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Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Bill 1982

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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



## OUTLINE

### Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Bill 1982

This Bill is a parallel measure to the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Amendment Bill 1982. Its main purpose is to increase maximum rates of export charge that may be prescribed to finance the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation (AMLC) and the National Cattle Disease Eradication program.

The current maxima do not enable fixing of charges which would provide sufficient funds to maintain AMLC activities at levels expected by industry and within its powers, or to cover industry contributions to the Disease Eradication program.

Provision is also made in the Bill to replace references to the Meat and Live-stock Exporters and Abattoir Operators Consultative Group by references to the Live-stock Exporters Consultative Group. This change is necessary in consequence of the establishment of a separate Consultative Group for livestock exporters.

## Explanation

### Clause 1 - Short title, & c

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### Clause 2 - Commencement

The amending Act is to come into force upon Royal Assent.

### Clause 3 - Interpretation

Replaces the definition of "Exporter and Abattoir Consultative Group" by the definition of "Live-stock Exporters Consultative Group". This amendment is consequential on the creation of a separate Consultative Group for livestock exporters, who were previously covered by the first-mentioned Group.

### Clause 4 - Rate of charge on export of Cattle

Paragraph (a) raises the maximum rate leviable for cattle disease eradication from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head of cattle exported. Paragraph (b) raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component of the charge on cattle from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per head.

### Clause 5 - Rate of charge on export of Sheep

Raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

### Clause 6 - Rate of charge on export of Lambs

Raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

### Clause 7 - Rate of charge on export of Buffaloes

Paragraph (a) raises the maximum rate leviable for cattle disease eradication from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per head. Paragraph (b) raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per head.

### Clause 8 - Rate of charge on export of Goats

Raises the limit which governs the size of the AMLC component from 15 cents to 30 cents per head.

### Clause 9 - Regulations

Substitutes the Live-stock Exporters Consultative Group in place of the Exporter and Abattoir Consultative Group as a body to be consulted by the AMLC before recommending variations in charge to be prescribed by regulation. This change reflects the setting up of a separate Consultative Group for livestock exporters.