

WHEAT SUBSIDY.

No. 17 of 1944.

An Act to provide for the Granting of Assistance to Wheat-growers.

[Assented to 6th April, 1944.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

- Short title.** 1. This Act may be cited as the *Wheat Subsidy Act 1944*.
- Commencement.** 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- Definition.** 3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
 “wheat-grower”, in relation to any wheat delivered in pursuance of the National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations, means a person licensed under the National Security (Wheat Industry Stabilization) Regulations to grow wheat, and includes the legal personal representative of a person (since deceased), or the trustee of the estate of any person, so licensed, who sowed the wheat from which the wheat so delivered was grown.
- Subsidy to wheat-growers.** 4. There shall be applied, in accordance with this Act, in making payments to wheat-growers, in respect of wheat sown in the year One thousand nine hundred and forty-two and in each subsequent year, such amounts as are appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose of assistance to the wheat industry.
- Tests of distribution.** 5.—(1.) Payments to wheat-growers under this Act in respect of wheat sown in any year shall (subject to such modifications as appear to the Minister to be just and equitable for the purpose of meeting the special circumstances of cases where the Minister is satisfied that two or more persons have operated together in the growing of wheat) be allocated so as to ensure to each wheat-grower a standard minimum aggregate return, calculated in accordance with the next succeeding sub-section, in respect of a standard quota of three thousand bushels of wheat delivered in pursuance of the National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations or in respect of such lesser quantity of wheat as is so delivered.

(2.) The standard minimum aggregate return shall be calculated on a basis per bushel for bagged wheat at growers' sidings—

(a) in the case of wheat sown in the year One thousand nine hundred and forty-two—of four shillings; and

(b) in the case of wheat sown in any subsequent year—of four shillings and one penny and one-third of one penny.

(3.) This Act shall not apply to wheat sown or harvested in contravention of the National Security (Wheat Industry Stabilization) Regulations.

6. Subject to the directions of the Minister, payments under this Act shall be made by the Australian Wheat Board, constituted under the National Security (Wheat Acquisition) Regulations.

Payments to
be made by
Australian
Wheat Board.

7. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the carrying out or giving effect to this Act, and, in particular, for prescribing penalties not exceeding a fine of Fifty pounds or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months for any breach of the regulations.

Regulations.

WHEAT TAX (WAR-TIME) REPEAL.

No. 18 of 1944.

An Act to repeal the *Wheat Tax (War-time) Act 1940* and the *Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Act 1940*.

[Assented to 6th April, 1944.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Wheat Tax (War-time) Repeal Act 1944*.

Citation.

2. This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on the sixteenth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty.

Commencement.

3. The *Wheat Tax (War-time) Act 1940* and the *Wheat Tax (War-time) Assessment Act 1940* are repealed.

Repeal.