



CHAPTER 24.

An Act respecting the Marking of Eggs.

[Assented to 29th March, 1919.]

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the “Eggs Marks Act, 1919.”

Short title.

2. In the construction of this Act the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:—

Interpretation.

“Inspector” shall mean any official appointed by the Minister of Agriculture as Inspector for the purposes of this Act or of any regulation, and where the context allows shall include any constable or officer of any Provincial or municipal police force in the Province, and any Health Officer within the meaning of section 2 of the “Health Act”:

“Regulation” means any regulation made under the authority of this Act:

“Oriental eggs” shall mean and include any or all eggs which shall have at any time been imported from the Republic of China or the Empire of Japan:

“Preserved eggs” shall mean and include any or all eggs in which the natural deterioration has been arrested, prevented, or retarded by any means, process, or treatment whatsoever other than by cold storage:

“Incubated eggs” shall mean and include all eggs which have been subjected to incubation either by natural or artificial process:

“Mark” shall mean a mark, brand, stamp, impression, or imprint made by means of a rubber stamp, stencil, or other method, and such mark shall be legible in gothic letters and in durable ink; and “marked” shall have a corresponding meaning:

"Egg-dealer" shall mean and include any person carrying on within the Province of British Columbia the business of an importer or dealer in eggs, and unless otherwise qualified shall include a wholesale and a retail dealer:

"Oriental egg preparation" shall mean and include Oriental eggs which have been removed from their shells or reduced to powder, or manufactured or treated so as to be used for food or the preparation of foodstuffs.

Marking of each
Oriental or pre-
served egg.

3. Every egg-dealer who may have in his possession, custody, or control any preserved eggs or Oriental eggs shall, unless such eggs have been previously marked, immediately mark each such egg with the word "Preserved" or "Oriental," as the case may be:

(a.) Every egg-dealer who has in his possession, custody, or control any preserved eggs or Oriental eggs not so marked shall be guilty of a violation of the provisions of this Act.

Marking Oriental
egg preparation.

4. No person shall within the Province have in his possession or offer or expose for sale any "Oriental egg preparation" unless the can, container, or package in which same is packed is plainly marked "Oriental."

Sign required where
Oriental eggs used
or sold.

5. Every person being the proprietor of any manufactory, bakery, confectionery, hotel, restaurant, café, tea-room, or any place or shop where any Oriental eggs are exposed or offered for sale, or where Oriental eggs or an Oriental egg preparation are used in the preparation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, or of any food exposed or offered for sale or served for meals, shall place a legible sign in letters not less than four inches high, in some conspicuous place where all persons entering his place of business can readily see the same, upon which is marked the words "Oriental eggs used here" or "Oriental eggs sold here," as the case may be.

Sale of incubated
eggs.

6. It shall not be lawful to expose or offer for sale any incubated eggs unless the purchaser or intending purchaser be clearly notified that the same are suitable only for cooking purposes.

Egg receptacles to
be marked.

7. Every egg-dealer and every producer selling eggs other than by retail shall cause all receptacles containing eggs to be plainly marked with the country of origin and the grade of eggs in the manner provided by the regulations.

Powers of
Inspectors.

8. Inspectors shall have power to enter upon the premises of any egg-dealer or any other person to whom this Act applies for the purpose of ascertaining whether this Act and the regulations are being properly observed, and every such egg-dealer or person shall upon request produce to such Inspector all invoices, bills of lading, contracts, correspondence, or documents which would afford information to an Inspector as to the matters referred to in the preceding section.

9. The Lieutenant-Governor may make regulations prescribing:— Regulations.

- (a.) The manner in which all eggs offered or exposed for sale within the Province of British Columbia shall be classified and graded, and the receptacles containing same marked or placarded:
- (b.) The manner in which, for the purpose of such classification, grading, and marking, the country or place of origin and the age and condition of all eggs offered or exposed for sale in the Province shall be determined:
- (c.) The duties and jurisdiction of Inspectors and the manner in which information is to be furnished to such Inspectors to enable them to carry out the provisions of this Act or the regulations.

10. Any person violating any provision of this Act or any regulation shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Penalties.

11. The "Eggs Marks Act," being chapter 18 of the Statutes of 1916, and the "Eggs Marks Act, 1916, Amendment Act, 1917," being chapter 19 of the Statutes of 1917, are hereby repealed. Repeal of 1916, c. 18; 1917, c. 19.

12. This Act shall come into force upon a day fixed by Proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council notified in the British Columbia Gazette. Act to be proclaimed.

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