knee joint and that part of the hind shank below the hock joint;
- (d) the alimentary canal, liver, kidneys, spleen, genital tract and genitalia, mammary system, heart and lungs;
- (e) the membranous portion of the diaphragm and pillars of the diaphragm;
- (f) the spinal cord;
- (g) internal fats that are in excess of good commercial practice;
- (h) the tail posterior to the first coccygeal vertebra; and
- (i) any portion of the beef carcass, the removal of which is required under The Canada Meat Inspection Act, as amended from time to time, or any regulations made thereunder.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s3.

Standards for tares

4 No operator of a plant shall deduct any allowance in respect of shrinkage, or any tare, in calculating the sale weight of a beef carcass other than a tare respecting equipment used for carrying, forming, or supporting a beef carcass while it is being weighed and such tare items shall be standardized as to weight such that the combined weight of all tare items supporting the beef carcass shall not deviate from the declared plant tare allowance by more than 225 grams.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s4.

Carcass weighing

5 A beef carcass shall be weighed either in whole or in sides to determine its sale weight before being washed, shrouded and allowed to cool.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s5.

Document for railgrade settlement

6 Following the slaughter of a head of cattle for railgrade settlement, the operator shall provide the owner with a document in the form issued or approved by the department showing the weight and grade of each beef carcass and such weights and grades shall be certified by an inspector.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s6.

Railgrade settlement for subject animals

7 Where subject animals are delivered directly to any plant by an owner, railgrade settlement shall be the only method by which these animals are purchased by the operator.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s7.

Operational requirements for an operator

8 The operator shall:

- (a) for animals purchased on the basis of railgrade settlement, prepare a record of sale in the form issued or approved by the department indicating:
 - (i) the number and kind of animals purchased from each person; and
 - (ii) the mark used to identify the animals and their carcasses;
- (b) provide a copy of the record of sale referred to in clause (a) to the railgrade supervisor before the animals are slaughtered;
- (c) supply a test weight of at least 125 kg where beef carcasses are weighed in individual sides, or a test weight of at least 250 kg where entire beef carcasses are weighed and said test weights shall be certified annually as to weight under The Canada Weights and Measures Act, as amended from time to time;
- (d) establish and declare to the railgrade supervisor, a plant standard for tare deductions for beef carcasses weighed in whole or in sides and said tares shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the scale;

- (e) provide a small scale for use by the railgrade supervisor to check the weight of tare items, said scale to be graduated in grams and certified under The Canada Weights and Measures Act, as amended from time to time; and
- (f) provide all necessary assistance to the railgrade supervisor in handling test weights.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s8.

Duties of a railgrade supervisor

9 The railgrade supervisor shall:

- (a) forward to the director on a weekly basis a copy of the railgrade supervisor's report in the form issued by the department;
- (b) inform the grader when cattle are being purchased on the basis of railgrade settlement and deliver to the grader a copy of the weight sheet signed by the weigh person prior to the grading of a beef carcass;
- (c) where beef carcasses are weighed for railgrade settlement, check the accuracy of the scale immediately prior to the commencement and at the conclusion of that day's slaughter of any cattle purchased on the basis of railgrade settlement and at any other time he deems necessary provided that such time will not interfere with the plant's operation unless he has reason to believe that the scale is faulty;
- (d) check the weight of the items comprising the tare allowance on a random basis to ensure:
 - (i) uniformity of the tare for all beef carcasses; and
 - (ii) that the plant standard established pursuant to section 4 is adhered to;
- (e) mark and set aside any tare items that fail to comply with section 4 and permit or authorize subsequent use only where there is compliance by the operator;
- (f) report any malfunction of the scales, or any other irregularity with respect thereto, immediately to the operator and within 24 hours to the director;
- (g) order the operator to halt the weighing of beef carcasses and to take appropriate corrective measures where there is any malfunction of the scale or any other irregularity with respect thereto, and subsequently to conduct a final check after corrective measures have been taken by the operator and ensure that any malfunction or other irregularity no longer exists;
- (h) order the operator to re-weigh any beef carcasses which in the railgrade supervisor's opinion, may not have been weighed or recorded properly; and
- (i) promptly advise the operator of any action necessary to achieve compliance with these regulations.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s9.

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Documents to be retained

10 A grader shall retain for at least 90 days the copy of the weight sheet received by him pursuant to clause (b) of section 9.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s10.

11 The railgrade supervisor shall retain scale tickets used in the process of checking the accuracy of the scales for at least 90 days.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s11.

12 There shall be only one designated railgrade supervisor for each plant and such railgrade supervisor shall carry an official inspector identification issued by the director.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s12.

Animal product marking or branding limitations

13(1) No person shall:

(a) brand or mark any carcass of beef or veal or portion thereof unless such branding or marking is authorized under an act of the Parliament of Canada or the Legislature of Saskatchewan or regulations thereunder;

(b) market any carcass of beef or veal or portion thereof that has been branded or marked unless such branding or marking is authorized under an act of the Parliament of Canada or the Legislature of Saskatchewan or regulations thereunder.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), retailers and wholesalers of beef carcasses or agents of the same may place their purchase stamp or mark upon a beef carcass but such a stamp shall not exceed 80 mm in height or width.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s13.

Compliance with director's requirements

14 Where, in the opinion of a railgrade supervisor, the director or his designate, an operator is in default of any regulation, the operator shall comply with such requirements, and within the time the director may specify, to remedy any such default.

21 Jly 78 SR 239/78 s14.

