

**Reprint
as at 1 January 2008**



**Imperial Laws Application Act
1988**

Public Act 1988 No 112
Date of assent 28 July 1988
Commencement see section 1(2)

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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 Justice.

Schedule 2
Imperial subordinate legislation in force in New Zealand

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An Act to specify the extent to which Imperial enactments, Imperial subordinate legislation, and the common law of England are part of the laws of New Zealand

1 Short Title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Imperial Laws Application Act 1988.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on 1 January 1989.

2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Imperial enactment means any Act of the Parliament of England, or of the Parliament of Great Britain, or of the Parliament of the United Kingdom; but does not include any Imperial subordinate legislation

Imperial subordinate legislation means any Order in Council, regulation, or other legislative instrument made under any Imperial enactment; and includes the Letters Patent listed in Schedule 2.

3 Application of Imperial enactments and Imperial subordinate legislation as part of laws of New Zealand

- (1) The Imperial enactments listed in Schedule 1, and the Imperial subordinate legislation listed in Schedule 2, are hereby declared to be part of the laws of New Zealand.
- (2) After the commencement of this Act, every provision of the Imperial enactments and Imperial subordinate legislation referred to in subsection (1) shall have the same effect as part of the laws of New Zealand as it had immediately before the commencement of this Act.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (2), it is hereby declared that the Accession Declaration Act 1910 (UK) came

into force in New Zealand on 3 August 1910 (being the date on which it received the Royal assent).

- (4) *[Repealed]*
- (5) Subject to section 6, the declaration, by subsection (1), that the Imperial subordinate legislation listed in Schedule 2 is part of the laws of New Zealand is without prejudice to any power to amend or revoke that Imperial subordinate legislation, or to declare that it shall cease to have effect as part of the laws of New Zealand.
- (6) Where—
- (a) any Imperial subordinate legislation listed in Schedule 2 is revoked; or
 - (b) it is declared that any such Imperial subordinate legislation shall cease to have effect as part of the laws of New Zealand,—
- the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make such consequential amendments to that schedule as may be necessary to give effect to that revocation or declaration.
- (7) Every Order in Council made under subsection (6) is deemed to be a regulation for the purposes of the Regulations Act 1936.

Section 3(4): repealed, on 1 November 1999, by section 37 of the Interpretation Act 1999 (1999 No 85).

4 Other Imperial enactments and Imperial subordinate legislation not part of laws of New Zealand

- (1) After the commencement of this Act, no Imperial enactments passed before the commencement of this Act (other than those listed in Schedule 1), and, subject to subsection (2), no Imperial subordinate legislation made before the commencement of this Act (other than that listed in Schedule 2), shall be part of the laws of New Zealand.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) applies in respect of any Order in Council made under the provisions of the Extradition Acts 1870 to 1935 of the United Kingdom Parliament and that had effect as part of the laws of New Zealand immediately before the commencement of this Act by virtue of section 21 of the Extradition Act 1965 and is continued in effect by section 104(2) of the Extradition Act 1999.

- (3) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the question whether any provision of any Imperial enactment or Imperial subordinate legislation was part of the laws of New Zealand at any time before the commencement of this Act.
- (4) Where any Imperial enactment or any Imperial subordinate legislation ceases, on the commencement of this Act, to be part of the laws of New Zealand, the Acts Interpretation Act 1924 shall apply,—
 - (a) in the case of an Imperial enactment, as it would apply on the repeal of an Act of the Parliament of New Zealand:
 - (b) in the case of any Imperial subordinate legislation, as it would apply on the revocation of a regulation made under the authority of any such Act.

Section 4(2): amended, on 1 September 1999, by section 111 of the Extradition Act 1999 (1999 No 55).

5 Application of common law of England

After the commencement of this Act, the common law of England (including the principles and rules of equity), so far as it was part of the laws of New Zealand immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall continue to be part of the laws of New Zealand.

