



ANALYSIS

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1999, No. 120

An Act to amend the Designs Act 1953

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BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Designs Amendment Act 1999, and is part of the Designs Act 1953 (“the principal Act”).

2. Orders in Council as to convention countries—

(1) The principal Act is amended by repealing section 20, and substituting the following section:

“20. For the purpose of giving effect to any international agreement or arrangement to which New Zealand is a party or that applies to New Zealand, the Governor-General may by Order in Council declare that any entity specified in the order that is a party to the agreement or arrangement or to which the agreement or arrangement applies (whether a state, part of a state, a territory for whose international relations a state is responsible, a political union, an international organisation, or any other entity) is, for the purposes of all or any of the provisions of this Act, a convention country.”

(2) Section 2 (1) of the principal Act is amended by repealing the definition of the term “convention country”, and substituting the following definition:

“‘Convention country’, in any provision of this Act, means an entity for the time being declared by an

order under section 20 to be a convention country for the purposes of that provision.”

(3) Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

“(5) In the case of an entity that is a convention country but is not a state, part of a state, or a territory for whose international relations a state is responsible,—

“(a) A reference in this Act to—

“(i) Application for protection in a country; or

“(ii) Application for protection in respect of a country,—

must be read as a reference to application for protection under the rules of the entity:

“(b) A reference in this Act to the law of a convention country must be read as a reference to the rules of the entity:

“(c) A reference in this Act to the Government of a convention country must be read as a reference to the governing body of the entity.”

(4) The substitution by subsection (1) of a new section 20 of the principal Act for the existing section does not affect any order made under the existing section; and any such order may be amended or revoked by an order made under the substituted section.

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Commerce.
