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EXCISE TARIFF VALIDATION BILL 1987

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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### OUTLINE

The Excise Tariff Validation Bill 1987 provides for the validation until 31 December 1987 of duties collected in pursuance of Excise Tariff Proposals No. 6 (1987).

Under section 114 of the Excise Act 1901 the collection of duties in pursuance of Excise Tariff Proposals is protected against legal challenge for 12 months or until the close of the session of Parliament, whichever occurs first.

With the calling of the election, the introduction and passage of a Validation Bill is a necessary machinery measure to protect the collection of the duties which have been introduced by the Proposals.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

Excise Tariff Proposals No. 6 (1987) increased the duties on locally produced petroleum products because of a fall in the price of indigenous crude oil under the Government's Import Parity Pricing Policy. The change in the level of excise was designed to offset the changes in revenue from crude oil excise and royalty.

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### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE BILL

A Bill for an Act to provide for the validation of certain collections of duties of Excise

Clause 1 - Citation - Excise Tariff Validation Act  
1987

Clause 2 - Date of Commencement - the date of Royal  
Assent

Clause 3 - Validation of collections of duties  
pursuant to Excise Tariff Proposals.

This clause provides that all duties of Excise demanded or collected (whether before or after the commencement of the Act) on or before 31 December 1987 pursuant to Excise Tariff Proposals introduced into the House of Representatives on 29 May 1987 shall be deemed to have been lawfully imposed and lawfully demanded or collected.