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EXCISE TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the authority of the Acting Minister for  
Industry and Commerce, the Honourable John J Brown MP).



## OUTLINE

The main purpose of this Bill is to amend the Excise Tariff Act 1921 to allow for changes in excise duty rates beyond the number of decimal places in excise duty rates that existed prior to 23 November 1983.

The Excise Tariff Amendment Act (No. 2) 1983 introduced new provisions into the Principal Act which have the effect of automatically indexing certain traditional excise duty rates on 1 February and 1 August of each year according to the C.P.I. increase for the prior two quarters of each period as published by the Australian Statistician.

Paragraph 6A(4)(b) of the Excise Tariff Act 1921 provides that, when indexation of an excise duty rate applies, the duty rate is to be rounded to the same number of decimal places in that duty rate that applied before the legislation came into force, that is, 23 November 1983.

Clause 3 of the Bill inserts a standing provision into the Principal Act covering the imposition and application provisions which are usually included in Bills amending the Schedule to the Excise Tariff Act 1921. These provisions authorize or require the charging, collection and payment of the excise duty imposed by the amendments to the Schedule to the Principal Act.

Clause 5 of the Bill enacts Excise Tariff Proposals No. 1 (1984) which alters the excise duty rate on Liquefied Petroleum Gas on and from 1 January 1984.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

- CLAUSE 1 Short title. Identifies the Excise Tariff Act 1921 as the Principal Act.
- CLAUSE 2 Commencement to be the date of Royal Assent except for Clause 5 which is deemed to come into operation on 1 January 1984. Clause 5 alters the excise duty rate on LPG with effect from 1 January 1984 that is, the date notified in the motion moved by the Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Commerce on 1 March 1984.
- CLAUSE 3 Inserts a standing provision into the Principal Act to authorize or require the charging, collection and payment of excise duty as imposed by an amendment of the Schedule to the Act. Similar provisions are normally included in Bills which amend the Schedule to the Act and the inclusion of this standing provision will eliminate the necessity for a separate reference on each occasion that the Schedule is amended.
- CLAUSE 4 Has the effect of permitting a change in excise duty rates beyond the number of decimal places in the excise duty rates that existed prior to 23 November 1983 that is, the date of operation of the Excise Tariff Amendment Bill (No 2) 1983.
- CLAUSE 5 Alters Item 17(C)(2) in the Schedule to the Principal Act in accordance with Excise Tariff Proposals No 1 (1984) as moved in the House of Representatives on 1 March 1984. This alteration increases the excise duty rate on LPG.