**Meat Chicken Levy**

**No. 36 of 1969**

An Act to Levy Moneys in respect of Meat Chickens.

[Assented to 14 June 1969]

BE it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title.**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Meat Chicken Levy Act* 1969.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine.

**Collection Act to be read with this Act.**

**3**. The *Meat Chicken Levy Collection Act* 1969 shall be read as one with this Act.

**Definitions.**

**4.** In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“levy” means levy imposed by this Act;

“chicken” means a chicken hatched from an egg of a domesticated fowl;

“meat chicken” means a chicken that is to be raised as a meat chicken;

“the Committee” means the Australian Chicken Meat Research Committee constituted under the *Chicken Meat Research Act* 1969.

**Imposition of levy.**

**5**. Subject to this Act, a levy is imposed in respect of meat chickens batched after the commencement of this Act.

**Exemption of small hatcheries.**

**6.**—(1.) Where, in a year to which this section applies, less than twenty thousand meat chickens are hatched at a hatchery, levy is not payable in respect of the meat chickens hatched at that hatchery in that year.

(2.) In the last preceding sub-section, “year to which this section applies” means the year commencing on the date of commencement of this Act and each succeeding year.

**Rate of levy.**

**7**.—(1.) The rate of levy is—

(*a*)in respect of meat chickens hatched before the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-two—one-tenth of a cent in respect of each chicken; and

(*b*)in any other case—such rate, not exceeding a rate of one-quarter of a cent in respect of each chicken, as is prescribed.

(2.) Before making any regulations for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of the last preceding sub-section, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any recommendation with respect to the rate of levy made to the Minister by the Committee and regulations shall not be made prescribing a rate higher than the rate last recommended by the Committee to the Minister.

**By whom levy payable.**

**8**. Levy in respect of meat chickens is payable by the proprietor of” the hatchery in which the chickens were hatched.

**Exemption of chickens that die, &c., within 48 hours.**

**9**. Levy is not payable in respect of meat chickens that die, or are destroyed, at the hatchery at which they were hatched within forty-eight hours after being hatched.

**Unsexed and certain other chickens deemed to be meat chickens in absence of proof to contrary.**

**10.** For the purposes of this Act, a chicken shall, unless the contrary is shown, be deemed to be a meat chicken if—

(*a*) it was fed and its sex was not determined before it was fed; or

(*b*)being a cockerel or being a hen that was hatched in a batch of chickens all or any of the cockerels in which were fed—it was fed and its sex was determined before it was fed.

**Regulations.**

**11.** The Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of section 7 of this Act.