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LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT BILL 1986

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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

OUTLINE

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The Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Bill 1986, proposes an increase in the maximum export charge which can be applied for live-stock research purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Research and Development Corporation Act 1985.

The Bill proposes an increase in the maximum export charge to be applied for live-stock research from 13 cents to 20 cents per head for sheep, lambs and goats and \$1.00 to \$2.00 per head for cattle and buffaloes. This will increase the maximum rate to about 0.5% of the industry's current Gross Value of Production (GVP). The operative, or actual, levy rate remains unchanged and will not be affected by this amendment.

The Government stated in February 1985 its policy of encouraging industries to increase their contributions to research to 0.5 per cent of GVP within 5 years, and that the Commonwealth will match the industry contribution to that level of expenditure. This amendment is consistent with those objectives.

This amendment will facilitate action on any request by the industry for an operative rate increase, made by Regulation, and avoid delays caused by the pressure of legislative business in the Parliament at the time the request is made.

No additional budgetary outlays will result from the amendment itself. However, the Bill would enable the Government to agree to an industry request for an operative rate increase above the current maximum, which would then generate additional matching budgetary outlays. The current operative rates are 5 cents per head for sheep, lambs and goats and 50 cents per head for cattle and buffaloes.

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NOTES ON CLAUSES

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CLAUSES

EXPLANATION

1. Sub-clause (1) provides for the Short Title of the Act to be the Live-stock Export Charge Amendment Act 1986.

Sub-clause (2) establishes that references to the Principal Act are references to the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977.
2. Provides for the Bill to come into operation on the day of Royal Assent.
3. Increases the maximum export charge allowable under the Act from \$1.00 per head to \$2.00 per head for cattle.
4. Increases the maximum export charge allowable under the Act from 13 cents per head to 20 cents per head for sheep.
5. Increases the maximum export charge allowable under the Act from 13 cents per head to 20 cents per head for lambs.
6. Increases the maximum export charge allowable under the Act from \$1.00 per head to \$2.00 per head for buffaloes.
7. Increases the maximum export charge allowable under the Act from 13 cents per head to 20 cents per head for goats.