

# **Rice Levy Repeal Regulations 1999 1999 No. 125**

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **Statutory Rules 1999 No. 125**

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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The purpose of the regulations is to repeal redundant regulations.

Section 8 of the *Rice Levy Act 1991* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of section 3 of the Act.

### **Background/Context**

Section 3 of the Act provides for the imposition of levy on leviable rice varieties. The amount raised by the levy, along with matching Commonwealth funds, is used to fund a rice research and development program through the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

Regulations have been made under section 8 of the Act to reflect changes in leviable rice varieties. From 1 July 1999, schedule 23 of the Primary *Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999* will replace the *Rice Levy Act 1991*. This schedule reflects current leviable varieties.

With the commencement of the Excise Act and the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Regulations 1999, the Rice Levy Regulations will become redundant. It is good administrative practice to repeal the unnecessary regulations.