

Margarine (Repeal) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 1 sets out the purpose of the Bill which is to provide for the amendment of the *Margarine Act 1975* and its repeal in stages.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on the date of Royal Assent, except for *Clause 7* which is to come into operation on a day to be proclaimed.

Clause 3 cites the *Margarine Act 1975* as the Principal Act.

Clause 4—

Sub-clause (1) sets out the sections and paragraphs of the Principal Act that are to be repealed on Royal Assent. The sections concerned relate to licences; quotas; permits; restrictions on the size of packages of table margarine and cooking margarine; prohibition of prescribed colouring substances in manufacturing margarine; a requirement that cooking and manufacturing margarine are to be made only of edible tallow; requirements that licensed persons are to be notified when samples are taken; requirements that returns are to be furnished by licensed manufacturers of table margarine; and various regulation-making powers.

Sub-clause (2) provides that refunds of licence fees and permit fees will not be payable. The current licences are not due to expire until 30 June 1986.

Clause 5 amends the definition of “manufacturing margarine” in the Principal Act. The effect is to ease restrictions on manufacturing margarine by removing the existing requirement that manufacturing margarine must contain at least 60% of fat from edible tallow.

Clause 6 makes a consequential amendment to section 10 (b) (iii) of the Principal Act so as to change the labelling requirements in respect of manufacturing margarine. At the present time manufacturing margarine must be labelled with the words “Contains not less than 60% of fat from edible tallow”. This is to be changed to “Manufacturing margarine for industrial cooking purposes only”.

Clause 7 provides for the repeal of the remaining provisions of the Principal Act. This clause will come into operation on a day to be proclaimed.

