
ÉIGEANTACH TUAIRISCHITHE BEOSTOIC BILL 2019
MANDATORY BEEF PRICE TRANSPARENCY BILL 2019

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Bill

Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOURCE OF DATA ON THE PRICES BEING RECEIVED FOR BEEF PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT THE SUPPLY CHAIN.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretation

1. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the Communications Regulation Act 2002
“Minister” means the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.
“Officially designated officer” means an individual who will be designated by each meat processing plan to ensure compliance with this Act.
“Reporting Day” means during a working week designated by the Minister on which reports must be submitted to comply with the requirements of this Act.

Establishment

2. (1) The Minister shall establish a program of cattle price information reporting that will:
 - (a) Provide timely, accurate, and reliable market information;
 - (b) Facilitate more informed marketing decisions; and
 - (c) Promote competition in the meat processing industry.
- (2) The Minister may for the purposes of subsection (1) introduce such regulations which may be required to establish a programme of cattle price information.

Reporting Provisions

3. Whenever the prices or quantities of cattle are required to be reported or published under this section, the prices or quantities shall be categorized so as to clearly delineate-
 - (a) The prices or quantities, as applicable, of the cattle purchased in the domestic market; and
 - (b) The prices or quantities, as applicable, of imported cattle.

Daily Reporting

4. A designated officer of meat processing plant shall report to the Minister each reporting day with the following information for each cattle type:
 - (a) The prices for cattle (Euros per KG) established on that day, categorized by –
 - (i) Type of purchase;
 - (ii) The quantity of cattle purchased on a live weight basis;
 - (iii) The quantity of cattle purchased on a dressed weight basis;
 - (iv) A range of the estimated live weights of the cattle purchased;
 - (v) An estimate of the percentage of the cattle purchased that were of a quality grade of choice or better; and
 - (vi) Any premiums or discounts associated with –
 - (i) Weight, grade, or yield; or
 - (ii) Any type of purchase.
 - (b) The quantity of cattle delivered to the processor (quoted in numbers of head) on that day, categorized by –
 - (i) Type of purchase;
 - (ii) The quantity of cattle delivered on a live weight basis; and
 - (iii) The quantity of cattle delivered on a dressed weight basis.
 - (c) The quantity of cattle committed to the processor (quoted in numbers of head) as of that day, categorized by-
 - (i) Type of purchase;
 - (ii) The quantity of cattle committed on a live weight basis; and
 - (iii) The quantity of cattle committed on a dressed weight basis.
 - (d) The terms of trade regarding the cattle, as applicable.

Publication

5. The Minister shall make the information available to the public every reporting day.

Weekly Reporting

6. (1) The officially designated officer of each processing plant shall report to the Minister, on the first reporting day of each week, the following information applicable to the prior slaughter week.
 - (a) The quantity of cattle purchased that were slaughtered.

- (b) The contractual arrangements under which the cattle were slaughtered.
- (c) The quantity and carcass characteristics of owned cattle that were slaughtered.
- (d) The range and average of intended premiums and discounts that are expected to be in effect for the current slaughter week.

(2) The Minister shall make available to the public the information outline in 6(1) on the first day of each reporting week.

Boxed Beef

7. (1) The officially designated representative of each meat processing plant shall report to the Minister each reporting day information on total boxed beef sales, including –
- (a) The price for each lot of each negotiated boxed beef sale (determined by seller-buyer interaction and agreement),;
 - (b) The quantity for each lot of each sake, quoted by number of boxes sold; and
 - (c) Information regarding the characteristics of each lot of each sale, including-
 - (i) The grade of beef
 - (ii) The cut of beef; and
 - (iii) The trim specification.

(2) The Minister shall make available to the public the information required to be reported under subsection (1) each reporting day.

Short title and commencement

8. (1) This Act may be cited as the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act, 2015.
(2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister may appoint by order or orders.

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Introduced by Deputy Brian Stanley
