



Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Act 1891

1891 CHAPTER 70

An Act to amend the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Act, 1887. [5th August 1891]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Act, 1887 (herein-after referred to as the principal Act):

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 Transfer of powers under 50 & 51 Vict. c.27 s.9

As from the passing of this Act the powers under section nine of the principal Act of the Local Government Board as to England and Wales and of the Secretary for Scotland as to Scotland shall be transferred to and vest in the Board of Agriculture, and the powers under the same section of the Local Government Board for Ireland shall be transferred to and vest in the Irish Land Commission.

2 Amendment of 50 & 51 Vict. c.27 s.4 as to accommodation for weighing cattle

- (1) The market authority of every market and fair to which the principal Act for the time being applies shall, unless exempted by order of the Board of Agriculture from the requirements of this section, provide and maintain to the satisfaction of the Board sufficient and suitable accommodation for weighing cattle.
- (2) Default in complying with the requirements of this section shall be deemed default in complying with the requirements of section four of the principal Act.

3 Statistics as to weight and sale of cattle

- (1) The market authority of every market and fair held in any of the places mentioned in the schedule to this Act shall send to the Board of Agriculture returns, at such intervals, and in such form and with such particulars as the Board of Agriculture by order prescribe, showing, so far as the market authority can ascertain the same, the number of cattle entering and the number and weight of cattle weighed at the market or fair, and the price of the cattle sold thereat. Such market authority may, for the purpose of making a prescribed return, cause any cattle which have been sold at the market to be weighed without fee.
- (2) The Board of Agriculture shall publish the returns so sent, or abstracts thereof, or extracts therefrom, in such manner as they think most expedient for the information of the public.
- (3) If a market authority wilfully makes default in complying with the requirements of this section, it shall for each offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, or in case of a continuing offence to a fine not exceeding ten pounds for every day during which the offence continues.
- (4) If any person makes any false or fraudulent statement in any return made in pursuance of this section he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (5) The Board of Agriculture may from time to time vary or add to the list of places in the schedule to this Act.

4 Application of Act to auction marts

- (1) An auctioneer shall not, unless exempted by order of the Board of Agriculture from the requirements of this section, sell cattle at any mart where cattle are habitually or periodically sold, unless there are provided at that mart similar facilities for weighing cattle as are required by the principal Act and this Act in the case of cattle sold at a market or fair to which the principal Act applies.
- (2) Every auctioneer who in any place from which returns are required to be made under this Act sells cattle at any such mart as aforesaid shall, unless exempted as aforesaid, make the like returns to the Board of Agriculture with respect to cattle entering, weighed, and sold at that mart as are required by this Act to be made by a market authority, and shall be subject to the like penalty for making any false or fraudulent statement in any such return.
- (3) If any such auctioneer makes default in complying with the requirements of this section, the auctioneer, or, if he is in the employment of any person, the person by whom he is employed, shall for each offence be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, or in case of a continuing offence to a fine not exceeding ten pounds for every day during which the offence continues.
- (4) This section shall not come into operation until the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

5 Application to Ireland

This Act shall, in its application to Ireland, be construed as if for the expression " the Board of Agriculture " were substituted the expression " the Irish Land Commission. "

6 Construction and short title

This Act shall be construed as one with the principal Act, and may be cited as the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Act, 1891, and the principal Act and this Act may be cited together as the Markets and Fairs (Weighing of Cattle) Acts, 1887. and 1891.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

SCHEDULE

ENGLAND

Ashford.
Birmingham.
Bristol.
Leicester.
Leeds.
Lincoln.
Liverpool (Stanley Market).
London (Metropolitan Cattle Market).
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Norwich.
Salford.
Shrewsbury.
Wakefield.
York.

SCOTLAND

Aberdeen.
Dundee.
Edinburgh.
Glasgow.
Perth.

IRELAND

Belfast.
Cork.
Dublin.