HORSE DISEASE RESPONSE LEVY BILL 2011

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments and New Clauses to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig)
AMENDMENTS TO HORSE DISEASE RESPONSE LEVY BILL 2011

OUTLINE

The proposed Government amendment to the Horse Disease Response Levy Bill 2011 comprises a single minor amendment, to the definition of ‘worm treatment’ in Clause 3.

The amendment will:

1. clearly identify the products that will be captured by the levy;

2. clarify that the levy will not apply to multi-purpose worm treatments that have instructions that the product can be used to treat other animals, such as cattle, sheep and goats, as well as horses; and

3. clarify that the levy will apply to products that have instructions for use for horses and/or other species within the horse family (Equidae).

The need for the amendment was identified following discussions with affected industries, that is, the Animal Health Alliance and the Veterinary Manufacturers and Distributors Association Limited. These organisations provided advice that the original definition of worm treatment was too broad.

The amendment was prepared in consultation with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The amendment has been assessed as having no financial impact on the Australian Government or affected parties.
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NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Amendment (1)
This amendment omits “both” and substitutes “all” in paragraph 1 to give effect to the addition of a new paragraph 3(c) in the definition of ‘worm treatment’.

Clause 3 currently refers to paragraph 3(a) and paragraph 3(b). The new paragraph adds paragraph 3(c).

Amendment (2)
This amendment inserts a new definition of `worm treatment’ into clause 3. The amendment omits paragraph 3(b) and substitutes it with new paragraphs 3(b) and 3(c).

This new definition of worm treatment explains that the levy will apply to a veterinary chemical product (as defined in the Agvet Codes) for which all of the following conditions are met: the product is a registered chemical product or a registered listed chemical product under those Codes; there are instructions for the use of the product that are approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority under those Codes or that accord with an established standard for the product under those Codes, if the product is a registered listed chemical product; and those instructions are for the use of the product for treatment of horses for internal parasites and are not for use of the product for treatment of other animals, except other members of the horse family (Equidae), for internal parasites.