

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
EGG INDUSTRY (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982
ORDINANCE NO. 23 OF 1982
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Egg Industry Ordinance 1975 establishes controls on the production of eggs for commercial purposes in the Territory by licensing producers and allotting to them a portion of an overall hen quota for the Territory. In 1981 the hen quota was increased from 150,000 to 200,000 and the Egg Industry (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 will accomplish certain amendments agreed with the relevant State authorities and Egg Boards in order to facilitate the enforcement of the increased quota. Details of the Ordinance are set out below:

Section 1 cites the short title of the Ordinance as the Egg Industry (Amendment) Ordinance 1982.

Section 2 defines 'Principal Ordinance' for the purposes of the Ordinance as the Egg Industry Ordinance 1975.

Section 3 amends section 3 of the Principal Ordinance, the definition section, by adding references to the genus in the definitions of hen and pullet.

Section 4 repeals section 7 of the Principal Ordinance and replaces it with a redrafted section 7 which restricts an inspector's power to enter and inspect land or premises used for the production of eggs for commercial purposes to reasonable hours on working days but which allows him to require a person to produce records without notice.

Section 5 amends section 8 of the Principal Ordinance in order to make it an offence to keep more than 200 hens 'for the production of eggs for commercial purposes', uniform with other provisions in the Ordinance.

Section 6 amends section 24 of the Principal Ordinance by increasing the penalty for failure to provide information from \$200 to \$500, uniform with the penalty in section 7 of the Principal Ordinance.

Section 7 inserts two new sections 25A and 25B in the Principal Ordinance providing for a penalty of \$1000 applying to persons making false or misleading statements to the Egg Industry Officer and permitting the Egg Industry Officer to communicate information to his State equivalents and to the national body, the Council of Egg Marketing Authorities of Australia, respectively.

The Ordinance has been agreed to by the A.C.T. House of Assembly.

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