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LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by Authority of the Minister for
Primary Industry, the Hon John Kerin, MP)

OUTLINE

The purpose of the Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Bill 1985, which amends the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977, is to:

- (1) remove reference to the Australian Meat Research Committee and substitute in its place reference to the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation (AMLRDC)
- (2) alter the process by which the industry is consulted prior to making recommendations to the Minister for varying the rate of export charge
- (3) increase the prescribed maximum rates for
 - . the components of the export charge which raise funds to finance research and development
 - . and the total of the components which raise funds to finance research and development and finance the operations of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation.

Under the proposed amendments, the consultative process is to be through the AMLRDC's annual general meeting. Any proposal of the AMLRDC to make a recommendation to the Minister for varying the rate of export charge must first be put before an annual general meeting. An interim consultative arrangement is included to permit the AMLRDC to make a recommendation to vary the rate of export charge pending the first annual general meeting after consultation with specified industry organisations.

The proposed amendments will have no impact on Government expenditure or revenue.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1: Short title, &c.

1. Specifies mode of citation and identifies the Principal Act.

Clause 2: Commencement

2. The provisions of the Bill, other than sub-clause 9(2), will come into effect on a date fixed by Proclamation for the commencement of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985.
3. Sub-clause 9(2) will be brought into effect by Proclamation on a later date when the first annual general meeting of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation is held.

Clause 3: Interpretation

4. This clause inserts the definition of the "Research and Development Corporation".

Clause 4: Rate of charge on export of cattle

5. This clause increases the maximum rates chargeable on the export of cattle for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 50 cents/head to \$1.00/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from \$3.00/head to \$6.00/head.

Clause 5: Rate of charge on export of sheep

6. This clause increases the maximum rates chargeable on the export of sheep for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 6 2/3 cents/head to 13 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 60 cents/head.

Clause 6: Rate of charge on export of lambs

7. This clause increases the maximum rates chargeable on the export of lambs for:
 - . meat industry research purposes from 6 2/3 cents/head to 13 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 60 cents/head.

Clause 7: Rate of charge on export of buffaloes

8. This clause increases the maximum rates chargeable on the export of buffaloes for:
- . meat industry research purposes from 50 cents/head to \$1.00/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from \$3.00/head to \$6.00/head.

Clause 8: Rate of charge on export of goats

9. This clause increases the maximum rates chargeable on the export of goats for:
- . meat industry research purposes from 6 2/3 cents/head to 13 cents/head, and
 - . the total of research and Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation purposes from 30 cents/head to 60 cents/head.

Clause 9: Regulations

10. This clause amends Section 13 of the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977 (the "Principal Act").
11. Sub-clause 9(1) omits from Section 13 of the Principal Act reference to the "Australian Meat Research Committee", and substitutes the "Research and Development Corporation". This consequential amendment is necessary because the Australian Meat Research Committee will be abolished on the enactment of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Legislation (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Act 1985 and replaced by the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation.
12. On proclamation, sub-clause 9(2) will introduce the arrangements whereby any proposal of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation to make a recommendation to the Minister for varying the rate of export charge must first be put before the annual general meeting of industry for endorsement and have not been defeated. In making a recommendation to the Minister the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation will be required to inform the Minister of the voting of the annual general meeting on the proposal to change the rate of charge.

13. Until sub-clause 9(2) is proclaimed, the existing consultative arrangements, as amended by sub-clause 9(1), will continue to apply.

Clause 10: Savings

14. This provision ensures that the existing regulations made to raise funds for meat industry research will continue in force after this clause comes into operation until regulations are next amended to vary the levy imposed to raise funds for research.

