

# **Meat and Live-stock Industry Regulations (Amendment) 1995 No. 413**

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **STATUTORY RULES 1995 No. 413**

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*Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1995*

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The *Meat and Live-stock Industry Act 1995* (the Act), which commenced on 1 July 1995, established the Meat Industry Council and replaced the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Corporation Act 1977*, the *Australian Meat and Live-stock Industry Selection Committee Act 1984* and the *Meat Research Corporation Act 1985*.

Under subsection 204(1) of the Act, the Commonwealth's matching payments to the Meat Research Corporation during a particular financial year, in respect of the Corporation's research and development activities, are limited to an amount equal to 0.5 per cent of the gross value of production of the industry, as determined by the Minister, for that financial year.

The regulations provide for the Minister to determine the gross value of production of the meat and live-stock industry for a particular financial year. These provisions were formerly contained in regulations made under the *Meat Research Corporation Act 1985*.

The Minister's determination, based on a formula which has been applied generally in regulations for other primary industry research and development bodies, is an average taken over three financial years - the particular financial year, the preceding financial year and the financial year immediately before that preceding financial year.

Under the regulations, the gross value of live-stock production for a financial year is derived from the figures supplied by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Research Economics (ABARE), either as an estimate, where final figures are not yet available from the ABARE for that financial year, or as the gross value of livestock production where the ABARE has published its figures for that financial year.

The value of live-stock production for a financial year, for the purposes of the regulations, is the sum of the values of specified commodities produced by the meat and live-stock industry in that year, namely cattle, sheep, lambs and goats slaughtered: cattle, sheep, lambs and goats exported live; and by-products such as sheepskins from which the wool has been removed and hides produced. These are the commodities from which the meat and live-stock industry's contribution to the activities of the Meat Research Corporation is drawn in the form of levies or charges.

Details of the regulations are as follows:

Regulation 1 states that the Meat and Live-stock Industry Regulations are amended as set out in these regulations.

The Note advises that the regulations will commence on gazettal, in accordance with section 48 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*.

Regulation 2 inserts a definition of the abbreviation 'ABARE' to assist in the interpretation of the regulations.

Regulation 3 inserts new Part 6A - Gross Value of Production - which prescribes the manner in which the Minister is to determine the amount of the gross value of live-stock production for the meat. and livestock industry for a financial year.