

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SALE OF GOODS ORDINANCE 1975

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The proposed Sale of Goods Ordinance 1975, which will amend the Sale of Goods Ordinance 1954-1967, gives effect to certain recommendations of the English Law Revision Committee, the English Law Reform Committee and the Sale of Goods Act Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

The Ordinance will repeal the existing "Statute of Frauds" provisions, make the loss of the right to reject goods dependent upon acceptance alone, and give the buyer a reasonable opportunity to examine goods for the purposes of ascertaining whether they are in conformity with the contract before he is deemed to accept them.

Although the amendments are relatively minor they will provide significant benefits, particularly to consumers, in contracts for the sale of goods. The Ordinance has been agreed to by the A.C.T. Legislative Assembly.

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