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EGGS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION
AMENDMENT BILL 1984

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the
Minister for Primary Industry)

OUTLINE

The Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Amendment Bill 1984 will amend the Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1982 for the purpose of reflecting changes to export inspection practices in relation to eggs and egg products to be introduced towards the end of this year or early in 1985 that affect the collection of the export inspection charge on eggs and egg products.

Without this Bill, there would be an expected loss in revenue to the Commonwealth during the remainder of 1984-85 of approximately \$40,000 as costs of inspection could only be recovered in respect of the very small proportion of product that was physically inspected and examined prior to export.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title, etc

1. This clause provides for the short title of the legislation and for reference in the Bill to the Act that will be amended as "the Principal Act" for the sake of brevity.

Clause 2: Commencement

2. The commencement of the legislation on a day to be fixed by Proclamation allows for the coming into effect of the Act at the same time as the orders to be made pursuant to the Export Control Act 1982 that will provide for the changes in export inspection practice that affect the collection of the export inspection charge.

Clause 3: Interpretation

3. Significant amendments to the definitions of words and expressions used for the purposes of the legislation as set out in section 3 of the Principal Act follow:
 - . "eggs inspected for export" is defined to mean eggs in respect of which a prescribed export permit is issued - this has the effect of moving the point at which charge is imposed from the giving of notice that export of the dairy products is intended to the granting of permission for export to take place, and
 - . "prescribed export permit" defines the document that will be the basis for the collection of charge.

Clause 4: Repeal of section 4

4. The section to be repealed by this clause requires inspection and examination of eggs and egg products intended for export and envisages actual inspection and examination and the procedure required by section 4 to be followed will only be able to be applied to those products that are actually inspected and examined. When the new inspection practices come into operation, many eggs and egg products will not have been so inspected and examined before export but will instead have been subject to other systems for ensuring that export standards are achieved.

Clause 5: Date due for payment

5. In accordance with the effect of clause 4, this clause will provide that charge in relation to eggs and egg products is to be paid at the time of the grant of the permit for the export of the goods.

Clause 6: Application

6. The effect of this clause will be to provide that charge will be payable after the commencement of the Act in relation to eggs that, before the commencement of the Act, were the subject of a notice furnished in pursuance of regulations made for the purpose of section 6 of the Export Control Act. That notice, up to the time of the commencement of the new Act, was the basis for the imposition of the export inspection charge.