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FOOD (AMENDMENT) BILL (No. 2) 1998

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

As provided by the *Food (Amendment) Act 1997*, section 24B of the *Food Act 1992* came into force on Sunday 20 September 1998

The objective of this Bill is to postpone the commencement of the new section, and to allow for the Minister to extend the date of commencement of the section by up to 12 months

If the Minister does not gazette a new commencement date by 20 September 1999, the section will commence on that date

DETAILS OF THE BILL

Formal Provisions

Clauses 1 and 2— These clauses provide for the short title of the Bill and for the *Food Act 1992* to be referred to as the “Principal Act”

Insertion of new Commencement provisions

Clause 3 — This clause would insert new Commencement provisions into the *Act*. The new provisions would have two effects on the commencement of section 24B

- proposed section 2A(1) would postpone the effect of the original commencement provision in the 1997 Amendment Act, in such a way as to deem section 24B never to have commenced on 20 September 1998, and
- proposed section 2A(2) would provide that the section will commence either on 20 September 1999, or on an earlier date fixed by the Minister