

Meat Chicken Levy Regulations (Amendment) 1992 No. 144

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1992 No. 144

Issued by Authority of the Minister of State for Primary Industries and Energy

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977

Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Regulations (Amendment)

Australian Wool Corporation Act 1991

Australian Wool Corporation Regulations (Amendment)

Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Act 1986

Dairy Produce Levy Regulations (Amendment)

Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964

Livestock Slaughter Levy Regulations (Amendment)

Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969

Meat Chicken Levy Regulations (Amendment)

Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971

Pig Slaughter Levy Regulations (Amendment)

Relevant sections of the above Acts provide that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Acts and, in particular, provide for a levy (or payment in the case of cattle and wool) for exotic disease purposes. Relevant sections are as follows:

Section 52 of the Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977

Section 94 of the Australian Wool Corporation Act 1991

Section 14 of the Dairy Produce Levy (No. 1) Act 1986

Section 8 of the Live-stock Slaughter Levy Act 1964

Section 11 of the Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969

Section 8 of the Pig Slaughter Levy Act 1971

The Exotic Animal Disease Control Act 1989 establishes the Exotic Animal Disease Preparedness Consultative Council (EXANDIS) and provides financial assistance for purposes related to the control and eradication of exotic animal diseases.

The financial assistance is provided through a trust account which receives annual industry contributions of approximately \$750,000 with expenditure of industry contributions from the account being matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$750,000 by the Commonwealth.

It is necessary to prescribe by regulation the operative EXANDIS levy rates for 1992-93. The Acts provide that before making regulations prescribing such rates, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any recommendations made to the Minister by those members of EXANDIS nominated by the National Farmers' Federation (NFF). These recommendations have been received.

The attached table shows the section of each Act relevant to the proposed levies, the amount of each proposed levy payment as recommended and the maximum rates as specified in the relevant levy Acts.

All of the proposed Regulations, which would implement the recommended rates, are to commence on 1 July 1992.

ATTACHMENT

PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION RATES 1992-93

1. EXANDIS CONTRIBUTION VIA LEVY

<u>LEGISLATION</u>	<u>PROPOSED LEVY</u>	<u>SPECIFIED MAXIMUM</u>
<u>Dairy Produce Levy</u> <u>(No. 1) Act 1986</u> (subsection 7(4A))	0.042 (cent/kg milk fat)	0.066
<u>Live-stock Slaughter</u> <u>Levy Act 1964</u> (section 6)	Buffaloes 3.0(cent/head) Sheep 0.1(") Lambs 0.1(") Goats 0.1(")	Nil
<u>Meat Chicken Levy</u> <u>Act 1969</u> (paragraph 7(1)(b))	0.02(cent/meat chicken)	0.05
<u>Pig Slaughter Levy</u> <u>Act 1971</u> (paragraph 6(1)(c))	1.0(cent/head)	1.5

2. EXANDIS CONTRIBUTION VIA DIRECT PAYMENT

<u>LEGISLATION</u>	<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u> \$
<u>Australian Meat &</u> <u>Livestock Corp'n.</u> <u>Act 1977</u> (subsection 34A(1))	Cattle/calves	254,265
<u>Australian Wool</u> <u>Corporation Act</u> <u>1991</u> (subsection 26(1))	Wool	204,595