Horticultural Export Charge Collection Bill 1987

Date Introduced: 18 September 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: The Hon. Barry Jones, M.P., Minister representing the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

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Purpose
To provide for the collection of the charge to be imposed by the Horticultural Export Charge Bill 1987.

Background
Refer to the Digest of the Australian Horticultural Corporation Bill 1987.

Main Provisions
Regulations may prescribe when export charge amounts are due for payment (clause 6).

Clause 7 will provide that a first purchaser or selling agent is liable to pay the amount of any export charge due for payment together with any penalty that may have been incurred for non-payment by the producer. These amounts will be deductible from the sum due to the producer.

Penalty at the rate of 20% per annum on the amount of export charge unpaid after the due date will be imposed by clause 8. All or part of a penalty amount may be remitted by the Minister or an authorised person. Remission by an authorised person may not exceed $500 (clause 9). An appeal will lie to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of a decision to refuse to remit (clause 19).

Clause 20 will provide for delegation of the Secretary’s powers under the Bill including the power to enter premises with consent or subject to a warrant.

The Governor-General will be able to make regulations consistent with this Bill (clause 20). The regulations may provide for the Minister to make orders, excluding orders prescribing penalties (clause 21).
For further information, if required, contact the Economics and Commerce Group.

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