GRAIN (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) BILL 1979

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House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To allow charges for the export inspection of the grains of wheat, oats, barley and sorghum.

Background

The export inspections are carried out by State Governments on behalf of the Commonwealth which is billed annually by the States. Any recovery of these costs is a matter for the Commonwealth to decide. This Bill specifies that the exporters of the products in question are to be charged for these services. The rates of charge and classes of grain exempted from the charge are to be prescribed by regulation. The aim is to recover approximately half of total inspection costs in 1979-80. It is proposed that rates of the following order for 1979-80 be suggested to the Governor-General for promulgation in regulations:

- bulk grains, not loaded into shipping containers ... 4.5c per tonne
- bagged grains, not loaded into shipping containers ... 25.0c per tonne
- bulk or bagged grains, loaded into shipping containers ... $5.00 per container

On current export estimates for 1979-80, charges at these rates are estimated to yield $656,000 in a full year.

The collection of the charges to be imposed through this Bill is provided for by the accompanying Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Bill 1979.

Main Provisions

Clause 2 states that the legislation shall come into operation on 1 July 1979.
Clause 5 imposes the charge with the exclusion of grain exempt under the regulations.

Clause 6 provides that rates of charge are to be fixed by regulation and that different rates of charge may be prescribed in respect of different classes of grain.

Clause 7 specifies that the charge is payable by the exporter (including a State or an authority of a State).

Clause 8 states that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of sections 5 and 6.