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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Supplementary Order Paper

Wednesday, 13 August 1997

TRANS-TASMAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION BILL

*Proposed Amendments*

Rt Hon MIKE MOORE, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

*Schedule 2:* To insert, after the item relating to the Arms Act 1983, the following item:

“Consumer Information Standards (Country of Origin Clothing and Footwear Labelling) Regulations 1992, to the extent that they deal with any requirement described in section 10 (2) applicable to the sale of any articles of clothing or footwear”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Supplementary Order Paper will exempt the Country of Origin Labelling Regulations from the bill. This exemption will maintain Trans-Tasman equity, by maintaining the same labelling requirements for imported Australian clothing and footwear as apply to such goods manufactured in New Zealand.

Exemption of Country of Origin Labelling Regulations from mutual recognition also avoids New Zealand being seen to recognise an Australian regime that is highly questionable in terms of its compliance with GATT rules. It reinforces New Zealand's fair and free trade stance, and encourages Australian authorities to reconsider their GATT and WTO compliance.

