

# **Export Inspection and Meat (Establishment Registration Charges) Regulations (Amendment) 1996 No. 193**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### STATUTORY RULES 1996 No. 193

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy

*Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Act 1985*

Export Inspection and Meat (Establishment Registration Charges) Regulations (Amendment)

Section 9 of the *Export Inspection (Establishment Registration Charges) Act 1985* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with the Act, prescribing matters required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

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Non-meat establishments incorporate fish, dairy, dried fruit, poultry and plant commodities. As with meat, they are classified into similar categories of storing, processing, slaughtering and packing depending on the type of activity that is undertaken.

The purpose of the proposed Export Inspection and Meat (Establishment Registration Charges) Regulations (Amendment) is to increase existing rates of charge for establishments associated with the preparation, storage or inspection of fresh fruit and vegetables or plant products for export.

The increases are required to off-set reductions to Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding in the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service's Plant Exports program. A CSO is an activity that is either undertaken in response to a Government requirement, intended to result in a community or social service, or where no identifiable end-user exists from whom the cost can be recovered.

The reductions are part of the savings announced by the Government in the 1996/97 Budget and will now be recovered through client charges.

Details of the Regulations are as follows:

#### Regulation 1 - Commencement

Subregulation 1.1 provides that the Regulations as amended will commence on 1 September 1996.

#### Regulation 2 - Amendment

Subregulation 2.1 provides that the Regulations are amended as set out in the Export Inspection and Meat (Establishment Registration Charges) Regulations (Amendment).

### Regulation 3 - Rates of Charge - non-meat establishments

Subregulation 3.1 replaces the heading of the existing Regulation 6. For consistency purposes, the 'non-meat establishments' heading has been amended to bring it into line with the heading for 'meat establishments' under Regulation 7. The amendment provides for the Regulations to be more easily read and understood.

### Regulation 4 - Schedule 1 (Registration charges for non-meat establishments)

Subregulation 4.1 provides for an increase in the registration charge for an export establishment associated with the preparation, storage or inspection of fresh fruit and vegetables from \$346 to \$369.

Subregulation 4.2 provides for an increase in the registration charge for an export establishment associated with the preparation, storage or inspection of plants from \$346 to \$369.