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AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND LIVE-STOCK (QUOTAS) AMENDMENT
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy,
the Hon Simon Crean MP)

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OUTLINE

1. The Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990 (the Act) empowers the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC) to operate quota mechanisms on Australian meat and livesheep:
 - a) where restrictions on exports of meat to particular countries are imposed by either Australia or the importing country, or, in the opinion of the Corporation, will be imposed; or
 - b) where, in relation to live sheep and lambs, the AMLC considers it in the best interests of the industry to do so.
2. Section 9 of the Act provides that the Act, unless sooner repealed, shall cease to be in force at the expiration of three years after the date of its commencement. The three years expires on 28 December 1993. The Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Amendment Bill 1993 proposes to extend the operation of the Act for a further three years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

3. The proposal put forward will not affect Government expenditure and will have no staffing implications for the Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 – Short title

4. This clause provides that the Act will be called the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Amendment Act 1993 and that in this Bill, "Principal Act" means the Australian Meat and Live-stock (Quotas) Act 1990.

Clause 2 – Commencement

5. This clause provides for the Bill to come into effect on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 – Sunset clause

6. This clause amends section 9 of the Principal Act to extend the operation of the Act until the end of 28 December 1996. Section 9 currently provides that, unless sooner repealed, the Act shall cease to be in force at the expiration of three years after the date of its commencement. The three years expires on 28 December 1993.



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