Customs Tariff (Installations at Sea) Bill 1987

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House: House of Representatives

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To continue the application of sections 5 to 9 of the Customs Tariff Act 1982 to natural resources installations at sea.

Background
Refer to the Digest of the Customs Tariff Bill 1987 which is complemented by this Bill.

Main Provisions
This Bill will come into force on the same day as the Customs Tariff Bill 1987 (clause 2).

Clause 4 contains the interpretation provisions. These are:

- 'natural resources installation' which will be an off-shore industrial unit;
- 'overseas natural resources installation' which will be an industrial installation that has been brought into Australian waters from overseas.

The following natural resources installations will be deemed to be part of Australia:

- a natural resources installation that, on the commencement of this Bill, is attached to the Australian seabed; and
- an overseas or other natural resources installation that, following the commencement of this Bill, becomes attached to the Australian seabed.

A natural resources installation will cease to be part of Australia if it is detached or moved from its location so that it may be taken beyond Australian waters (clause 5).

Clause 6 will deem an overseas natural resources installation and the goods on
board to be imported into Australia when
an installation is installed in a coastal or adjacent area after coming
there directly from overseas; or
an installation arrives in Australia before being taken into a coastal or
adjacent area.

Goods that are brought direct from overseas to a natural resources installation will
be deemed to have been imported into Australia at the time that they are taken onto
the installation (clause 7).

Goods will be deemed to be exported from Australia when a natural resources
installation ceases to be part of Australia (clause 8) and when they are taken from
a natural resources installation to be sent directly overseas (clause 9).

For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce
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