

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES ACT 1924

DRIED FRUITS EXPORT CHARGES REGULATIONS-AMENDMENT

The Dried Fruits Export Charges Act provides for a charge to be imposed on all dried currants, sultanas and raisins exported from Australia. The purpose of the charge is to fund the Australian Dried Fruits Corporation.

The Corporation has recommended to the Minister for Primary Industry that due to cost increases since the current rate was established in 1976, and a marked decrease in revenue last year, the charge for dried vine fruit should be increased from the present operative rate of \$4.50 per tonne of dried vine fruit exported to the maximum allowable under the Act, that is, \$7.00 per tonne. The Minister has accepted the Corporation's recommendation.

Consequently it is proposed to repeal the regulation specifying the current operative rate, in which case the new operative rate would automatically become the maximum rate of charge under the Act, that is, \$7.00 per tonne. The change would have effect on and from 1 May 1982.