

**PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES (ERADICATION FUNDS) ACT
AMENDMENT BILL 2000**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

THIS BILL EXTENDS THE EXPIRY DATE OF THE PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES (ERADICATION FUNDS) ACT 1974 BY TWO YEARS TO 31 OCTOBER 2002.

THE AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN THIS BILL TO EXTEND THE OPERATION OF THE ACT BEYOND THE CURRENT EXPIRY DATE IS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE LOSS OF THE ESSENTIAL FUND-RAISING MECHANISMS PROVIDED TO THE GRAINS AND SEEDS INDUSTRIES BY THE ACT, AND ENABLE CONTINUITY OF VITAL ERADICATION PROGRAMS CURRENTLY BEING FUNDED UNDER THE ACT.

OUTLINED BELOW IS AN EXAMINATION OF THE BILL ON A CLAUSE BY CLAUSE BASIS.

CLAUSE 1	SHORT TITLE AND CITATION
CLAUSE 2	PROVIDES THAT THE PROPOSED ACT WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON THE DAY ON WHICH IT RECEIVED THE ROYAL ASSENT.
CLAUSE 3	AMENDS SECTION 18(1) OF THE PLANT PESTS AND DISEASES (ERADICATION FUNDS) ACT 1974 BY REPLACING THE YEAR 2000 WITH THE YEAR 2002.