DRIED FRUIT (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1981

Date Introduced: 7 May 1981
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. P.J. Nixon, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To impose charge on dried fruit exports to recover costs associated with export inspections.

Background and Provisions

Following the Review by the so-called "Razor Gang" (Review of Commonwealth Functions) the Government has decided to introduce a program of charges aimed at recovering 50 per cent of the costs of export inspections as part of its "user-pays" principle. Dried fruit and fish are to be the first export items to be affected. It is intended that charges on dried fruit exports will be levied from 1 July 1981 when the Act will come into operation (cl. 2). Clause 5 imposes the charge on dried fruit but makes provisions for exemptions for class(es) of dried fruit specified in the regulations. Clause 6 provides for the rates of charges to be specified in the regulations to a ceiling of $11 per tonne. The charges will be payable by the exporter of dried fruit.

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