Compare: 1908 No 55 s 2

6 Power to make subordinate legislation under Imperial enactments part of laws of New Zealand

- (1) Where, after the commencement of this Act, any Imperial enactment that is part of the laws of New Zealand confers power on the Sovereign to make subordinate legislation,—
 - (a) any subordinate legislation that is made, after the commencement of this Act, pursuant to that power and that purports to have effect as part of the laws of New Zealand shall have such effect,—
 - (i) in the case of subordinate legislation that relates to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (other than any such subordinate legislation that relates solely to New Zealand), if it is made by the Sovereign in his or her Privy Council, or by

- the Sovereign acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council:
- (ii) in any other case, if it is made by the Sovereign in right of New Zealand acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council:
- (b) the Governor-General in Council shall have and may exercise that power for the purpose of making subordinate legislation that has effect as part of the laws of New Zealand.
- (2) Except as provided by subsection (1), no Imperial subordinate legislation made after the commencement of this Act shall have effect as part of the laws of New Zealand.

7 Repeal

The English Laws Act 1908 is hereby repealed.

Schedule 1
Imperial enactments in force in New Zealand

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Constitutional enactments

(1275) 3 Edw 1, c 1—(Statutes of Westminster the First): so much of that Act as is stated in the words “The King willeth and commandeth ... that common right be done to all, as well poor as rich, without respect of persons.”, [being the English translation of part of the authentic text of that Act as it appears in the edition called *Statutes of the Realm*].

(1297) 25 Edw 1 (Magna Carta), c 29.

(1351) 25 Edw 3, St 5, c 4.

(1354) 28 Edw 3, c 3.

(1368) 42 Edw 3, c 3.

(1627) 3 Cha 1, c 1—Petition of Right.

(1688) 1 Will and Mar, Sess 2, c 2—Bill of Rights 1688: the Title and Preamble, section 1 [as amended by section 62 of the Juries Act 1825 (6 Geo 4, c 50)], and section 2.

(1700) 12 and 13 Will 3, c 2—Act of Settlement 1700: the Title and Preamble, section 1, section 2 [as amended by the Accession Declaration Act 1910 (10 Edw 7 and 1 Geo 5, c 29)], and section 3 [omitting all the words after the words “the Church of England as by law established”].

(1772) 12 Geo 3, c 11—Royal Marriages Act 1772: sections 1 and 2.

(1910) 10 Edw 7 and 1 Geo 5, c 29—Accession Declaration Act 1910.

Enactments relating to habeas corpus

Items omitted.

Enactments relating to property

Heading repealed and items omitted.

Enactments relating to boundaries

(1863) 26 and 27 Vict, c 23—New Zealand Boundaries Act 1863: the Preamble and section 2.

(1887) 50 and 51 Vict, c 54—British Settlements Act 1887.

(1945) 9 Geo 6, c 7—British Settlements Act 1945.

Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council

Heading repealed and items omitted.

Enactments relating to Prize

(1864) 27 and 28 Vict, c 25—Naval Prize Act 1864: the Title, Preamble, sections 1 to 3, 10 to 12, and 14 to 56.

(1894) 57 and 58 Vict, c 39—Prize Courts Act 1894.

(1914) 4 and 5 Geo 5, c 13—Prize Courts (Procedure) Act 1914.

(1915) 5 and 6 Geo 5, c 57—Prize Courts Act 1915.

(1916) 6 and 7 Geo 5, c 2—Naval Prize (Procedure) Act 1916.

(1939) 2 and 3 Geo 6, c 65—Prize Act 1939.

Other enactments

(1728) 2 Geo 2, c 22 (Set-off): the Title and section 13.

(1734) 8 Geo 2, c 24 (Set-off): the Title and sections 4 and 5.

(1750) 24 Geo 2, c 23—Calendar (New Style) Act 1750: the Title, Preamble, section 1 [omitting the words “in Europe, Asia, Africa, and America”, and all the words after “bear date according to the said new method of supputation”], and section 2.

Items omitted.

(1837) 7 Will 4 and 1 Vict, c 26—Wills Act 1837: sections 1, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13 to 31, and 33, for persons who die before 1 November 2007.

(1852) 15 and 16 Vict, c 24—Wills Act Amendment Act 1852: sections 1, 3, and 4, for persons who die before 1 November 2007.

Items omitted.

