Customs Tariff (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 1987

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Barry Jones, M.P., Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry, Technology and Commerce

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To amend the Customs Act 1901 (the Principal Act) to clarify the criteria for goods to be taken to be produced by various countries and to amend 18 Acts as a consequence of the introduction of the Customs Tariff Bill 1987.

Background
Refer to the Digest for the Customs Tariff Bill 1987.

Main Provisions
Clause 6 will repeal sections 151 and 151A of the Principal Act and insert a new section 151 to clarify when goods will be taken to be produced by a certain country.

Goods from New Zealand will not be taken as produce of that country unless they have been shipped from New Zealand and (a) have not been transhipped or (b) the Collector of Customs is satisfied that when shipped from New Zealand their intended destination was Australia (sub-clause 151(3)). The same rule will apply to goods from Canada (sub-clause 151(4)).

Unmanufactured raw materials from a country will be considered goods from that country (sub-clause 151(5)).

Goods will be considered to be the produce of New Zealand, Papua New Guinea or a preference country if they are wholly manufactured in that country from unmanufactured raw materials, materials manufactured in that country or Australia or imported materials that the Comptroller has determined to be manufactured raw materials of that country (sub-clause 151(6)).

Goods will be taken to be manufactured in New Zealand if the last place of manufacture was New Zealand and 50% (or such other amount as is determined for certain
class of goods) of their value represents work or materials of Australia or New Zealand (sub-clause 151(7)).

Similar rules will apply to goods from Papua New Guinea or a Forum Island country so long as 25% of the factory or work cost is performed in those countries (sub-clause 151(9)).

Similar rules will apply to Developing Countries (sub-clause 151(11)).

Clause 9 will amend the 18 Acts specified in Schedule 2. The amendments will principally alter the reference to the Customs Tariff Act 1982 to a reference to the Customs Tariff Act 1987 and change a number of references to items in the 1982 Act to references to items that bear a different number in the 1987 Act.

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

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