

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 1983 No.169

Issued by the authority of the Attorney-General

EXTRADITION (REPUBLIC OF ITALY) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

These regulations are made pursuant to sections 10 and 31 of the Extradition (Foreign States) Act 1966.

The regulations give effect to Australia's obligations under Article 36(2)(b) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol amending the Single Convention. That Article deems the offences relating to narcotics referred to in the Convention to be included in any extradition treaty in force between States Parties to the Convention. Australia and the Republic of Italy are both Parties to the Convention as amended.

Both countries are also parties to a bilateral treaty on extradition which entered into force on 9 May 1976 the text of which is set out in the Schedule to the Extradition (Republic of Italy) Regulations.

Although the bilateral treaty makes offences in relation to narcotic drugs extraditable these regulations are being made so that obligations under the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs are seen to be implemented in respect of all Parties to the Convention.

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