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Australian Meat and Live-Stock Corporation  
Amendment Bill 1981

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industry,  
the Hon. Peter Nixon, M.P.)

### OUTLINE

This Bill is designed to increase the penalties currently provided for in the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977 for cases where a licensed exporter exports meat or livestock in contravention of a condition of his licence. The new penalties will be in line with those being specified in other legislation governing exports of meat and livestock.

### EXPLANATION

#### NO. OF CLAUSE

- 1 Citation.
- 2 The new provisions will come into operation on date of Royal Assent.
- 3 The existing sub-section 50(1) of the Principal Act, which specifies a penalty of \$2,000 for contravention of licence conditions, is to be repealed and replaced by three sub-sections.

The new sub-section (1) provides that a licensed meat or livestock exporter who contravenes a condition of his licence shall be guilty of an indictable offence and liable to a fine of up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. However, the new sub-section (1A) provides that where appropriate, it will be possible to proceed against an exporter who contravened a condition of his licence by summary jurisdiction.

For such cases, the new sub-section (1B) specifies lesser penalties, viz., a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for up to 1 year or both.