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to habeas corpus: (1640) 16 Cha 1, c 10—Habeas Corpus Act 1640: section 6 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 26 May 2001, by section 22(2) of the Habeas Corpus Act 2001 (2001 No 31).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to habeas corpus: (1679) 31 Cha 2, c 2—Habeas Corpus Act 1679: sections 1–11 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 26 May 2001, by section 22(2) of the Habeas Corpus Act 2001 (2001 No 31).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to habeas corpus: (1816) 56 Geo 3, c 100—Habeas Corpus Act 1816 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 26 May 2001, by section 22(2) of the Habeas Corpus Act 2001 (2001 No 31).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property heading: repealed, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1267) 52 Hen 3 (The Statute of Marlborough), c 23 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1289–90) 18 Edw 1, St 1—(*Quia Empiores*), c 1, c 3 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1539) 31 Hen 8, c 1—Partition Act 1539 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1540) 32 Hen 8, c 32—Partition Act 1540 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1540) 32 Hen 8, c 34—Grantees of Reversions Act 1540: except section 3 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1689) 2 Will and Mar, Sess 1, c 5—Distress Act 1689: except sections 3 and 4 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1705) 4 and 5 Anne, c 3—Administration of Justice Act 1705: sections 9 and 10 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1709) 8 Anne, c 18—Landlord and Tenant Act 1709: sections 1, 4, 6, and 7 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1730) 4 Geo 2, c 28—Landlord and Tenant Act 1730: sections 2, 4, 5, and 6 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1737) 11 Geo 2, c 19—Distress for Rent Act 1737: sections 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 14, 16, and 17 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1832) 2 and 3 Will 4, c 71—Prescription Act 1832: sections 1, 2, and 4–8 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to property: (1851) 14 and 15 Vict, c 25—Landlord and Tenant Act 1851: sections 1–4 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council heading: repealed, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1833) 3 and 4 Will 4, c 41—Judicial Committee Act 1833: section 1 [as amended by section 1 of the Statute Law Revision Act 1874 (37 and 38 Vict, c 35) and section 1 of the Statute Law Revision (No 2) Act 1888 (51 and 52 Vict, c 57)], section 3, section 5 [as amended by section 16 of the Court of Chancery Act 1851 (14 and 15 Vict, c 83)], and sections 6–9, 11–13, 15–21, 23, 24, and 28 [as amended by section 6 of the Judicial Committee Act 1843 (6 and 7 Vict, c 38)] ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1844) 7 and 8 Vict, c 69—Judicial Committee Act 1844: sections 1 and 8 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1851) 14 and 15 Vict, c 83—Court of Chancery Act 1851: section 16 [as amended by section 1 of the Statute Law Revision Act 1875 (38 and 39 Vict, c 66)] ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1853) 16 and 17 Vict, c 85—Privy Council Registrar Act 1853 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1876) 39 and 40 Vict, c 59—Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876: the final paragraph of section 6 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1881) 44 and 45 Vict, c 3—Judicial Committee Act 1881 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1887) 50 and 51 Vict, c 70—Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1887: sections 3 and 5 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1895) 58 and 59 Vict, c 44—Judicial Committee Amendment Act 1895 [as amended by section 3 of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1913 (3 and 4 Geo 5, c 21) and section 13 of the Administration of Justice Act 1928 (UK)] ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1908) 8 Edw 7, c 51—Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1908: sections 1, 3(1), 4, 5, and 7 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: (1915) 5 and 6 Geo 5, c 92—Judicial Committee Act 1915 ceased to have effect as part of the

law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Enactments relating to Prize: Naval Prize Act 1864 amended, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 1 Other enactments: (1774) 14 Geo 3, c 78—Fires Prevention (Metropolis) Act 1774: section 83, and section 86 [as amended by the Statute Law Revision Act 1861 (24 and 25 Vict, c 101)] ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Other enactments: (1828) 9 Geo 4, c 14—Statute of Frauds Amendment Act 1828: section 6 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2008, by section 365(4) of the Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91).

Schedule 1 Other enactments: Wills Act 1837 amended, on 1 November 2007, by section 39(1) of the Wills Act 2007 (2007 No 36).

Schedule 1 Other enactments: Wills Act Amendment Act 1852 amended, on 1 November 2007, by section 39(2) of the Wills Act 2007 (2007 No 36).

