

WHEAT MARKETING.

No. 114 of 1982.

AN ACT to amend the Wheat Marketing Act
1979-1981.

[Assented to 7 December 1982.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Wheat Marketing Amendment Act 1982*. Short title and citation.

(2) In this Act the Wheat Marketing Act 1979-1981 is referred to as the principal Act. Act No. 113 of 1979 as amended by Act No. 42 of 1981.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Wheat Marketing Act 1979-1982.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall be deemed to come into operation on the day that the Wheat Marketing Amendment Act 1982 of the Parliament of the Commonwealth comes into operation.

Section 4
amended.

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the definition of "Commonwealth Minister" the following definitions—

" "futures contract" means a wheat futures contract, a currency futures contract or a financial futures contract;

"futures market" means a market, exchange or other place at which futures contracts are regularly made or traded; "

Section 7
amended.

4. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsections—

" (1a) Subject to subsection (1b), the Board may, in relation to—

(a) a sale or proposed sale of wheat by the Board; or

(b) a borrowing or raising of moneys by the Board or a proposed borrowing or raising of moneys by the Board (including a borrowing or raising of moneys by the Board by dealing with securities),

enter into and deal with futures contracts for hedging purposes at a futures market.

(1b) The Board shall not enter into or deal with futures contracts otherwise than in accordance with the guidelines having effect from time to time under section 12 (1C) of the Commonwealth Act.

(1c) A futures contract shall be taken to be entered into or dealt with for hedging purposes if and only if—

(a) in the case of a wheat futures contract—the contract is entered into or dealt with for the purpose of minimising the risks of variations in the price obtainable for wheat under a contract for the sale of wheat that has been, or is to be, entered into by the Board;

and

(b) in the case of a currency futures contract or a financial futures contract—the contract is entered into or dealt with for the purpose referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection or for the purpose of minimising the risks of variations in the costs of a borrowing or raising of moneys by the Board or a proposed borrowing or raising of moneys by the Board (including a borrowing or raising of moneys by dealing with securities). ” .

5. Section 16 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsections—

Section 16
amended.

“ (1a) The amount of an advance payment in respect of wheat of a season under subsection (1)—

(a) may be paid as a lump sum; or

(b) if the Board and the person to whom the payment is to be made agree, may comprise 2 or more payments to be paid at such times and on such conditions (including conditions relating to the payment to that

person of interest on any part of the amount of the advance payment from time to time unpaid) as are determined by agreement between the Board and that person.

(1b) The Board shall not enter into an agreement of the kind referred to in subsection (1a) (b) with a person in relation to a payment under this section in respect of wheat of a season on conditions that are inequitable as regards other persons who have received, or will receive, payments under this section in respect of wheat of that season. ” .

Section 17
amended.

6. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections—

“ (2) Subject to subsection (2a), the Board shall determine an amount payable under subsection (1) in respect of any wheat by—

(a) calculating the amount that the advance payment in respect of the wheat under section 16 would have been if—

(i) the reference in section 16 to the guaranteed minimum price for wheat were a reference to the net pool return rate for the wheat;

(ii) the net pool return for the season in respect of which the advance payment was made were reduced by an amount (if any) equal to the

amount, or the sum of the amounts, deducted by the Board from the disposal of wheat of that season and paid into a reserve account pursuant to section 12A of the Commonwealth Act; and

(iii) the net pool return for the season in respect of which the advance payment was made were adjusted to take into account the result of any contract or dealing of the kind referred to in section 9 (3) (h) of the Commonwealth Act that was entered into or dealt with in relation to that season;

(b) deducting from the amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection the amount of the advance payment in respect of the wheat; and

(c) where the wheat was grown in this State and acquired by the Board in this State, adding the freight allowance to the amount ascertained under paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(2a) An amount payable under subsection (1) in respect of a season to a person who has purchased a quantity of wheat of that season (in this subsection referred to as the "purchased quantity of wheat") from the Board

under section 22 (8) shall be calculated in accordance with the formula—

$$A - \frac{AB}{C},$$

where—

- A is the amount that, but for this subsection, would be the amount required to be paid by the Board to that person under subsection (1) in respect of that season;
- B is the purchased quantity of wheat; and
- C is the total quantity of wheat of that season acquired by the Board from that person under this Act.

(2b) For the purpose of calculating the amount referred to in subsection (2) (a) in respect of any wheat of the season that commenced on 1 October 1982 or in respect of any wheat of the next succeeding season, the amount of the advance payment under section 16 in respect of that wheat shall be increased or decreased, as the case may be, by the same amount of allowances in respect of the matters referred to in section 16 (2) as the amount of that advance payment was increased or decreased. ” ;

- (b) in subsection (5), by deleting “, with the approval of the Commonwealth Minister,”; and
- (c) by inserting after subsection (6) the following subsection—

“ (7) For the purposes of this section, the net pool return rate for wheat of a season shall be calculated as if the net

pool return for that season were calculated taking into account the adjustments referred to in subsection (2) (a) (ii) and subsection (2) (a) (iii). ” .

