



Treaties Committee to examine ten new treaties

Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee has commenced an inquiry into ten treaties tabled in the Parliament on 15 and 16 June 2010.

The treaties tabled include a multilateral agreement on common labelling of wine, and an amendment to the Australia United States Free Trade Agreement allowing Australian yarn manufacturers to obtain a preferential rate of duty on exports to the United States.

In addition, there are amendments to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and a bilateral agreement with the United States on airworthiness clearances for Australian manufactured aircraft components, amongst others.

Organisations and members of the public with an interest in these treaties are encouraged to make a submission to the Committee. Submissions are requested by Friday, 16 July 2010.

The treaties being examined by the Committee are the:

- Second Protocol to the Agreement between Australia and Austria on Social Security;
- Amendments to Appendices I and II of CITES;
- United Nations Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts;
- Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness under the Agreement on the Promotion of Aviation Safety Between Australia and the United States;
- Universal Postal Union: Eighth Additional Protocol to the Constitution of 10 July 1964, as Amended; Convention and Final Protocol; First Additional Protocol to the General Regulations; Postal Payment Services Agreement;
- Amendments to the Convention on the International Mobile Satellite Organization adopted at the Twentieth Session of the Assembly;
- Convention between Australia and Turkey for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion;
- World Wine Trade Group Agreement on Requirements for Wine Labelling;
- Agreement Establishing the Advisory Centre on WTO Law; and
- Exchange of Notes Amending Annex 4-A of the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement.

Copies of the National Interest Analysis and treaty text for each treaty are available at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/15june2010/index.htm>. Alternatively, interested parties may email jsct@aph.gov.au or phone (02) 6277 4002.

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