Schedule 1 Other enactments: (1881) 44 and 45 Vict, c 69—Fugitive Offenders Act 1881, except sections 11, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 32, 36, and 38 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 September 1999, by section 111 of the Extradition Act 1999 (1999 No 55).

Schedule 1 Other enactments: (1915) 5 and 6 Geo 5, c 39—Fugitive Offenders (Protected States) Act 1915 ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 September 1999, by section 111 of the Extradition Act 1999 (1999 No 55).

Schedule 2
Imperial subordinate legislation in force
in New Zealand

Imperial subordinate legislation relating to
boundaries

1887—Letters Patent, dated 18 January 1887, passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom for the Annexation of certain Islands known as the Kermadec Group to the Colony of New Zealand (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XVI, 861; *Gazette* 1887, Vol 1, p 433).

1901 No 531—Order in Council altering the boundaries of the Colony of New Zealand (by including the Cook Group) (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XVI, 862; *Gazette* 1901, Vol 1, p 1307).

1923 No 974—Order in Council providing for the Government of the Ross Dependency (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XVI, 865; *Gazette* 1923, Vol II, p 2211).

Orders in Council relating to the Judicial
Committee of the Privy Council

Heading repealed and items omitted.

Order in Council relating to Prize

Heading repealed and item omitted.

Order in Council relating to merchant
shipping

Heading repealed and item omitted.

Order in Council relating to fugitive
offenders

1925 No 1031—Order in Council applying Part 2 of the Fugitive Offenders Act 1881 to New Zealand (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol IX, 534; *Gazette* 1926, Vol 1, p 77).

Schedule 2 Orders in Council relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council heading: repealed, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Orders in Council relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: 1909 No 1228—Order in Council making continuing order directing that all Appeals to His Majesty in Council shall be referred to the Judicial Committee (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XI, 205) ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Orders in Council relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: 1910 No 70 (L3)—New Zealand (Appeals to the Privy Council) Order 1910 (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XI, 409; SR 1973/181) ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Orders in Council relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: 1972 No 1994—New Zealand (Appeals to the Privy Council) (Amendment) Order 1972 (SI 1972/1994; SR 1973/181) ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Orders in Council relating to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council: 1982 No 1676—Judicial Committee (General Appellate Jurisdiction) Rules Order 1982 (SI 1982/1676) ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Order in Council relating to Prize heading: repealed, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Order in Council relating to Prize: 1939 No 1466 (L23)—Prize Court Rules 1939 (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XVIII, 561) ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 1 January 2004, by section 48(1) of the Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53).

Schedule 2 Order in Council relating to merchant shipping heading: repealed, on 29 October 1992, by section 88(2) of the Ship Registration Act 1992 (1992 No 89).

Schedule 2 Order in Council relating to merchant shipping: 1946 No 1086—Merchant Shipping (Registration of New Zealand Government Ships) Order 1946 (SR & O and SI Rev 1948, Vol XIV, 78; SR 1946/174) ceased to have effect as part of the law of New Zealand, on 29 October 1992, by section 88(2) of the Ship Registration Act 1992 (1992 No 89).

Wills Act 2007

Public Act 2007 No 36
Date of assent 28 August 2007
Commencement see section 2

1 Title

This Act is the Wills Act 2007.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on 1 November 2007.

Part 2

Wills

Subpart 4—Transitional and amendment provisions

39 Wills of persons who die before 1 November 2007

(1), (2) *Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).*

(3) Amendments to the Wills Act 1837 of the United Kingdom Parliament made by the New Zealand Parliament and in force when this Act commences continue to apply to the wills of persons who die before 1 November 2007.

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Notes**1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Imperial Laws Application Act 1988. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 1 January 2008, 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)*

Property Law Act 2007 (2007 No 91): section 365(4)

Wills Act 2007 (2007 No 36): section 39

Supreme Court Act 2003 (2003 No 53): section 48(1)

Habeas Corpus Act 2001 (2001 No 31): section 22(2)

Interpretation Act 1999 (1999 No 85): section 37

Extradition Act 1999 (1999 No 55): section 111

Ship Registration Act 1992 (1992 No 89): section 88(2)