

Food Production (Safety) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2015

Explanatory Notes for SL 2015 No. 152

made under the

Food Production (Safety) Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

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Authorising law

Section 135 of the *Food Production (Safety) Act 2000*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Regulatory fees are reviewed annually under Government policy. Indexation seeks to maintain the value of the regulatory fee or charge over time relative to the anticipated increase in associated costs. Queensland Treasury has advised that the annual indexation rate for fees and charges for 2015-16 is 3.5 percent.

The objective of the subordinate legislation is to amend the *Food Production (Safety) Regulation 2014* (the Regulation) to increase the regulatory fees prescribed under Schedule 1 of the Regulation by 3.5 percent. The fees under the Regulation are indexed annually from 1 January each year.

Achievement of policy objectives

The amendment regulation will achieve its objectives by increasing the fees under Schedule 1 of the Regulation by 3.5 percent.

Under the *Principles for Fees and Charges 2012* document published by Queensland Treasury, rounding is permissible. The amended fees have been rounded down to the nearest coinable amount.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The subordinate legislation is consistent with the policy objectives of the *Food Production (Safety) Act 2000*.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The subordinate legislation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The implementation costs for Government from the subordinate legislation are limited to adjusting communication materials and forms that mention the fees.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The subordinate legislation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Queensland Treasury has advised that the annual indexation rate for fees and charges for 2015-16 is 3.5 percent.

The Office of Best Practice Regulation of the Queensland Competition Authority has been consulted regarding the need for a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) and has advised that as the proposed amendments are consistent with the Government endorsed indexation factor, no further analysis is required under the guidelines for the RIS system.