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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT (RIS)

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2003

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Infringement Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 2003

Notice is given, that in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1984**, a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2003* and the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Infringement Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 2003*.

The reason for making the proposed Regulations is to amend the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Regulations 1996* and the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Infringement Notices) Regulations 1994*, to incorporate the Victorian requirements of the national hormonal growth promotants control system. These requirements are currently embodied within the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Hormonal Growth Promotants) Regulations 1993*, which are due to sunset in March 2003.

The primary objectives of the proposed Regulations are:-

- To prescribe the records of use of hormonal growth promotants that need to be made and kept by users of such products. These records must be adequate to underpin requirements of the national hormonal growth promotants control system.
- To prescribe the offences of failing to make or keep the prescribed records of the use of hormonal growth promotants, for the purposes of the use of infringement notices as an option in the enforcement of such offences.

The Regulations are to be made under the **Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1962**. The RIS discusses the potentially feasible alternatives to the proposed Regulations. The proposed Regulations were considered to be the best means of achieving the stated objectives. The proposed Regulations are also the only currently feasible means of underpinning the requirements of the national hormonal growth promotants control system, that is likely to be acceptable to the European Union, for the purpose of exporting beef to that market.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations may be obtained from Chris May of the Chemical Standards Branch by phoning (03) 9217 4229.

Public comments are invited on the proposed Regulations. All comments must be in writing and should be sent to Chris May, Senior Project Officer, Chemical Standards Branch, 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood 3049. All comments must be received within 28 days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated 19 February 2003

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Minister for Agriculture

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