7. The principal Act is amended by inserting the following section—

Section 17A
inserted.

“ 17A. (1) In this section—

Adjustments
for
allowances
made under
section 16.

“adjusted advance payment”, in relation to a person who has received an advance payment under section 16 in respect of a season, means the amount that, in the opinion of the Board, would have been the amount of the advance payment made to that person under section 16 in respect of that season if the amount of that payment had been calculated at the time when the amount of allowances for the matters referred to in section 16 (2) in relation to that person could be finally ascertained;

“season” means the season that commenced on 1 October 1982 or the next succeeding season.

(2) The amount of the adjusted advance payment for a season in relation to a person who has purchased a quantity of wheat of that season from the Board in accordance with section 22 (8) shall be adjusted by such allowances as the Board considers proper for the quality of wheat of that season acquired by the Board from that person under this Act compared to the quality of the wheat so purchased by that person from the Board, having regard to allowances that were taken into account by the Board in determining the price for the wheat so purchased.

(3) Where the adjusted advance payment in relation to a person in respect of a season is greater than the advance payment made to that person under section 16 in respect of that season, the Board shall pay to that person an amount equal to the difference between that adjusted advance payment and the amount of that advance payment.

(4) Where the amount of the advance payment made to a person under section 16 in respect of a season is greater than the adjusted advance payment in relation to that person in respect of that season, that person is liable to pay to the Board an amount equal to the difference between the amount of that advance payment and that adjusted advance payment.

(5) The Board may deduct from an amount payable to a person under section 17 in respect of a season the whole or a part of an amount payable by that person to the Board under subsection (4) of this section in respect of that season.

(6) An amount payable by a person to the Board under subsection (4) is a debt due by that person to the Board and may be recovered as a debt due to the Board by action against that person in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(7) The Board may make advances on account of payments referred to in subsection (3). ” .

Section 18
amended.

8. Section 18 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (3)—

(i) by inserting after “any wheat” the following—

“ of a season ” ;

- (ii) by deleting “and” where it occurs after paragraph (a);
- (iii) by deleting the full stop after paragraph (b) and substituting a semi-colon; and
- (iv) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following—
 - “ (c) the net pool return for that season were reduced by an amount (if any) equal to the amount, or the sum of the amounts, deducted by the Board from the disposal of wheat of that season and paid into a reserve account pursuant to section 12A of the Commonwealth Act;
 - and
 - (d) the net pool return for that season were adjusted to take into account the result of any contract or dealing of the kind referred to in section 9 (3) (h) of the Commonwealth Act that was entered into in relation to that season. ” ;
- (b) in subsection (4), by deleting “, with the approval of the Commonwealth Minister,”;
- and
- (c) by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsection—
 - “ (6) For the purposes of this section, the net pool return rate for wheat of a season shall be calculated as if the net pool return for that season were

calculated taking into account the adjustments referred to in subsection (3) (c) and subsection (3) (d). ” .

Section 22
amended.

9. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended—
by inserting after subsection (7) the following subsections—

“ (8) The price for Australian standard white wheat in bulk, being wheat of a season sold free on rail at a port of export before the final purchasing day for that season to a person who has delivered wheat of that season to the Board for a stock-feed use by the person in Australia, is the price determined from time to time by the Board to be an equitable price in respect of the sale of wheat of that season to the person in respect of that stock-feed use, being a price that is not less than the price per tonne paid to the person by the Board under section 16 (1) for wheat of that season increased or decreased by such allowances as the Board considers proper for—

- (a) the costs incurred by the Board in the handling and storage of that wheat before it is sold to the person;
- (b) any costs incurred by the Board in delivering that wheat to the person;
- and
- (c) other necessary adjustments.

(9) The Board may, in determining a price in respect of the sale of wheat of a season under subsection (8) to a person who has delivered wheat of that season to the Board, make allowances for the quality of the wheat sold to the person under that subsection compared to the quality of the wheat of that season delivered by the person to the Board.

(10) For the purposes of subsection (8), wheat shall be taken to be sold to a person for a stock-feed use by that person if it is sold to that person for a stock-feed use—

- (a) by that person at the farm at which the wheat of that season that was delivered to the Board by that person was harvested; or
- (b) by that person or by another person at an associated farm approved by the Board.

(11) The Board shall not sell to a person under subsection (8) a total amount of wheat of a season that is greater than the total amount of wheat of that season delivered to the Board by that person.

(12) In this section—

“associated farm” has the same meaning as in section 13;

“final purchasing day”, in relation to a season, means—

- (a) the day declared by the Commonwealth Minister under section 25 (1) of the Commonwealth Act to be the final delivery day for that season; or
- (b) such other day as the Commonwealth Minister determines in accordance with section 26 (12) of the Commonwealth Act;

“season” does not include the season commencing on 1 October 1984 or the next succeeding season. ” .