

Primary Industries Levies and Charges (National Residue Survey Levies) Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 2) 1999 No. 179

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act 1998

Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection (National Residue Survey Levies) Amendment Regulations 1999 (No. 2)

Section 8 of the *National Residue Survey (Excise) Levy Act 1998* provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters required or permitted to be prescribed by the Act, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

The purpose of these regulations is to halve the rate of levy to apply to transactions on lambs for a period of two years from 1 September 1999 to 31 August 2001. This is part of a two-year package of measures to assist the Australian lamb industry cope with the US decision to impose certain border restrictions on lamb imports.

The National Residue Survey implements chemical residue monitoring programs and recovers the costs of the programs from participating industries. These programs form the basis for documentation that enables the Australian Government to certify that raw food products bound for export and domestic consumption are free from significant chemical contamination.

These regulations commenced on 1 September 1999.