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THE BRANDING OF STOCK

The attention of stock owners and farmers is drawn to the provisions of the Brands Act and to the necessity for ensuring that stock submitted for sale in the metropolitan area or at country sales are correctly branded in accordance with the provisions.

Following requests from farmers, livestock salesmen and members of the meat trade that the requirements under the Brands Act should be strictly enforced, the Registrar of Brands intends to take active steps to see that the requirements of the Act are being complied with.

Owners of stock and stock firms are likely to suffer considerable inconvenience if unbranded stock are debarred from sales.

This Act provides that all horses, cattle and sheep in the State must be branded as prescribed by the Act.

1. Horses.

All horses throughout the State must be branded with the owner's registered brand before they attain the age of 18 months.

2. Cattle.

All cattle in the following districts must be branded with the owner's registered brand before they attain the age of 12 months.

(a) The road districts of Dundas, Esperance, Westonia and Yilgarn.
(b) The South-West Land Division of the State.
(c) Such parts of the Lake Grace, Merredin, Narembeen and Phillips River road districts that are outside the South-West Division.

All cattle in districts other than those described above must be branded before they attain the age of 18 months.


All sheep in the areas (a), (b), and (c) listed above—with the exception of stud sheep (which may be fire-branded or tattooed) and lambs under six months old—must be branded with the owner's registered brand.

Branding of sheep outside these areas is not compulsory except when the animals are moved off the run; for instance, if they are travelling, sold or offered for sale.

Types of Brands.

Every owner of sheep must register an earmark and woolbrand, with or without a firebrand or tattoo mark.

Every owner of horses and cattle must have a registered firebrand consisting of two letters and a numeral, whilst an earmark may also be registered by an owner of cattle.

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