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as at 1 July 2011



**Imports and Exports (Restrictions)  
Act 1988**

Public Act 1988 No 157  
Date of assent 29 November 1988  
Commencement see section 1(2)

Act name: substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 5(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**This Act is administered by the Ministry of Economic Development.**

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**Title** *[Repealed]*

Title: repealed, on 8 July 2003, by section 4 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

*[Repealed]*

**1 Short Title and commencement**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1988.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on 1 December 1988.

Section 1(1): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 5(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

**2 Interpretation**

- (1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 

**decision-maker** means the person authorised by an Order in Council to grant a licence or permit, being—

  - (a) the Minister; or
  - (b) the Minister for the Environment; or
  - (c) the Environmental Protection Authority; or
  - (d) a prescribed person

**Environmental Protection Authority or EPA** means the Environmental Protection Authority established by section 7 of the Environmental Protection Authority Act 2011

**goods** means all kinds of movable property, including animals, organisms, chemicals, and waste

**international obligation** means—

- (a) the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, done at Rotterdam on 10 September 1998; and includes the Annexes to the Convention, and any amendments to, or substitutions of, those documents that are or will become binding on New Zealand:
- (b) the Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, done at Stockholm on 23 May 2001; and includes the Annexes to the Convention, and any amendments to, or substitutions of, those documents that are or will become binding on New Zealand:
- (c) the Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, done at Basel on 22 March 1989; and includes the Annexes to the Convention, and any amendments to, or substitutions of, those documents that are or will become binding on New Zealand:
- (d) the Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region, done at Waigani on 16 September 1995; and includes the Annexes to the Convention, and any amendments to, or substitutions of, those documents that are or will become binding on New Zealand:
- (e) any other international obligation that is or becomes binding on New Zealand and that provides for the restriction on, or the prohibition of, the exportation of certain chemicals, products, organisms, wastes, or other substances that pose a risk to human health or to the environment

**Minister** means the Minister of the Crown who, under the authority of any warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act

**permit** means a permit to import or export goods provided for under section 3 or 3A

**prescribed** means prescribed by an Order in Council for the time being in force under section 3 or section 3A; and, in relation to forms, includes prescribed by the decision-maker

**register** means the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Register required by section 3BD.

- (2) The terms **chief executive**, **Customs controlled area**, **Customs place**, **exportation**, and **importation** have the same meanings as in section 2(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1996.
- (3) Sections 1 to 4, and Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 12 (except section 142), 13 (except sections 209 and 214), 14, 15, and 17 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 apply to any goods, the importation or exportation of which is prohibited under this Act, in all respects as if the importation or exportation of the goods were prohibited, or were an offence, under the Customs and Excise Act 1996.
- (4) *[Repealed]*

Section 2(1) **decision-maker**: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **Environmental Protection Authority or EPA**: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **goods**: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **international obligation**: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 6(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 2(1) **Minister**: substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 6(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 2(1) **Ministry**: repealed, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(3) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **permit**: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **prescribed**: substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 4(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 2(1) **prescribed**: amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(4) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **register**: added, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(1) **Secretary**: repealed, on 7 September 2000, by section 8(1) of the Ministry of Economic Development Act 2000 (2000 No 28).

Section 2(2): substituted, on 1 October 1996, by section 289(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 (1996 No 27).

Section 2(2): amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 4(5) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 2(2): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 6(3) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 2(3): substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 6(4) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 2(4): repealed, on 1 October 1996, by section 289(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 (1996 No 27).

## **2A Act binds the Crown**

This Act binds the Crown.

