

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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MEAT EXPORT CHARGE ACT 1984

MEAT EXPORT CHARGE REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Section 8 of the Meat Export Charge Act 1984 (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations not inconsistent with the Act prescribing matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

Under paragraph 5(1)(a) of the Act a charge is imposed on the making of applications for the grant of export permits authorizing the export of meat or meat products from Australia.

Under paragraph 5(1)(b) a charge is imposed on the making of applications for the issue of certificates under section 23 of the Export Control Act 1982. Section 23 provides that where the Secretary is satisfied that the government, or an authority of the government, of a country other than Australia requires a certification as to any matter relating to goods before the import of goods of that kind from Australia to that country will be permitted, the Secretary may, if the Secretary is satisfied as to that matter, issue such a certificate to a person who wishes to export goods of that kind to that country.

Subsection 6(1) of the Act establishes the rate of charge on the making of an application of the kind referred to in paragraphs 5(1)(a) or (b) of the Act to be an amount prescribed but not exceeding 4.8 cents per kilogram of meat to which the application relates.

The Meat Export Charge Regulations (Amendment) (the Regulations) amend the Meat Export Charge Regulations to change the amount of charge referred to in subsection 6(1) of the Act as prescribed in the Meat Export Charge Regulations, from 2.4 cents to 2.9 cents.

The Regulations commenced on 1 July 1988.

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