House of Representatives

Supplementary Order Paper

Tuesday, 1 April 2008

Biosecurity and Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Legislation Amendment Bill

Proposed amendments

Hon Tariana Turia, in Committee, to move the following amendment:

New clause 2A

To insert the following clause after clause 2 (after line 7 on page 2):

2A Expiry

This Act expires on the date that is 18 months after the date this Act comes into force.

Explanatory note

This Supplementary Order Paper amends the Biosecurity and Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Legislation Amendment Bill to provide for its expiry 18 months after its entry into force.

Inclusion of this sunset clause into the Bill allows existing import health standards to be validated and new import health standards to continue to be issued, while setting an 18 month time frame for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to develop a more robust regime under which the biosecurity risk of passenger organisms that incidentally arrive into New Zealand can be assessed.

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