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Western Samoa Act 1961

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Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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An Act to make provision in connection with the attainment of independence by the people of Western Samoa

Preamble

Whereas at the date of the passing of this Act the Government of New Zealand is the administering authority for the Territory of Western Samoa under the Trusteeship Agreement for that Territory approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 December 1946:

And whereas the Trusteeship Agreement will terminate on 1 January 1962 and Western Samoa will thereupon become a fully independent sovereign State under the name of the Independent State of Western Samoa having a constitution which has been adopted by the people of Western Samoa:

And whereas it is expedient that provision be made declaring that Her Majesty shall have no jurisdiction over the Independent State of Western Samoa on and after the date on which the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement takes effect and for the repeal or amendment of such of the laws of New Zealand as would be incompatible with the status of Western Samoa as a fully independent sovereign State.

1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Western Samoa Act 1961.

2 Commencement

- (1) Except where this Act otherwise provides, this Act shall come into force at the hour of 11 o'clock in the evening on 1 January 1962, being the time in New Zealand corresponding to the commencement of 1 January 1962, in Western Samoa (that date being the date appointed by the General Assembly of the United Nations for the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Territory of Western Samoa).
- (2) The period of 24 hours following the commencement of this Act is hereinafter referred to as Independence Day.

3 Independence of Western Samoa

It is hereby declared that on and after Independence Day Her Majesty in right of New Zealand shall have no jurisdiction over the Independent State of Western Samoa.

4 Future New Zealand Acts not to be in force in Western Samoa

No Act of the Parliament of New Zealand passed on or after Independence Day or passed before Independence Day and coming into force on or after Independence Day shall be in force in Western Samoa.

5 Application of New Zealand law to Western Samoa

[Repealed]

Section 5: repealed, on 6 October 1977, by section 6(2) of the Commonwealth Countries Act 1977 (1977 No 31).

6 Citizens of Western Samoa not required to register as aliens

[Repealed]

Section 6: repealed (with effect on 25 August 1970), on 27 November 1970, by section 3(2) of the Western Samoa Amendment Act 1970 (1970 No 123).

7 Abolition of appeals and cases stated to High Court

- (1) On and after Independence Day the High Court of New Zealand shall have no jurisdiction to hear or determine any appeal from any court in Western Samoa or any case stated by any court in Western Samoa.
- (2) Every appeal to the Supreme Court of New Zealand from the High Court of Western Samoa and every case stated by the High Court of Western Samoa for determination by the Supreme Court of New Zealand which is pending on Independence Day shall abate on that day.

Section 7 heading: amended, on 1 April 1980, pursuant to section 12 of the Judicature Amendment Act 1979 (1979 No 124).

Section 7(1): amended, on 1 April 1980, pursuant to section 12 of the Judicature Amendment Act 1979 (1979 No 124).

8 Ordinances not invalid on ground of repugnancy with certain New Zealand Acts and regulations

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 32 of the Samoa Amendment Act 1957, no Ordinance of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa and no provision of any such Ordinance shall be void or inoperative on the ground that it is repugnant to any provision of any enactment specified in Schedule 1, and for the purposes of that section the enactments so specified shall be deemed not to be reserved enactments.
- (2) Every Ordinance of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa passed before the date of the passing of this Act which would have been valid if this section

had been in force when the Ordinance was passed is hereby declared to be valid.

- (3) This section shall come into force on the date of the passing of this Act.

9 Enactments amended

The enactments specified in Schedule 2 are hereby amended in the manner indicated in that schedule.

10 Repeals, revocations, and savings

- (1) The enactments specified in Schedule 3 are hereby repealed.
- (2) The regulations, rules, orders, and notices specified in Schedule 4 are hereby revoked.
- (3) On and after Independence Day the Western Samoa Order in Council 1920 (*Gazette*, 21 May 1920, p 1819) made by His late Majesty with the advice of the Privy Council on 11 March 1920, shall cease to have effect.
- (4) Notwithstanding the repeal or amendment or revocation of any enactment by this Act,—
- (a) the provisions of subsections (4) to (7) of section 75 of the Samoa Act 1921 shall continue to apply, as if this Act had not been passed, with respect to any memorial under that section filed in the Supreme Court of New Zealand before Independence Day:
 - (b) every reception order made pursuant to section 328 of the Samoa Act 1921 with respect to any person who is subject to such an order immediately before Independence Day shall continue in full force and effect:
 - (c) the Controller and Auditor-General may continue to exercise and perform all powers and functions conferred on him under any such enactment until the duties imposed on him by that enactment have been completed in respect of any period before Independence Day, and for that purpose every such enactment shall be deemed to continue in force as if this Act had not been passed:
 - (d) the provisions of the British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act 1948 shall apply with respect to every application received under that Act before Independence Day for registration as a New Zealand citizen or for a certificate of naturalisation as if this Act had not been passed.

