

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Select Legislative Instrument 2009 No. 50

Subject - *National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act 1998*

*Primary Industries Levies and Charges (National Residue Survey Levies)
Amendment Regulations 2009 (No. 1)*

The *National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act 1998* imposes levies under Schedule 3 in relation to cattle transactions and under Schedule 15 in relation to sheep, lamb and goat transactions. Funds corresponding to the amounts of revenue raised under the Schedules are appropriated to the National Residue Survey (NRS) for recovery of costs incurred by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in monitoring and testing residues and contaminants in food production.

The Regulations amend Regulation 27 and Regulation 239B to the *Primary Industries Levies and charges (National Residue Survey Levies) Regulations 1998*. The amendment exempts the imposition of a levy on cattle, sheep, lambs and goats sold during the week of 23-27 February 2009 where the proceeds of the sale were used to aid victims of the 2009 Victorian bushfires and Queensland floods.

The Regulations implement recommendations agreed to by the NRS agency.

The Regulations are a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The Regulations commenced on 1 April 2009.