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DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES ACT 1924

DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

The Dried Fruits Export Charges Act provides for a charge to be imposed on all dried currants, sultanas and raisins exported from Australia. The purpose of the charge is to fund the Australian Dried Fruits Corporation and the maximum rate of charge set by the Act is \$15 per tonne.

The Minister has accepted a Corporation recommendation that was requested by the Australian Dried Fruits Association that the rate of charge be increased from its present operative rate of \$7 per tonne to \$10 per tonne.

The additional money raised will be used to fund a wide range of promotional activity and will provide the Corporation with the financial capacity to be less dependent on types of promotion that attract Government support.

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