Schedule 1

Enactments ceasing to be reserved enactments on passing of this Act

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Atomic Energy Act 1945 (1945 No 41) (1957 Reprint, Vol 1, p 377)

Crown Proceedings Act 1950 (1950 No 54) (1957 Reprint, Vol 3, p 517)

Enemy Property Act 1951 (1951 No 48) (1957 Reprint, Vol 4, p 605)

Island Territories Act 1943 (1943 No 4) (1957 Reprint, Vol 6, p 669)

Rules of the High Court of Western Samoa 1959 (SR 1959/18)

**Rules of the High Court of Western Samoa 1959, Amendment No 1
(SR 1959/128)**

Samoa Act 1921 (1921 No 16) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1109)

Samoa Amendment Act 1938 (1938 No 22) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1212)

Samoa Amendment Act 1949 (1949 No 47) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1216)

Samoa Amendment Act 1951 (1951 No 74) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1243)

Samoa Amendment Act 1952 (1952 No 31) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1246)

Samoa Amendment Act 1956 (1956 No 11) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1247)

Samoa Amendment Act (No 2) 1956 (1956 No 46) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1249)

Samoa Amendment Act 1957 (1957 No 22) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1260)

Schedule 2

Enactments amended

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Acts Interpretation Act 1924 (1924 No 11) (1957 Reprint, Vol 1, p 6)*Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Atomic Energy Act 1945 (1945 No 41) (1957 Reprint, Vol 1, p 377)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act 1948 (1948 No 15) (1957 Reprint, Vol 1, p 657)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Carriage by Air Act 1940 (1940 No 15) (1957 Reprint, Vol 1, p 743)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Civil Aviation Act 1948 (1948 No 12) (1957 Reprint, Vol 2, p 116)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act 1957 (1957 No 21) (1957 Reprint, Vol 4, p 153)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Emergency Regulations Amendment Act 1940 (1940 No 1) (1957 Reprint, Vol 4, pp 598, 600)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Geneva Conventions Act 1958 (1958 No 19)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***International Air Services Licensing Act 1947 (1947 No 17) (1957 Reprint, Vol 6, p 656)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***International Finance Agreements Act 1961 (1961 No 3)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Island Territories Act 1943 (1943 No 4) (1957 Reprint, Vol 6, p 669)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***New Zealand National Airways Act 1945 (1945 No 28) (1957 Reprint, Vol 11, p 229)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).*

Official Secrets Act 1951 (1951 No 77) (1957 Reprint, Vol 11, p 430)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Post Office Act 1959 (1959 No 30)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Sea Carriage of Goods Act 1940 (1940 No 31) (1957 Reprint, Vol 13, p 715)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

**Treaties of Peace (Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Finland) Act 1947
(1947 No 33)**

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Treaty of Peace (Japan) Act 1951 (1951 No 58)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

United Nations Act 1946 (1946 No 7) (1957 Reprint, Vol 16, p 323)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Visiting Forces Act 1939 (1939 No 36) (1957 Reprint, Vol 16, p 447)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Schedule 3

Enactments repealed

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British Nationality and New Zealand Citizenship Act 1948 (1948 No 15) (1957 Reprint, Vol 1, p 677)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Cook Islands Amendment Act 1923 (1923 No 9) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, pp 913, 914, 1037)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Crown Proceedings Act 1950 (1950 No 54) (1957 Reprint, Vol 3, p 539)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act 1957 (1957 No 21) (1957 Reprint, Vol 4, p 153)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Enemy Property Act 1951 (1951 No 48) (1957 Reprint, Vol 4, p 611)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Federation of Malaya Act 1957 (1957 No 4) (1957 Reprint, Vol 4, p 852)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Geneva Conventions Act 1958 (1958 No 19)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

International Finance Agreements Act 1961 (1961 No 3)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Island Territories Act 1943 (1943 No 4) (1957 Reprint, Vol 6, p 670)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Land and Income Tax Act 1954 (1954 No 67) (Reprinted 1959, Vol 2, p 982)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Merchandise Marks Act 1954 (1954 No 43) (1957 Reprint, Vol 9, p 744)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Official Secrets Act 1951 (1951 No 77) (1957 Reprint, Vol 11, p 431)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Republic of Cyprus Act 1961 (1961 No 14)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Republic of Ghana Act 1960 (1960 No 6)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Republic of India Act 1950 (1950 No 14) (1957 Reprint, Vol 13, p 270)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Republic of Ireland Act 1950 (1950 No 13) (1957 Reprint, Vol 13, p 273)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Republic of Pakistan Act 1956 (1956 No 10) (1957 Reprint, Vol 13, p 276)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Samoa Act 1921 (1921 No 16) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1109)

Samoa Amendment Act 1923 (1923 No 24) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1210)

Samoa Amendment Act 1926 (1926 No 25) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1211)

Samoa Amendment Act 1938 (1938 No 22) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1212)

Samoa Amendment Act 1947 (1947 No 48) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1214)

Samoa Amendment Act 1949 (1949 No 47) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1216)

Samoa Amendment Act 1951 (1951 No 74) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1243)

Samoa Amendment Act 1952 (1952 No 31) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1246)

Samoa Amendment Act 1953 (1953 No 52) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1246)

Samoa Amendment Act 1956 (1956 No 11) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1247)

Samoa Amendment Act (No 2) 1956 (1956 No 46) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1249)

Samoa Amendment Act 1957 (1957 No 22) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1260)

Samoa Amendment Act 1959 (1959 No 21)

Samoa (Shipping) Act 1925 (1925 No 53) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1211)

Statutes Amendment Act 1944 (1944 No 25) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, pp 1119, 1177, 1183, 1213)

Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).

