Date Introduced: 17 April 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Kerin, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend and repeal certain Acts as a consequence of the proposed enactment of the Export Inspection Charge Bill 1985 and the Export Inspection Charge Collection Bill 1985.

Background

For a detailed background on the export inspection charge arrangements currently operational in Australia, refer to the Bills Digest for the Export Inspection Charge Bill 1985 (the Principal Bill).

At present each of the prescribed commodities covered by the Principal Bill (other than vegetables, undried fruit and vegetable and fruit juices), have their own existing inspection charge Acts.

This Bill amends the Acts relating to dairy products, dried fruit, eggs, fish and grain to enable them to come under the umbrella of the Principal Bill. The Bill also amends existing Export Control Legislation and repeals three existing export inspection Acts relating to edible oils.

The consolidation of the ten existing Acts will provide a common basis for the imposition of inspection charges and is consistent with a Government policy to reduce the volume of legislation which comes before the Parliament. The consolidation of Acts will also facilitate the more efficient administration of the many Acts which are policed by the Minister of Primary Industry.

Main Provisions

The Bill will come into operation on the same day as the Principal Bill and the Export Inspection Charge Collection Bill 1985 (clause 2).
The Bill is divided into eight Parts. Parts II, III, IV, VI and VII amend the Dairy Products (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982, the Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1981, the Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982, the Fish (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1981 and the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1979 respectively. As it will remain necessary to collect charge levied before the new legislation, these Acts will remain in force and charge imposed by the Principal Bill will not be effected under all, except for dried fruits and grain, until a day before the day on which the Principal Bill becomes law (clauses 4, 8 and 12). Charge levied by the Principal Bill will not be enforced under the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1979 and the Dried Fruit (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1981 until the day the Principal Bill comes into operation (clauses 6 and 14).

Part V of the Bill repeals Part X of the Export Control (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982 which relates to the collection of inspection charge for edible oils (clause 10).


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