CUSTOMS TARIFF (ANTI-DUMPING) MISCELLANEOUS
AMENDMENTS BILL 1983

Date Introduced: 7 December 1983
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John J. Brown, M.P., Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Customs Act 1901 and the Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973 to introduce new provisions resulting from the review of Australia's anti-dumping and countervailing legislation.

Background

This Bill complements the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Amendment Bill (No.2) 1983. Refer to Background Notes of Digest for that Bill.

Main Provisions

Clause 6 inserts a new section 214B into the Customs Act 1901 to introduce new powers for the purposes of the Customs Tariff (Anti-Dumping) Act 1975 to enable a Collector of Customs or an officer appointed by him to enter certain premises, and inspect and take copies of certain accounts, books, documents or other records. An authorized officer will be able to require certain persons to attend before him to answer questions and produce documents in relation to goods exported to, or manufactured, produced or sold in Australia.

By Clause 7, the Minister may authorize an officer to convene a meeting of representatives of the Australian industry, who are parties to a complaint of dumping or subsidisation, with a view to ascertaining the basis of undertakings to be sought from exporters to Australia or foreign Governments so that their future export trade will be conducted in a manner avoiding or threatening material injury to an Australian industry or hindering the establishment of an Australian industry.
By clause 9, section 22 of the Industries Assistance Commission Act 1973 will not apply to the Commission's inquiries in respect of anti-dumping and countervailing issues. Such inquiries will relate only to the question of the existence of facts in the anti-dumping or countervailing issues. The policy guidelines of the Industries Assistance Commission Act will not apply.

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