

Regulatory Reform (Repeals) Bill

Government Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

This Bill is introduced under Standing Order 259(b). Standing Order 259(b) provides that an omnibus Bill to amend more than 1 Act may be introduced if the amendments to be effected to each Act are of a similar nature in each case.

This Bill repeals 31 Acts that have been identified as spent, meaning they no longer have any actual effect, or have very limited effect, and are out of date. Some of the Acts that are to be repealed have been superseded by other Acts, while others seek to achieve regulatory outcomes that no longer apply.

The maintenance of a quality regulatory environment requires ensuring that the existing body of legislation is easy to use, up to date, and fit for purpose. This Bill will help achieve this by clearing the statute books of some unnecessary and spent Acts.

A key benefit of this Bill is that it provides a timely and cost-effective method of collectively repealing spent Acts. Without this Bill, the spent Acts may sit in the statute books indefinitely.

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 sets out the Title of the Bill.

Clause 2 is the commencement clause. This Bill comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

Clause 3 and the *Schedule* repeal 31 Acts. Of those 31 Acts, 12 are repeal Acts, and 19 are of a substantive nature.

Clause 4 provides that this Act is repealed 28 days after it comes into force.

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Regulatory Reform (Repeals) Act **2010**.
- 2 Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent. 5
- 3 Repeals**
The Acts specified in the **Schedule** are repealed.

4 Repeal of this Act

This Act is repealed on the day that is 28 days after the date on which it comes into force.

Schedule
Acts repealed

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Aid to Water-power Works Act 1910 (1910 No 25)

Air Facilitation Act 1993 (1993 No 6)

Air Facilitation (Domestic Passengers and Cargo) Act 1994 5
(1994 No 100)

Apple and Pear Industry Restructuring Act Repeal Act 2001
(2001 No 50)

Appropriation (Parliamentary Expenditure Validation) Act
2006 (2006 No 50) 10

Banking Act Repeal Act 1995 (1995 No 32)

Business Development Boards Act Repeal Act 2003 (2003 No 64)

Chateau Companies Act 1977 (1977 No 4)

Clerks of Works Act Repeal Act 1992 (1992 No 128)

Companies (Bondholders Incorporation) Act 1934–35 (1934–35 15
No 39)

Cornish Companies Management Act Repeal Act 1994 (1994
No 25)

Development Finance Corporation of New Zealand Act 1986
(1986 No 129) 20

District Railways Purchasing Act 1885 (1885 No 52)

Economic Stabilisation Act Repeal Act 1987 (1987 No 126)

Electoral Referendum Act 1993 (1993 No 86)	
Export Guarantee Act 1964 (1964 No 50)	
Ministry of Transport Act Repeal Act 1990 (1990 No 101)	
New Zealand Institute of Journalists Act 1895 (1895 No 7)	
New Zealand Planning Council Dissolution Act 1991 (1991 No 97)	5
New Zealand Shipping Company (Limited) Empowering Act 1884 (1884 No 4 (P))	
Petroleum Demand Restraint (Regulations Validation and Revocation) Act 1981 (1981 No 116)	10
Petroleum Sector Reform Act 1988 (1988 No 95)	
Phosphate Commission of New Zealand Dissolution Act 1989 (1989 No 131)	
Potato Industry Act Repeal Act 1988 (1988 No 122)	
Poultry Board Act Repeal Act 1989 (1989 No 4)	15
Private Savings Banks (Transfer of Undertakings) Act 1992 (1992 No 21)	
Public Contracts Act Repeal Act 1994 (1994 No 55)	
Quantity Surveyors Act Repeal Act 1992 (1992 No 129)	
Shipping Corporation of New Zealand Act Repeal Act 1988 (1988 No 154)	20

**Synthetic Fuels Plant (Effluent Disposal) Empowering Act 1983
(1983 No 38)**

Treasurer (Statutory References) Act 1997 (1997 No 20)