Section 2A: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

## **3 Prohibition of imports**

- (1) The Governor-General may from time to time by Order in Council prohibit, in the public interest, the importation into New Zealand of—
  - (a) any specified goods:
  - (b) goods of any specified class or classes:
  - (c) all goods except goods of a specified class or specified classes:
  - (d) all goods whatever (without specification of any such goods or of the class or classes to which they belong).
- (2) Any prohibition imposed pursuant to this section—
  - (a) may be general; or
  - (b) may be limited to the importation of goods from any specified place or by or from any specified person or class of persons; or
  - (c) may, whether general or limited, be absolute or conditional.
- (3) A conditional prohibition allows the importation of goods subject to—
  - (a) the grant of a licence or permit by the decision-maker on terms and conditions specified in the licence or permit; or

- (b) prescribed conditions.
- (4) A conditional prohibition may require payment of consideration to the decision-maker in respect of the application for, or the granting of, a licence or permit.
- (5) A licence or permit authorising the importation of goods may be granted before or after the goods have been imported.

Section 3 heading: substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 8(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 3(3): substituted, on 1 July 2011, by section 5 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 3(4): substituted, on 1 July 2011, by section 5 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 3(5): substituted, on 1 July 2011, by section 5 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

### **3A Prohibition of exports**

- (1) The Governor-General, if satisfied that it is necessary to give effect to an international obligation, may, by Order in Council, prohibit the exportation from New Zealand of—
  - (a) specified goods:
  - (b) goods of a specified class or classes.
- (2) A prohibition may be—
  - (a) general:
  - (b) limited to the exportation of goods to a specified place or class of places:
  - (c) limited to the exportation of goods to a specified person or class of persons:
  - (d) limited to the exportation of goods by a specified person or class of persons:
  - (e) absolute:
  - (f) conditional.

Section 3A: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 9 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

### **3B Conditional prohibition of exportation**

- (1) A conditional prohibition allows the exportation of goods subject to—
  - (a) the grant of a licence or permit by the decision-maker; or
  - (b) prescribed conditions.

- (2) The terms and conditions of a licence or permit must be consistent with the prohibition.
- (3) A conditional prohibition may require payment of consideration to the decision-maker in respect of the application for, or the granting of, a licence or permit.

Section 3B: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 9 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 3B(1)(a): amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 6(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 3B(3): amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 6(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

*Application to Environmental Protection  
Authority for permits*

Heading: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**3BA General requirements for permits**

- (1) This section and sections 3BB and 3BC apply if an Order in Council made under section 3 or 3A allows the importation or exportation of goods under the authority of a permit granted by the Environmental Protection Authority.
- (2) Any person may apply to the Environmental Protection Authority for a permit.
- (3) An application for a permit must be in the prescribed form.
- (4) The Environmental Protection Authority may revoke a permit if the Authority is satisfied that the holder of the permit has—
  - (a) failed to comply with a condition of the permit; or
  - (b) made a false declaration or statement or provided incorrect information in the holder's application for the permit; or
  - (c) been convicted of an offence against this Act or an offence involving a convention chemical or waste.
- (5) The Order in Council may specify the process and requirements for applying for a permit.
- (6) In this section and section 3BC **convention chemical or waste** means a chemical or waste in relation to which an Order in Council has been made under section 3 or 3A to give effect to an international obligation.

Section 3BA: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

### **3BB Conditions on permits**

- (1) The Environmental Protection Authority may impose conditions that address the following matters on a permit allowing the importation of goods:
  - (a) the use to which the goods will be put in New Zealand:
  - (b) the provision of information to the Authority concerning the movement and location of the goods:
  - (c) insurance requirements relating to the importation of the goods and their presence in New Zealand:
  - (d) the labelling, packaging, handling, storage, transport, processing, or disposal of the goods:
  - (e) liability for the goods if they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were imported.
- (2) The Environmental Protection Authority may impose conditions that address the following matters on a permit allowing the export of goods:
  - (a) the provision of information to the Authority concerning the movement and location of the goods:
  - (b) insurance requirements relating to the export of the goods:
  - (c) the labelling, packaging, handling, storage, transport, processing, or disposal of the goods:
  - (d) liability for the goods if they cannot be used for the purpose for which they were exported.

Section 3BB: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

### **3BC Refusal of permits**

The Environmental Protection Authority may refuse to grant a permit if the Authority is satisfied that—

- (a) the person who applied for the permit has been convicted of an offence against this Act or an offence involving a convention chemical or waste; or
- (b) the information provided by the person to the Authority is incorrect.

