CUSTOMS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF NUCLEAR HARDWARE) BILL 1985

(Private Senator's Bill)

Date Introduced: 30 May 1985
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator the Hon. Don Chipp

Purpose

To prohibit the importation of nuclear or nuclear related components except where such equipment is necessary to maintain the production of isotopes for medical or industrial use.

Background

Refer to the Digest of the Australian Airspace (Nuclear Weapons Prohibition) Bill 1985.

Main Provisions

Nuclear hardware is defined in clause 4 to mean equipment designed or prepared for use in the enrichment or separation of uranium isotopes; components of nuclear reactors and used fuel rods.

The importation of such hardware is prohibited except for use by the Australian Atomic Energy Commission to maintain its isotope production capacity (clause 6).

Remarks

The Bill is part of a package of 6 anti-nuclear bills introduced by the Australian Democrats. The package comprises:

Australian Airspace (Nuclear Weapons Prohibition) Bill 1985

Australian Waters (Nuclear-Powered Ships Prohibition) Bill 1985

Australian Waters (Nuclear Weapons Prohibition) Bill 1985
Customs (Prohibition of Importation of Nuclear Hardware) Bill 1985

Customs (Prohibition of Exportation of Nuclear Materials) Bill 1985

Nuclear Weapons Prohibitions Bill 1985

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