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LIVE-STOCK EXPORT CHARGE AMENDMENT (AAHC) BILL 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy,
the Hon John Anderson MP)



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GENERAL OUTLINE

1. The purpose of this Bill is to allow for amounts raised under the *Livestock Export Charge Act 1977* to be paid to the Australian Animal Health Council. It sets a maximum levy rate of 2 cents per head of sheep and lambs exported.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

2. Payments to the Australian Animal Health Council Limited will be drawn from the levy arrangements established by the Bill and have no impact on the Commonwealth Budget.

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short Title

3. This clause provides for the Act to be called the *Livestock Export Charge Amendment (AAHC) Act 1996*.

Clause 2 - Commencement

4. This clause provides for the Act to come into effect on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Schedules

5. This clause provides that the Act referred to in the schedule is amended as set out in the Schedule and the other items in the Schedule have effect according to their terms.

SCHEDULE 1- Amendment of the Live-stock Export Charge Act 1977

Item 1: Subsection 4(1)

6. This subsection explains that AAHC means the Australian Animal Health Council Ltd.

Item 2: At the end of section 8

7. This proposed amendment inserts paragraph 8(d) which provides for a levy rate of 0.33 cents with a maximum rate of levy of 2 cents per head for payment to the AAHC.

Item 3: At the end of section 9

8. This proposed amendment inserts paragraph 9(d) which provides for a levy rate of 0.33 cents with a maximum rate of levy of 2 cents per head for payment to the AAHC.

Item 4: Subsection 13(2)

9. This clause amends subsection 13(2) to exclude the Australian Animal Health Council levy rates which the Governor-General may prescribe by making regulations on the basis of recommendations made by the Meat Industry Council.

Item 5: At the end of section 13

10. This adds subsection 13(5) and 13(6) to provide that the Governor-General must take into consideration the amount of levy that is specified by the body that the Minister declares to determine the rate of levy payable to the Council.

Item 6: Application

11. This item provides for the levy charges in the Bill to come into effect on or after 1 July 1996.