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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Quarantine Act 1908*

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Quarantine Amendment Act (No. 2) 1996*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments of the Quarantine Act 1908

1 Subsection 5(1)

Insert:

food has the same meaning as in the *National Food Authority Act 1991*;

2 Subsection 5(1)

Insert:

protocol includes an agreement, or a part of an agreement, between the Government of Australia and the Government of another country;

3 Before section 8A

Insert:

7A Responsibility of Minister

The administration and execution of this Act is the responsibility of the Minister.

4 Subsection 8A(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (1) There shall be a Director of Human Quarantine who shall assist the Minister with the administration and execution of this Act, and any regulations and proclamations in force under this Act, in relation to human quarantine.
- (1A) The Director of Human Quarantine must provide a report in writing to the Minister each month setting out details of work done under this Act during the preceding month for which the Director was responsible, directly or indirectly.

5 Subsection 8B(1)

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (1) There shall be a Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine who shall assist the Minister with the administration and execution of this Act, and any regulations and proclamations in force under this Act, in relation to animal and plant quarantine.

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- (1A) The Director of Animal and Plant Quarantine must provide a report in writing to the Minister each month setting out details of work done under this Act during the preceding month for which the Director was responsible, directly or indirectly.

6 New sections 67AA and 67AB

After section 67 insert:

67AA Minister's approval necessary in certain matters

Despite any other provision of this Act, no action may be taken by an officer which would allow, or have the effect of allowing, the entry into Australia of food from another country unless the Minister has approved, in writing, an arrangement or protocol for the entry into Australia of food of that type from the country of origin of that food.

67AB Actions to be in accordance with Minister's decision

No action may be taken by an officer which would allow, or have the effect of allowing, the entry into Australia of food from another country unless the action is in accordance with the terms of any approval given by the Minister under section 67AA for the entry into Australia of food of that type from the country of origin of that food.





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