LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1978

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House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. I. Sinclair, M.P., Minister for Primary Industry

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977 to increase the maximum rates which may be charged on live exports of cattle, buffaloes, sheep, lambs and goats.

Background

This Bill has a similar purpose and is complementary to, the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1978. (See Digest). Apart from the fact that this charge is on exports of live cattle, buffaloes, sheep, lambs and goats rather than a levy on slaughter there is only one difference between the two Bills. In this case there is no component of the export charge equivalent to the meat processing research component of the slaughter levy since such a charge would be inappropriate for live animal exports. The effect of dropping out this charge in combination with parallel charges in both Bills has been to increase the residual component maximum for the administration of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation in this Bill by the amount of the meat processing research component in the live-stock slaughter levy. Government policy is, however, to retain parallel operative rates for this component.

Provisions

The proposed maximum rates for the levy components provided for by the Bill and the previous rates levied are:

Cattle and Buffaloes

- meat research from 25 cents to 50 cents (clauses 3(a) and 6(a)).
- Total for the above component plus administration AMLC from 75 cents to $1.50 (clauses 3(b) and 6(b)).
Sheep, Lambs and Goats

- meat research from 3-1/3 cents to 6-2/3 cents (clauses 4(a), 5(a) and 7(a)).
- Total for the above component plus administration AMLC from 7-1/2 cents to 15 cents (clauses 4(b), 5(b) and 7(b)).

The Act will be operational from the day it receives Royal Assent (clause 2).

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