

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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MEAT CHICKEN LEVY ACT 1969

MEAT CHICKEN LEVY REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

The Meat Chicken Levy Act 1969 (the Act) empowers the Governor-General to make regulations for the purposes of section 7 of the Act. Section 7 of the Act provides the levy shall be

- . 0.1 cents per chicken hatched in respect of meat chickens hatched before 1 July 1972, and
- . in respect of other meat chickens hatched, a prescribed rate of levy not exceeding 1 cent per chicken.

Before making regulations prescribing a rate for meat chickens hatched on or after 1 July 1972, the Governor-General shall take into consideration any recommendation with respect of levy made to the Minister by the Chicken Meat Research Council.

The Meat Chicken Levy Regulations currently prescribe a levy of 0.1375 cents per meat chicken hatched.

The Chicken Meat Research Council recommended to the Minister on 27 July 1988 that the meat chicken levy be increased to 0.15 cents per meat chicken hatched to provide annual budgets sufficient to maintain a level of research which is consistent with the approved 5 year Research and Development Plan of that Council.

The purpose of the proposed regulations is to apply an increased operative rate of levy from 1 November 1989. From that date, the meat chicken levy will be 0.15 cents per chicken hatched. The new rate does not exceed the maximum rate for research prescribed by the Act.

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