

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

CHAPTER NO. 333.

Printing of the Laws.

GENERAL ANNOTATION.

ADMINISTRATION.

The administration of this Chapter was vested in the Prime Minister at the date of its preparation for inclusion.

The present administration may be ascertained by reference to the most recent Determination of Titles and Responsibilities of Ministers made under Section 148(1) of the Constitution.

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Being an Act relating to the printing of the laws of the State.

1. Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“the Government Printer” means the holder (substantive or other) of the Public Service office of that name;

“law” includes the Revised Laws;

“legislation of importance” means Constitutional laws, Acts and Statutory Instruments.

2. Printing of laws by the Government Printer.

(1) The Government Printer shall print each law in pamphlet form as soon as practicable after it is passed or made.

(2) The Government Printer may reprint any law in pamphlet form.

(3) The Government Printer may, in respect of each year, reprint in a volume all the legislation of importance passed or made during that year or, where the First Legislative Counsel requests that a reprint of laws be prepared in respect of any other period, the Government Printer may reprint in a volume all the legislation of importance passed or made during that period.

3. Printing of laws by authorized printer.

(1) The Minister may, by notice in the National Gazette, authorize a person to print or reprint in pamphlet form all or any of the laws.

(2) The Minister may, in the notice under Subsection (1) or by a separate notice in the National Gazette, authorize a person to reprint in a volume or in pamphlet form all the legislation of importance passed or made during a particular period. (*Amended by No. 6 of 1981.*)

(3) Where the period to which an authorization under Subsection (2) relates is a particular year the authorization may be expressed to operate in respect of each succeeding year until revoked.

4. First Legislative Counsel may give certain directions.

(1) The First Legislative Counsel may direct the Government Printer or an authorized printer to print or reprint any law subject to any alterations which have been made to the text of that law by the First Legislative Counsel by virtue of the powers conferred on him by any law.

(2) The First Legislative Counsel may give directions to the Government Printer or an authorized printer in relation to the form of a volume of reprinted laws and in relation to any other instruments or matters to be included in the volume.

5. Temporary powers in relation to printing and reprinting.

(1) This section expires on the commencement of the Revised Laws in accordance with Section 11 of the *Revision of the Laws Act 1973*.

(2) This section does not affect the *Revision of the Laws Act 1973*.

(3) The First Legislative Counsel in preparing the text of a law for printing or reprinting may exercise all or any of the following powers :—

- (a) if a section or other division of a section is incorrectly numbered or lettered, or has no number or reference letter, the number or reference letter may be corrected or deleted, or a number or reference letter may be added, as the case requires; and
- (b) an error in spelling may be corrected, and capital letters may be changed to small letters or small letters may be changed to capital letters, as the case requires, for the purpose of ensuring uniformity; and
- (c) an error in punctuation may be corrected, and an alteration in punctuation necessitated by reason of an amendment having been made to a law may be made; and
- (d) if a section or other division of a law is numbered with Roman numerals or reference is made to a section or other division of another law with Roman numerals, those Roman numerals may be changed to the corresponding Arabic numerals; and
- (e) if the short title or citation of a law forms part of a section it may be printed or reprinted as a heading to the law followed by the word "being", introducing the long title which may be followed by any preamble or section setting out the objects of the law; and
- (f) the enacting words and the words of commencement (whether or not comprised in a section) may be omitted; and
- (g) if a repeal section, transitional provision or other provision that is either of a temporary character or the omission of which in the printing or reprinting of laws is authorized by law is not at the end of the law it may be moved to that position, but before any Schedules; and
- (h) if an expression or reference in the law is, as the result of a law or an instrument made under a law, to be read as a reference to a particular act, matter or thing (whether or not in relation to the doing or suffering of anything before or after a specified date, either before or after the commencement of this Act) the expression or reference may be replaced by the reference to the act, matter or thing; and
- (i) if the law contains a section (commonly called the "Parts" section) setting out the arrangements of the law into Parts, Divisions, Subdivisions and other groupings of sections it may be omitted; and
- (j) if the law contains a Schedule or a reference to a Schedule (whether to that or any other law) and the heading to the Schedule or the reference contains an ordinal number, the word "Schedule" immediately followed by the cardinal number (expressed in Arabic numerals) which corresponds to that ordinal number may be substituted; and
- (k) a reference to a date may be printed or reprinted in the form "18 October 1960"; and
- (l) if the law contains a reference to a number in words the corresponding number, expressed in Arabic numerals, may be substituted; and
- (m) if the law contains a reference to a number which contains commas, the commas may be omitted; and

