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Clause 1: Short title etc.

Clause 2: Provides for the Amendment Act to become operative from the date of the Royal Assent. This has the effect of the review provisions set out in Clause 6 becoming available as early as possible.

Clause 3: Extends to 31 December 1978 the period within which the sale of nitrogenous substances for use, or the use of nitrogenous substances, in Australia as fertilizer will continue to attract subsidy at the present rate of \$60.00 per tonne of nitrogen content.

Clause 4: Re-expresses existing section 14 of the Principal Act to state more directly the Minister's power to approve or refuse payment of subsidy. Reason for amendment is to enable introduction of a suitable review provision. (See Clause 6, para. (e)).

Clause 5: Provides for security, when required from a producer or importer, to be in an amount to be determined by the Minister. The reason for the amendment is to enable introduction of a suitable review provision (See Clause 6, para. (h)).

Clause 6: Provides for administrative decisions affecting eligibility for, or amount payable as, bounty to be reviewable by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Clause 7: By the previous Amendment Act section referred to, subsidy at \$60.00 per tonne was applied in respect of sales or usage before 1 January 1978. In view of extension, by Clause 3, of period of application of the Principal Act for a further year, that section requires amendment to refer to sales or usage before 1 January 1979.