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Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008

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**A Bill for an Act to deal with consequential matters
arising from the repeal of the *Wheat Marketing Act
1989* and the enactment of the *Wheat Export
Marketing Act 2008*, and for other purposes**

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2 **arising from the repeal of the *Wheat Marketing Act***
3 ***1989* and the enactment of the *Wheat Export***
4 ***Marketing Act 2008*, and for other purposes**

5 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

6 **1 Short title**

7 This Act may be cited as the *Wheat Export Marketing (Repeal and*
8 *Consequential Amendments) Act 2008*.

9 **2 Commencement**

10 (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table
11 commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with
12 column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect
13 according to its terms.

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Commencement information

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. Sections 1 to 3 and anything in this Act not elsewhere covered by this table	The day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.	
2. Schedules 1 and 2	At the same time as section ^3 of the <i>Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008</i> commences.	
3. Schedule 3, item 1	At the same time as section ^1 of the <i>Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008</i> commences.	
4. Schedule 3, items 2 to 6	At the same time as section ^3 of the <i>Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008</i> commences.	
5. Schedule 3, item 7	At the same time as section ^1 of the <i>Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008</i> commences.	
6. Schedule 3, items 8 to 10	At the same time as section ^3 of the <i>Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008</i> commences.	

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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally passed by both Houses of the Parliament and assented to. It will not be expanded to deal with provisions inserted in this Act after assent.

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(2) Column 3 of the table contains additional information that is not part of this Act. Information in this column may be added to or edited in any published version of this Act.

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3 Schedule(s)

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(1) Each Act, and each set of regulations, that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

(2) The amendment of any regulation under subsection (1) does not prevent the regulation, as so amended, from being amended or repealed by the Governor-General.

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Schedule 1—Repeal

Wheat Marketing Act 1989

1 The whole of the Act

Repeal the Act.

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Schedule 2—Consequential amendments

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Criminal Code Act 1995

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1 Subparagraph 136.1(1)(c)(iii) of the *Criminal Code*

6 Omit “and”, substitute “or”.

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2 At the end of paragraph 136.1(1)(c) of the *Criminal Code*

8 Add:

9 (iv) an application for accreditation under the wheat export
10 accreditation scheme; and

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3 Subparagraph 136.1(4)(c)(iii) of the *Criminal Code*

12 Omit “and”, substitute “or”.

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4 At the end of paragraph 136.1(4)(c) of the *Criminal Code*

14 Add:

15 (iv) an application for accreditation under the wheat export
16 accreditation scheme; and

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5 Subsection 136.1(9) of the *Criminal Code*

18 Insert:

19 *wheat export accreditation scheme* has the same meaning as in the
20 *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008*.

21 Note: The heading to subsection 136.1(9) is replaced by the heading “*Definitions*”.

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Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 1958

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6 Subregulation 5(4) (including the note)

24 Repeal the subregulation.

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7 After regulation 9

26 Insert:

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1 9AAA Exportation of bulk wheat

- 2 (1) The exportation from Australia of wheat is prohibited unless the
3 wheat is exported by an accredited wheat exporter.
- 4 (2) Subregulation (1) does not apply to the export of wheat in:
5 (a) a bag; or
6 (b) a container;
7 that is capable of holding not more than 50 tonnes of wheat.
- 8 (3) Subregulation (1) does not apply to the export of wheat by AWB
9 (International) Ltd before 1 October 2008.
- 10 (4) Subregulation (1) does not apply to the export of wheat before
11 1 October 2008 if:
12 (a) before the transition time, the EWC had given consent under
13 subsection 57(1) of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* to the
14 export of the wheat; and
15 (b) the export of the wheat is in accordance with the terms of that
16 consent.
- 17 (5) In this regulation:

18 *accredited wheat exporter* has the same meaning as in the *Wheat*
19 *Export Marketing Act 2008*.

20 *AWB (International) Ltd* means AWB (International) Limited
21 (ACN 081 890 413).

22 *EWC* means the Export Wheat Commission.

23 *transition time* means the commencement of section ^3 of the
24 *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008*.

25 8 Schedule 3 (table item 31)

26 Repeal the item.

27 *Financial Management and Accountability Regulations 1997*

28 9 Part 1 of Schedule 1 (table item 122C)

29 Repeal the item.

30 10 Part 1 of Schedule 1 (after table item 145)

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- 1 Insert:
- 145A Wheat Exports Australia, comprising: Chair
- (a) the Chair and the other members of Wheat Exports Australia; and
 - (b) the staff mentioned in section ^57 of the *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008*; and
 - (c) the persons whose services are made available to Wheat Exports Australia under section ^58 of that Act.
- See Note B*

2 ***Freedom of Information Act 1982***

3 **11 Part III of Schedule 2**

4 Omit “*Wheat Marketing Act 1989*”.

5 ***Primary Industries and Energy Research and Development***
6 ***Act 1989***

7 **12 Subsection 4(1) (paragraph (a) of the definition of**
8 ***research component*)**

9 Before “*Wheat Marketing Act 1989*”, insert “repealed”.

10 **13 Subsection 5(5)**

11 Before “*Wheat Marketing Act 1989*”, insert “repealed”.

12 **14 Subsection 5(6)**

13 Before “*Wheat Marketing Act 1989*”, insert “repealed”.

14 ***Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Act 1991***

15 **15 Subsection 27(2)**

16 Before “*Wheat Marketing Act 1989*”, insert “repealed”.

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Schedule 3—Transitional provisions

1 Definitions

In this Schedule:

AWB (International) Ltd means AWB (International) Limited (ACN 081 890 413).

