

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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LANDLORD AND TENANT ORDINANCE

At present section 75 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance permits an appeal to the Supreme Court on questions of law only. During 1972 the Court of Petty Sessions Ordinance was amended to provide, inter alia, new procedures for appeal in civil cases. The proposed amendment to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance provides that appeals from orders under that Ordinance shall be made under the procedure applying generally for appeals from the Court of Petty Sessions.

The effect of the amendment is that appeals will not be restricted to questions of law only and will be determined on the evidence given in the Court of Petty Sessions together with such further evidence as the Supreme Court may allow to be given. This procedure applies in appeals in other civil matters.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE

The existing Ordinance contains some limitations on the full use of metric measurements in the Territory by restricting the operation in the Territory of the Commonwealth Weights and Measures (National Standards) Act and its Regulations.

The proposed amendments will repeal those provisions of the Ordinance which at present restrict the application of the Commonwealth Act in the Territory. The standards and units of measurement set by the Act including the metric system would then apply.

The proposed Ordinance also seeks to specify the permitted categories of weights for bread sales in both metric and imperial terms.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (PACKAGED GOODS) ORDINANCE

These amendments seek to implement recommendations for uniform legislation on packaging requirements made by the Commonwealth/State Committee on Packaging.

The primary effect of the amendments is to incorporate metric units of measurement into the legislation.

Other amendments include:

- size numbering of dressed poultry by weights;
- variation to manner of marking packages;
- provision to accurately weigh yarns whose weight varies with atmospheric conditions;
- revision of schedules relating to the sale of goods in standard sizes and exempt goods.

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