Section 3BC: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).



*Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Register*

Heading: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**3BD Register**

- (1) The Environmental Protection Authority, on behalf of the Crown, must keep a register called the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Register.
- (2) The register may be kept in the form of information stored electronically.
- (3) The Crown owns all information contained in the register.

Section 3BD: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**3BE Information to be included in register**

- (1) The register must record—
  - (a) the details of a permit granted by the Environmental Protection Authority under an Order in Council made under section 3 or 3A; and
  - (b) any other information required to comply with New Zealand's international obligations that is prescribed by regulations.
- (2) In relation to a permit, the register must specify—
  - (a) the name and address of the person to whom the permit was granted; and
  - (b) the goods to which the permit relates; and
  - (c) the amount of the goods that the permit allows to be imported or exported; and
  - (d) the terms and conditions on which the permit was granted; and
  - (e) any other information required by regulations.
- (3) The register may record any other information that the Environmental Protection Authority considers appropriate.

Section 3BE: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**3BF Environmental Protection Authority to allow New Zealand Customs Service access to register**

The Environmental Protection Authority must provide the New Zealand Customs Service with access to the register.

Section 3BF: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

*Miscellaneous provisions*

Heading: inserted, on 1 July 2011, by section 7 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**3C Forms**

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, the decision-maker may prescribe forms that he or she considers necessary.
- (2) In all proceedings, a document is sufficient evidence that a form was prescribed if it—
  - (a) is signed by or on behalf of the decision-maker; and
  - (b) purports to be a prescribed form, an extract from a prescribed form, a copy of the form, or a copy of the extract.
- (3) A court must take judicial notice of the signature by or on behalf of the decision-maker of a prescribed form or an extract or copy of a prescribed form.

Section 3C: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 9 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 3C(1): amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 8(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 3C(2)(a): amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 8(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 3C(3): substituted, on 1 July 2011, by section 8(3) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**3D Order in Council not invalid**

An Order in Council is not invalid because—

- (a) it leaves a matter to the discretion of the decision-maker;
- (b) it authorises the decision-maker to issue a licence or permit subject to conditions imposed by the decision-maker.

Section 3D: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 9 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 3D(a): amended, on 1 July 2011, by section 9(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

Section 3D(b): substituted, on 1 July 2011, by section 9(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

### **3E Other Acts not affected**

The provisions of this Act are in addition to, and not in substitution for, the provisions of any other enactment relating to the importation or exportation of any substances or goods, and nothing in this Act limits or otherwise affects any provisions.

Section 3E: inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 9 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

## **4 Offences**

- (1) Every person commits an offence who—
- (a) imports into New Zealand or unships or lands in New Zealand any goods whose importation is prohibited by any Order in Council made under section 3 and in force at the time of importation; or
  - (ab) exports, or transports with intent to export, goods from New Zealand in breach of an Order in Council made under section 3A; or
  - (b) commits any breach of, or fails in any respect to comply with, any term or condition on, or subject to, which there has been granted, under any Order in Council made under section 3 or section 3A, any licence or permit under the authority of which any goods are imported into, or exported from, New Zealand.
- (2) Every person commits an offence who—
- (a) is knowingly concerned in any importation, exportation, transportation, shipment, unshipment, landing, breach, or non-compliance to which subsection (1) applies; or
  - (b) without lawful justification or excuse, removes from any Customs place or Customs controlled area any imported goods whose importation constitutes an offence under this section; or

