CANNED FRUITS LEVY AMENDMENT BILL 1984

Date Introduced: 13 September 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. J.C. Kerin, Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To redefine the term season in so that it is more closely aligned with the actual canning season for deciduous fruits thereby ensuring that one standard rate of levy is applied to all canned deciduous fruit production of a canning season.

Background

The Canned Fruit Levy Act 1979 in conjunction with the Canned Fruits Levy Collection Act 1979 and the Canned Fruits Marketing Act 1979, as subsequently amended, provide statutory arrangements for the marketing of canned fruits.

Existing legislation provides for a calendar year season for the imposition of a levy on the production of canned fruits. Levy revenue is credited to the Australian Canned Fruits Corporation to enable it to perform its functions.

Cannery intake and the canning of apricots begins in early December. Because the calendar year is used as the basis of each season, levy may be imposed on apricots at two different rates for the one canning season.

Main Provision

Clause 4 provides that 'season' is redefined as the period 1 December to 30 November.

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