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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, Senator the Hon Bob Collins)

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OUTLINE

- 1. The Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Amendment Bill is one of a package of six Bills which will give effect to interim cost recovery arrangements for the operation of the National Registration Scheme for Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals.
- 2. This Bill amends the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994 to provide that when that Act commences the 1993 levy is not collected twice as it will now be collected by the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Interim Levy) Bill.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

 This Bill will not have any effect on Government expenditure.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Clause 1 - Short title

4. When enacted the Bill may be cited as the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Amendment Act 1994. In this Bill "Principal Act" means the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994.

Clause 2 - Commencement

- 5. This clause provides for the Bill to commence on the same day as the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994 commences.
- 6. However this is conditional that if the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Interim Levy) Act 1994 is repealed by subsection 2(2) of that Act, this Act is also repealed on the same day as that Act.

Clause 3 - Amendments

- 7. The Principal Act is amended as follows:
 - Subsection 3(1) by omitting subparagraph (a)(i) of the definition of 'prescribed date for payment', and omitting '10' from the definition of 'rate of levy'.
 - . Section 7 concerning 'Liability for levy in respect of disposals during 1993' is repealed. This will ensure that when the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994 commences the 1993 levy is not collected twice.
 - . Section 10 concerning 'Amount of levy in respect of disposals during 1993' is repealed. This will ensure that when the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemical Products (Collection of Levy) Act 1994 commences the 1993 levy is not collected twice.
 - . Subsection 14(1) concerning 'Late payment penalty' is amended by omitting reference to section 7.

- . Subsection 20 (1) concerning 'NRA may require information about disposals of chemical products' is amended by omitting reference to section 7.
- . Subsection 39(2) concerning 'Regulations' is amended by omitting reference to section 10.

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