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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Legislation Act **2021**.

2 Commencement 5

- (1) This Act comes into force on a date appointed by the Governor-General by Order in Council.
- (2) An Order in Council made under this section is secondary legislation (see Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

Part 1 10

Amendments to Customs and Excise Act 2018

3 Amendments to Customs and Excise Act 2018

This Part amends the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

4 Section 435 amended (Certificates of origin)

- (1) After section 435(6)(b), insert: 15
- (c) the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership done at Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 November 2020 (the **RCEP**).
- (2) After section 435(7)(b), insert:
- (c) in relation to the RCEP, a specified RCEP party (*see subsection (8)*).
- (3) Replace section 435(8) with: 20
- (8) For the purposes of this section, the Governor-General may, by Order in Council, declare—
- (a) a country that is a party to AANZFTA to be a specified AANZFTA party:
- (b) a country that is a party to the RCEP to be a specified RCEP party. 25

Part 2

Amendments to Tariff Act 1988

5 Amendments to Tariff Act 1988

This Part amends the Tariff Act 1988.

6 Section 2 amended (Interpretation) 30

In section 2(1), insert in their appropriate alphabetical order:

RCEP means the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership done at Hanoi, Vietnam, on 15 November 2020

specified RCEP party means a country that is for the time being declared by Order in Council under **section 7A(1)(bc)** to be a specified RCEP party for the purposes of this Act

7 Section 7A amended (Order in Council about preferential countries)

(1) After section 7A(1)(bb), insert: 5

(bc) declare a country that is a party to the RCEP to be a specified RCEP party for the purposes of this Act:

(2) In section 7A(3), after “specified TPA party,”, insert “a specified RCEP party,”.

8 Section 15A amended (Interpretation)

In section 15A, definition of **free trade agreement**, after paragraph (g), insert: 10

(h) the RCEP

9 Section 15H amended (Provisional transitional safeguard measure)

In section 15H(1)(b)(ii), replace “or the Republic of Korea FTA,” with “the Republic of Korea FTA, or the RCEP,”.

Part 3 15

Amendments to Tariff

10 Tariff amended

This Part, in accordance with section 9F(1) of the Tariff Act 1988, amends the Tariff.

11 Tariff, note 2 amended 20

In the notes to the Tariff, note 2, penultimate paragraph, after “PPP,”, insert “RCEP,”.

12 Tariff, note 3 amended

In the notes to the Tariff, note 3, after the item relating to a country that is a specified PACER Plus party, insert: 25

Country that is a specified RCEP party RCEP

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