Triticale Levy Collection Bill 1988

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

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Purpose
To provide the machinery for the collection of the levy imposed by the Triticale Levy Bill 1988.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Triticale Levy Bill 1988.

Main Provisions
'Leviable weight' is defined as 15 tonnes or such other amount as is prescribed.

The levy on triticale will be payable quarterly or such longer period as set by regulation (clause 5).

The purchaser or receiver of triticale will be liable to pay the levy and may deduct an equal amount from payments to growers (clause 6).

An additional levy, calculated at the rate of 20% per annum of the original levy, will be imposed where the levy has not been paid on time (clause 7).

Where there has been an overpayment of the levy, the Commonwealth will refund the amount overpaid (clause 10).

An authorised person will have power to enter premises with the consent of the occupier or with a warrant issued under proposed section 13, to search and take stock of triticale or goods produced from triticale and examine or copy any relevant documents. A person obstructing or hindering an authorised person will be liable to a maximum penalty of $1000 or imprisonment for 6 months or both (clause 12).

It will be an offence to fail to furnish a return or provide information, without reasonable excuse, required under this Bill or the regulations. The maximum penalty for breach of this provision will be fines of $1 000 for individuals and $10000 for corporations (clause 14).
The Governor-General may make regulations, including regulations prescribing penalties not exceeding $500 for individuals or $2,500 for corporations (clause 20).

For further information, if required, contact the Science, Technology and Environment Group.

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