

Imported Food Control Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 1) 1999 No. 280

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1999 No. 280

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Imported Food Control Act 1992

Imported Food Control Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 1)

Section 43 of the Imported Food Control Act 1992 (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with the Act, prescribing matters required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

The Imported Food Control Regulations (the Regulations) prescribe what fees are payable for chargeable services in relation to inspection and analysis of imported foods under the Act and when these fees must be paid.

The purpose of the Imported Food Control Amendment Regulations 1999 is to incorporate the assessment of information for inclusion in a food control certificate, and inspection of food, as a single chargeable service under the Act in instances when both activities are performed in respect to a consignment of imported food. This amendment will align charging arrangements within the Imported Food Programme with those applicable for equivalent services performed in respect to other cargo of general quarantine concern.

Regulation 1 amends the Regulations as follows.

Sub-regulation 1 names the Regulations the Imported Food Control Amendment Regulations 1999 (No 1).

Sub-regulation 2 provides that the Regulations commence on 1 December 1999.

Sub-regulation 3 provides that Schedule 1 amends the Imported Food Control Regulations.

Schedule 1

Item 1. This item provides for the naming of the Regulations.

Item 2. This item provides for assessment of information for inclusion in a food control certificate to be a prescribed chargeable service under subsection 36(11) of the Act.

Item 3. This item provides for the incorporation of food inspection and assessment of information for inclusion in a food control certificate as a single chargeable service under the Act in instances when both activities are performed in respect to a consignment of food.

Item 4. This item provides for the incorporation of food inspection and assessment of information for inclusion in a food control certificate as a single chargeable service under the Act in instances when both activities are performed in respect to a consignment of food to which sub-regulation 5(3) of the Regulations does not apply.