EWC means the Export Wheat Commission.

transition time means the commencement of section 3 of the *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008*.

WEA means Wheat Exports Australia.

2 Transfer of appropriated money

(1) For the purposes of the operation of an Appropriation Act after the transition time, references to the EWC are to be read as references to WEA.

(2) In this item:

Appropriation Act means an Act appropriating money for expenditure out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

3 Termination of EWC appointments

(1) This item applies to a person who, immediately before the transition time, held office as a member of the EWC.

(2) The person ceases to hold that office at the transition time.

(3) Neither this Act nor the *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008* prevents the person from being appointed as a member of WEA.

4 Wheat Exports Australia Special Account

(1) The Export Wheat Commission Special Account is abolished.

(2) There is to be credited to the Wheat Exports Australia Special Account an amount equal to the balance of the Export Wheat Commission Special Account as at immediately before the transition time.

5 EWC annual report for the financial year that began on 1 July 2007

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- 1 (1) WEA must, as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year that
2 began on 1 July 2007, prepare and give to the Minister a report of the
3 EWC's operations during that financial year.
- 4 (2) The Minister must cause a copy of the subitem (1) report to be tabled in
5 each House of the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after
6 the day on which the Minister receives the report.
- 7 (3) Section 34C of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* applies to the
8 subitem (1) report as if the report were a regular report.

6 Confidentiality of information given to the EWC

- 9 Despite the repeal of section 5E of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* by
10 this Act, that section continues to apply, in relation to:
11 (a) information given to the EWC under section 5D of that Act
12 before the commencement of this item; and
13 (b) information contained in a document given to the EWC under
14 section 5D of that Act before the commencement of this
15 item;
16 as if that repeal had not happened.
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7 EWC may formulate the wheat export accreditation scheme before the transition time

- 18 (1) This item applies to the power conferred on WEA by section ^7 of the
19 *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008*.
- 20 (2) The EWC may exercise the power before the transition time as if:
21 (a) sections ^4, ^5, ^7, ^8, ^9, ^10, ^11, ^12, ^13, ^14, ^15, ^17,
22 ^18 and ^20 of the *Wheat Export Marketing Act 2008* had
23 come into operation; and
24 (b) the reference in section ^7 of the *Wheat Export Marketing*
25 *Act 2008* to WEA were a reference to the EWC.
- 26 (3) An instrument made by the EWC in accordance with subitem (2) has
27 effect, after the transition time, as if it had been made by WEA.
- 28 (4) Section 5B of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* does not apply to the
29 power conferred by subitem (2).
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8 Export of wheat before 1 October 2008—exceptions to prohibition

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1 (1) The prohibition in subsection ^6(1) of the *Wheat Export Marketing Act*
2 *2008* does not apply to the export of wheat by AWB (International) Ltd
3 before 1 October 2008.

4 Note: The defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subitem (1)—see
5 subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*.

6 (2) The prohibition in subsection ^6(1) of the *Wheat Export Marketing Act*
7 *2008* does not apply to the export of wheat before 1 October 2008 if:

8 (a) before the transition time, the EWC had given consent under
9 subsection 57(1) of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* to the
10 export of the wheat; and

11 (b) the export of the wheat is in accordance with the terms of that
12 consent.

13 Note: The defendant bears an evidential burden in relation to the matter in subitem (2)—see
14 subsection 13.3(3) of the *Criminal Code*.

15 9 Final reports about AWB (International) Ltd's performance

16 *Report to Minister*

17 (1) WEA must prepare and give to the Minister a report in relation to:

18 (a) AWB (International) Ltd's performance in relation to the
19 export of wheat during the period:

20 (i) beginning on 1 July 2007; and

21 (ii) ending at the finalisation time for the 2007-2008 pool;
22 and

23 (b) the benefits to growers that resulted from that performance.

24 (2) WEA must give the subitem (1) report to the Minister within 6 months
25 after the finalisation time for the 2007-2008 pool.

26 *Report for growers*

27 (3) WEA must prepare and publish a report for growers in relation to:

28 (a) AWB (International) Ltd's performance in relation to the
29 export of wheat during the period:

30 (i) beginning on 1 July 2007; and

31 (ii) ending at the finalisation time for the 2007-2008 pool;
32 and

33 (b) the benefits to growers that resulted from that performance.

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1 (4) WEA must publish the subitem (3) report within 6 months after the
2 finalisation time for the 2007-2008 pool.

3 *Finalisation time for the 2007-2008 pool*

4 (5) For the purposes of this item, if:

5 (a) AWB (International) Ltd purchased wheat for inclusion in a
6 pool mentioned in section 84 of the *Wheat Marketing Act*
7 *1989*; and

8 (b) the wheat was harvested during the financial year beginning
9 on 1 July 2007;

10 then:

11 (c) the pool is the *2007-2008 pool*; and

12 (d) the *finalisation time* for the 2007-2008 pool is the time when
13 AWB (International) Ltd makes its final distribution to
14 participants in the pool.

15 **10 Pending EWC investigations**

16 Despite the repeal of section 5DC of the *Wheat Marketing Act 1989* by
17 this Act, that section continues to apply, in relation to:

18 (a) an investigation begun before the transition time; and

19 (b) a report about such an investigation;

20 as if:

21 (c) that repeal had not happened; and

22 (d) each reference to the EWC in that section were a reference to
23 WEA.