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GRAIN (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION ACT 1979

GRAIN (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION REGULATIONS
(AMENDMENT)

The Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1979 provides for the Governor-General to make regulations necessary or convenient to giving effect to the Act.

Regulation 2 of the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Regulations defines a "container system unit". Grain shipped for export in such units attracts an export inspection charge. It is proposed to delete this definition from the Regulations.

The deletion of the definition is a consequence of the insertion of definitions of a "container systems unit" and a "container" in the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1979. The definitions were inserted by amendment to the Act which took effect from 21 September 1983.

The definitions were inserted in the Act to clarify the definition of a "container system unit" previously contained in the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Regulations and to enable a separate maximum rate of charge to be set in the Act for each mode of shipment. Previously only one maximum rate of charge applying to all modes of shipment was contained in the Act and effective rates of charge were specified by regulation for grain transported in three modes: bulk, containerised and bagged. The previous definition in the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Regulations was deleted by amendment which took effect on 1 October 1983.

Section 3 of the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1979 provides for the Grain (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1979 to be incorporated and read as one with the Act. Deletion of the definition of a "container system unit" from the Collection Regulations will provide consistency in the definitions applying to both the Charge and Collection Acts and Regulations.