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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Mr Connolly)

Consumer Affairs (Amendment) Bill 1991

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the Consumer Affairs Act 1973

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Consumer Affairs (Amendment) Act 1991*.

Principal Act

2. In this Act "Principal Act" means the *Consumer Affairs Act 1973*.¹

Interpretation

3. Section 3(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition: "durable life" means the period that equals in length the period of probable life of the food and that commences on the day on which the food was manufactured or produced.'

Insertion

4. After section 15FC of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Product Information Standards

"15FCA.(1) The Minister may, by notice in the *Gazette*, prescribe product information standards requiring the disclosure of such information as:

- (a) the price, performance, composition, contents, method of manufacture or processing, design, construction, finishing or packaging of the goods;
- (b) the place of manufacture or production of the goods;
- (c) the identity of the manufacturer, producer or supplier of the goods;
- (d) the date of the manufacture or production, and the durable life of the goods;
- (e) care and storage of the goods

as is necessary to give persons using the goods information as to their origin, quality, quantity, nature, durability or value.

Offences

5. Section 15FE of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by inserting in paragraph (1)(a) "or product information standard" after "standard" (1st occurring),
- (b) by inserting in paragraph (1)(b) ",15FCA" after "15FC",
- (c) by inserting in paragraph (5)(a) "or product information standard" after "standard",
- (d) by inserting in paragraph (6)(a) ",15FCA" after "15FC".

¹ No. 17, 1973 as amended by No. 53, 1973; Nos 49 and 61, 1976; No. 42, 1979; No. 26, 1981; Nos 38 and 100, 1982; No.66, 1985; No.23 of 1986 and No.44 of 1990.