BASS STRAIT FREIGHT ADJUSTMENT LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1985

Date Introduced: 8 May 1985
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Barry O. Jones, M.P., Minister Representing the Minister for Resources and Energy

Purpose

To amend the Bass Strait Freight Adjustment Levy Act 1984 (the Principal Act) to increase the freight levy on Bass Strait crude oil, and to fix the freight levy as a proportion of the freight allowance component of the Import Parity Price.

Background

Refer to Digest for the Bass Strait Freight Trust Fund Amendment Bill 1985.

Outline

The levy is to be increased in line with rises in coastal shipping costs. From the current rate of $1.26 per kilolitre, the levy will rise to $1.39 per kilolitre from 1 January 1985, and $1.96 per kilolitre from 1 March 1985.

In order to avoid the need for legislation to make future changes to the rate of levy, the levy will be fixed at 65 per cent of the freight allowance component of the Import Parity Price.

Main Provisions

Levy increases are effected by amendments to section 6 of the Principal Act provided by clauses 3 and 4 of the Bill. The clauses are deemed to operate from 1 January 1985 and 1 March 1985 respectively, by clause 2.

The rate of levy is fixed as a proportion of the freight allowance component by the proposed new section 6 (clause 5).

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