- (c) is knowingly concerned in or connives at the removal from any Customs place or Customs controlled area of any goods whose importation constitutes an offence under this section.
- (3) Subsection (3A) applies where goods are imported into, or are exported from, New Zealand under the authority of a licence or permit granted under an Order in Council made under section 3 or section 3A.
- (3A) A person commits an offence who—
  - (a) knowingly makes a false declaration or statement for the purpose of obtaining the licence or permit:
  - (b) knowingly makes a false declaration or statement as to compliance with a condition on, or subject to, which the licence or permit was granted:
  - (c) otherwise knowingly makes a false declaration or statement in relation to the importation or exportation of the goods.
- (4) Every person who commits an offence against this section is liable to a fine not exceeding,—
  - (a) in the case of an individual, \$5,000, and in the case of a body corporate, \$25,000; or
  - (b) in either case, an amount equal to 3 times the value of the goods to which the offence relates,—whichever is the greater.
- (5) Any goods in respect of which any offence against this section is committed shall be forfeited.
- (6) Any Order in Council made under section 3 or section 3A may prescribe fines, in the case of an individual, not exceeding \$5,000, and in the case of a body corporate, not exceeding \$25,000, for the breach of any provision of any such Order in Council not being a breach which is an offence against any of the foregoing provisions of this section.
- (7) Every offence against this section or against any Order in Council made under section 3 or section 3A shall be punishable on summary conviction.
- (8) Every information under the Summary Proceedings Act 1957 for an offence against this section or against any Order in

Council made under section 3 or section 3A shall be laid by the chief executive.

- (9) Notwithstanding anything in the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, any information for an offence against this section or against any Order in Council made under section 3 or section 3A may be laid within 3 years after the date of the offence.
- (10) When the amount of a fine under this section is to be determined by reference to the value of any goods, their value shall be estimated according to the price for which goods of the like kind and of the best quality, on which duties (if any) have been paid, are available in New Zealand at the time of the offence.

Section 4(1)(ab): inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(1) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(1)(b): substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(2) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(2)(a): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(3) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(2)(b): substituted, on 1 October 1996, by section 289(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 (1996 No 27).

Section 4(2)(c): substituted, on 1 October 1996, by section 289(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 (1996 No 27).

Section 4(3): substituted, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(4) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(3A): inserted, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(4) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(6): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(5) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(7): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(5) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(8): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(5) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

Section 4(8): amended, on 1 October 1996, by section 289(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 (1996 No 27).

Section 4(9): amended, on 8 July 2003, by section 10(5) of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36).

## **5 Delegation of powers by Minister and Secretary**

*[Repealed]*

Section 5: repealed, on 1 July 2011, by section 10 of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17).

**6 Regulations**

- (1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make all such regulations as may be necessary or expedient for giving effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due administration thereof.
- (2) Without limiting the general power to make regulations conferred by this section, regulations may be made under this section prescribing fines for offences against the regulations not exceeding \$5,000 in the case of an individual, and \$25,000 in the case of a body corporate.

**7 Savings**

After the commencement of this Act, the Import Control Regulations 1988 shall have effect as if they had been made under this Act and may be amended or revoked accordingly, and the repeal of the Trade and Industry Act 1956 shall not affect the validity of those regulations or any amendment to those regulations.

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## **Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011**

Public Act 2011 No 17  
Date of assent 17 May 2011  
Commencement see section 2

### **1 Title**

This Act is the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011.

### **2 Commencement**

- (1) This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Governor-General by Order in Council; and 1 or more orders may be made bringing different provisions into force on different dates.
- (2) Any provision that has not earlier been brought into force comes into force on 1 December 2012.

Section 2(1): this Act brought into force, on 1 July 2011, by the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 Commencement Order 2011 (SR 2011/195).

### **11 Transitional provision**

Despite this Act and section 54 of the Environmental Protection Authority Act 2011, an application for a permit made before the commencement of this section must be determined by the Minister responsible for the administration of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1988 as if this Act and the Environmental Protection Authority Act 2011 had not been passed.

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**Notes****1 General**

This is a reprint of the Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act 1988. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 1 July 2011, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

**2 Status of reprints**

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

**3 How reprints are prepared**

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and



provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 *Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989***

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

## **5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint (most recent first)***

Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2011 (2011 No 17)

Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 36)

Ministry of Economic Development Act 2000 (2000 No 28): section 8(1)

Customs and Excise Act 1996 (1996 No 27): section 289(1)

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