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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Ms Tucker)

Food (Amendment) Bill 1998

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Food Act 1992*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Food (Amendment) Act 1998*.

5 **2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Food Act 1992*.¹

4. Insertion

10 After section 24B of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Division 2 of Part III:

Job No 1998/131

"24C. Sale of certain treated food

5 "(1) A person shall not sell food that has been subjected to a process or treatment involving irradiation unless a notice containing a statement in legible characters to the effect that the food has been so subjected is displayed conspicuously at or near the place of sale

10 "(2) A person shall not sell food that is, or contains ingredients which are, derived from a plant or animal that has been subjected to modification through genetic engineering unless a notice containing the prescribed statement in legible characters is displayed conspicuously at or near the place of sale.

"(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), the prescribed statement is a statement—

- 15 (a) to the effect that the food has been, or contains ingredients which have been, genetically modified;
- (b) specifying any ingredients of the food which have been genetically modified; and
- (c) describing the nature and purpose of any genetic modification of the properties of the plant or animal from which the food or any ingredient of it is derived.

20 "(4) An appropriate statement referred to in subsections (1) and (2) on the external surface of a package in which food is sold shall, in relation to that food, be taken to be sufficient compliance with that subsection

Penalty for contravention of subsection (1) or (2):

- 25 (a) if the offender is a natural person—50 penalty units;
- (b) if the offender is a body corporate—250 penalty units ”.

NOTES

Principal Act

1 Reprinted as at 31 January 1996 See also Acts Nos 46, 70 and 96, 1997

Penalty units

See section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967*.

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