- (n) a reference to a measurement may be expressed in any standard abbreviated form; and
- (o) a reference to time in words may be expressed in the form "2a.m." or "2p.m." as the case may require; and
- (p) if the law contains a reference to a provision in a section which refers to various subdivisions of that section in words it may be replaced by a reference to the section by number, followed by the numbers or symbols identifying all subdivisions of the section superior to the provision in question, and ending with the number or symbol identifying the provision in question, so that a reference in the form "Clause (A) of Subparagraph (i) of Paragraph (a) of Subsection (1) of Section 1" may be replaced with a reference in the form "Section 1(1)(a)(i)(A)"; and
- (q) if the law contains a reference in words to a subdivision of a Part (whether or not called a subdivision)—it may be replaced by a reference to the type of subdivision followed by a reference to the Part by number, and to the numbers or symbols identifying all subdivisions of the Part superior to the subdivision in question, so that "Subdivision D of Division 3 of Part III" may be replaced by "Subdivision III.3.D"; and
- (r) if the law refers to a subdivision of the law that subdivision may be referred to without reference to the law, thus a reference to "Section 1 of this Act" may be replaced by a reference to "Section 1"; and
- (s) if the law refers to a subdivision of a Part (whether or not called a subdivision) that subdivision may be referred to without reference to the Part, thus a reference to "Division 3 of Part III" may be replaced by a reference to "Division III.3"; and
- (t) if the law refers to "the last preceding section", "the next succeeding section", and so on, that reference may be omitted and the provision being referred to specifically identified; and
- (u) if the law refers to its subdivisions as "regulations", "clauses", "by-laws" or "paragraphs" those subdivisions may be referred to as "sections"; and
- (v) if the law comprised regulations made under an Act it may be described as a Regulation and its short title altered accordingly; and
- (w) if a section or subsection of the law contains paragraphs or other subdivisions of a section or subsection which are understood to end with the word "and" or the word "or", that word may be added at the end of each paragraph or subdivision; and
- (x) subject to Subsection (4), if the law has been amended at any time (whether before or after the commencement of this Act) by—
 - (i) the repeal or omission of any words; or
 - (ii) the substitution of any words in place of any repealed or omitted words; or
 - (iii) the insertion of any words,
 the law may be printed or reprinted as so amended.
- (4) Where a law is printed or reprinted with amendments incorporated—
 - (a) the print or reprint shall refer briefly to the original or Principal law and list briefly each amending law; and

(b) in respect of each section of or Schedule to the law which has been amended there shall be printed a note referring briefly to the law by which it has been amended.

(5) Where the First Legislative Counsel exercises any of the powers conferred by Subsection (3) in preparing the text of a law for printing or reprinting, the law shall be printed or reprinted with a note stating that it has been printed or reprinted in accordance with Subsection (3).

(6) In Subsection (3)(x) "words" includes figures and symbols.

6. Repeal and saving.

(1) The Acts specified in the Schedule are repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the *Laws of the Territory (Proof and Printing) Act 1951*, an authorization under Section 6 of that Act shall continue to operate as if it had been made under Section 3(1) and the notice may be rescinded, revoked, amended or varied under that section.

SCHEDULE.

Repealed Acts

Sec.6.

- Laws of the Territory (Proof and Printing) Act 1951*
 - Laws of the Territory (Proof and Printing) Act 1968.*
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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION.

Section 3(1): Printing of laws by authorized printer.

Printing of Civil Aviation Orders.

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APPENDIX.

SOURCE OF THE PRINTING OF THE LAWS ACT.

Part A.—Previous Legislation.

Printing of the Laws Act 1975 (No. 123 of 1975)

as amended by—

Printing of the Laws (Amendment) Act 1981 (No. 6 of 1981).

Part B.—Cross References.

Section, etc., in Revised Edition.	Previous Reference ¹
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¹Unless otherwise indicated, references are to the Act set out in Part A.



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