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Honey (Export Inspection Charge) Bill 1984

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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This Bill provides for a charge to apply to honey inspected under the provisions of the Export Control Act 1982.

Provision is made for the imposition of charges and for rates of charge to be prescribed subject to a maximum of \$24.00 per tonne. Different rates of charge may be prescribed for honey from different registered export establishments and/or different classes of honey.

It is anticipated that from 1 October 1984 a new export inspection regime for honey will come into operation that will provide for a three tier inspection regime; reduced inspection, normal inspection and tightened inspection, depending on the export inspection performance of the establishment from which exports occur.

Exports of honey will be charged accordingly and it is expected that the relevant rates will be in the order of \$2 to \$3 for reduced inspection, \$4 to \$5 for normal inspection and \$11 to \$12 for tightened inspection. These rates are expected to recover 50% of the costs of inspection under each inspection regime.

The maximum rate of charge of \$24 per tonne is twice the expected maximum operative rate of charge under the new regime.

The Bill includes provision for exemptions from the charge to be made in regulations. The Bill also specifies by whom the charge is payable.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

<u>No. of Clause</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
1	Citation
2	Date of commencement
3	Act to be incorporated with associated Collection Act
4	Provides a definition for "charge"
5(1)	Imposes a charge on honey inspected for export
(2)	Provides for prescription of exemptions from the charge
6(1)	Provides for the rates of charge to be prescribed
(2)	Provides for prescription of different rates for different classes of honey arising from differences in standard of registered export establishments
(3)	Provides for the maximum rate of charge which can apply to honey
7	Makes the charge payable by the person who furnishes the export notice
8	Provides for regulations relating to the charge, exemptions from the charge and rates of charge

