

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION CONFIRMATION BILL

LEGISLATIVE STATEMENT: SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

The Subordinate Legislation Confirmation Bill is expected to pass through its remaining stages on Thursday 9 December 2021. Under so 333(3), after second reading, the bill will proceed straight to third reading, which will be without debate.

Purpose

The purpose of the Bill is to prevent the revocation of certain subordinate legislation that would be revoked at a stated time if not confirmed by this bill. The bill is the latest of an annual series that confirm certain instruments. It confirms subordinate legislation made under eight Acts.

Orders to be confirmed

- *Biosecurity Act 1993*

Eight orders relating to agreements between government and industry organisations to deal with unwanted organisms, including agreements for jointly funding the costs of readiness and response activities. Products on which levies are imposed are fresh vegetables, process vegetables, apples and pears, and winegrapes as well as on beekeepers, horses and horse germplasm.

- *Commodity Levies Act 1990*

Two orders made under this Act are confirmed by the bill. They impose levies on milksolids and feijoas.

- *Customs and Excise Act 2018*

Two orders made under this Act are confirmed by the bill. They adjust the excise and excise-equivalent duties on tobacco products and to alcoholic beverages to reflect the movement in the Consumers Price Index (less credit services) over the 12-month period ending on 30 September 2020.

- *Fisheries Act 1996*

The Fisheries (Alteration of Quota Management Area—Paua Kaikōura Coast) Order 2021 is confirmed. It divides the quota management area for paua on the Kaikōura Coast.

- *New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001 and Social Security Act 2018*

The Social Security (Rates of Benefits and Allowances) Order 2021 increases a range of benefits, allowances, asset limits, and superannuation entitlements, etc, payable on and after 1 April 2021.

- *Social Security Act 2018*

Two orders made under this Act are confirmed by the bill. One amends the definitions of Income Tests 1 to increase the abatement threshold for main beneficiaries and non-qualified spouses and partners of superannuitants; the other makes discretionary increases to a range of main benefits.

- *Tariff Act 1988*

One order made under this Act is amended by the bill. It amends the Working Tariff Document so that goods from the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations Plus (PACER Plus) specified countries that meet the rules of origin and other applicable requirements have a Preferential Tariff rate of Free.

- *Waste Minimisation Act 2008*

Regulations amending the Waste Minimisation (Calculation and Payment of Waste Disposal Levy) Regulations 2009 are confirmed by the bill. They prescribe new classes of disposal facilities and the rate of levy that is payable on the amount of waste disposed of at each class of disposal facility.