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Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge)
Validation Bill 1983

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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

Outline

LIVE-STOCK SLAUGHTER (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) VALIDATION BILL 1983

The purpose of this Bill is to enact legislation to validate the payment and collection of amounts under the Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1979 and the Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1979.

The Charge Act was amended by Part XVII of the Export Control (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1982 with effect from 1 January 1983. The title of the first Act and the definition of "abattoir" in section 4 of that Act were amended to reflect the repeal of the Exports (Meat) Regulations by the Export Control (General) Regulations made under the Export Control Act 1982, also with effect from 1 January 1983.

The new definition of an abattoir in the Charge Act requires that premises used for the carrying on of operations in connection with the slaughter and dressing of animals from which meat intended for export is obtained be prescribed. In the event such premises were not prescribed. Fees within the maximum rates of charge set under section 6 of the Charge Act and prescribed by regulation have continued to be collected since 1 January 1983 notwithstanding the failure to prescribe premises. Those maximums and the operative rates of charge prescribed in regulation 3 of the Charge Regulations were increased in the context of the Budget with effect from 1 October 1983.

The Charge Regulations will be amended to prescribe premises that are registered premises within the meaning of the Export Control Act 1982 for the purposes of the definition of "abattoir" in section 4 of the Charge Act before the Bill receives the Royal Assent.

The Bill will overcome technical deficiencies in the legislation which have become apparent.

Explanation

**No. of
Clause**

1. Citation
2. Date of commencement to be the day on which the Bill receives the Royal Assent.
3. (1) Defines terms for the purposes of sub-clauses (2) and (3).
(2) Validates payments and collections of amounts under the Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1979 and the Live-stock Slaughter (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1979.
(3) Provides that penalties for non-payment of a charge shall not apply in respect of a charge which would not, in the absence of the Act, have been imposed.

