EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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EGGS (EXPORT INSPECTION CHARGE) COLLECTION REGULATIONS

The Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Collection Act 1982 (the Act) (Act No. 15, Assented to on 15 April 1982) provides for the Government to collect charges imposed by the Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Act 1982. These charges are aimed at recovering approximately fifty percent of the cost of the Government's inspection program for eggs exported from Australia.

Section 6 of the Act provides for the recovery of the amount of charge that is due for payment and also for the recovery of the charge and an amount payable by way of penalty where payment of the charge has not been made by the due date. Section 11 enables regulations to be made with respect to the manner of payment of the charge, the remission or refund of charge in specified circumstances, the keeping of records, the furnishing of returns, the form of warrant relating to access to premises and penalties not exceeding $200.

The proposed regulations are similar to other collection regulations already promulgated for meat, grains, dried fruit and fish. They provide the mechanism for the collection of the charge provided for in the Eggs (Export Inspection Charge) Regulations.

Details of the proposed regulations are:

Regulation 1 - citation

Regulation 2 - commencement date of 1 January 1983

Regulation 3 - interpretations

Regulation 4 - provides for the conditions and restrictions specified in the Exports (Dairy Produce) Regulations as in force on 31 December 1982 to be specified matters which have to be certified on an export notice

Regulation 5 - provides for a copy of a certified notice to be served either by personal delivery or by post

Regulation 6 - establishes the place at which the charge shall be paid

Regulation 7 - provides for a return to be furnished and prescribes the details which must be included in the return