Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 1987

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

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Purpose
To allow export registration charges to be imposed at times other than the time of registration.

Background
The Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charge) Act 1985 (the Principal Act) imposes a charge to recoup part of the cost of inspecting certain agricultural products for export. The charge is imposed on the registration of premises which prepare prescribed commodities for export. At present, premises are registered annually and the charge is imposed on registration as required by section 6 of the Principal Act. To enable greater administrative efficiency and to reduce the burden placed on industry, it is proposed that the system of annual registration be replaced with one that will allow continuing registration. To enable collections to be maintained, the Principal Act is to be amended to allow a charge to be imposed at times other than registration.

Main Provisions
Clause 5 will amend section 6 of the Principal Act to remove the requirement that the charge be imposed on registration and to insert a new sub-section 6(1A) that will allow regulations to be made for the imposition of the charge during registration.

Sections 8 and 9 of the Principal Act will be repealed and a new section 8 substituted to make it clear that the charge is payable by the registered occupier at the time that the charge is due (clause 8).

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

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