Statutes Amendment Act 1945 (1945 No 40) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1213)*Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Statutes Amendment Act 1950 (1950 No 91) (Reprinted 1958, Vol 2, p 1242)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Treaties of Peace Act 1919 (1919 No 20) (1931 Reprint, Vol 1, p 1035)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).***Treaties of Peace Extension Act 1921 (1921 No 7) (1931 Reprint, Vol 1, p 1035)****Visiting Forces Act 1939 (1939 No 36) (1957 Reprint, Vol 16, p 447)***Amendment(s) incorporated in the Act(s).*

Schedule 4

Regulations, rules, orders, and notices revoked

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- Approval of Flags for Territory of Western Samoa (*Gazette* 1949, p 632)**
- Approving Form of Public Seal of Territory of Western Samoa (*Gazette* 1951, p 496)**
- Money Orders Issued in Western Samoa for Payment in New Zealand (*Gazette* 1930, p 2709)**
- Revocation of Samoa Bank of New Zealand Order (SR 1959/66)**
- Revocation of Samoa Regulations (SR 1954/4)**
- Rules of the High Court of Western Samoa 1959 (SR 1959/18)**
- Rules of the High Court of Western Samoa 1959, Amendment No 1 (SR 1959/128)**
- Samoa Administration Order 1939 (SR 1939/46)**
- Samoa Aleisa Council Regulations 1946 (*Gazette* 1946, p 1799)**
- Samoa Amendment Act Commencement Order 1948 (SR 1948/27)**
- Samoa Amendment Act Commencement Order 1950 (SR 1950/17)**
- Samoa Amendment Act Commencement Order 1952 (SR 1952/226)**
- Samoa Amendment Act Commencement Order 1956 (SR 1956/139)**
- Samoa Amendment Act Commencement Order 1957 (SR 1957/60)**
- Samoa Amendment Act Commencement Order 1957 (SR 1957/222)**
- Samoa Anglican Church Lands Order 1937 (*Gazette* 1937, p 1201)**
- Samoa Applied Regulations Order 1947 (SR 1947/188)**
- Samoa Applied Regulations Order 1947, Amendment No 2 (SR 1953/87)**
- Samoa Bankruptcy Order 1922 (*Gazette* 1922, p 3168)**
- Samoa Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Order 1934 (*Gazette* 1934, p 200)**
- Samoa Commissions of Inquiry Order 1927 (*Gazette* 1927, p 2869)**

- Samoa Companies Order 1935 (*Gazette* 1935, p 2240) (Reprinted with amendments, SR 1956/126)**
- Samoa Crown Lands Revesting Order 1942 (SR 1942/151)**
- Samoa Customs Order 1939 (SR 1939/104)**
- Samoa Customs Order 1939, Amendment No 2 (SR 1942/254)**
- Samoa Customs Order 1939, Amendment No 3 (SR 1945/36)**
- Samoa Customs Order 1939, Amendment No 5 (SR 1956/20)**
- Samoa Dangerous Drugs Regulations 1955 (SR 1955/38)**
- Samoa Death Duties Order 1922 (*Gazette* 1922, p 3167)**
- Samoa Demonetization of Stamps Regulations 1941 (*Gazette* 1941, p 2802)**
- Samoa Extradition Order 1924 (*Gazette* 1924, p 1377)**
- Samoa Freemasons' Trustees Order 1924 (*Gazette* 1924, p 494)**
- Samoa General Laws Amendment Order 1938 (SR 1938/86)**
- Samoa Immigration Order 1930 (*Gazette* 1930, p 2302)**
- Samoa Immigration Amendment Order 1935 (*Gazette* 1935, p 365)**
- Samoa Immigration Amendment Order 1938 (SR 1938/81)**
- Samoa Immigration Amendment Order 1941 (SR 1941/201)**
- Samoa Immigration Amendment Order 1947 (SR 1947/62)**
- Samoa Import Control Regulations 1944 (SR 1944/21)**
- Samoa Import Control Regulations 1944, Amendment No 1 (SR 1956/219)**
- Samoa Importation and Exportation of Coinage Order 1932 (*Gazette* 1932, p 2037)**
- Samoa Land and Titles Repeal and Savings Order 1935 (*Gazette* 1935, p 794)**
- Samoa Land for Defence Purposes Order 1945 (*Gazette* 1945, p 428)**
- Samoa Land Registration Order 1920 (*Gazette* 1920, p 1680)**
- Samoa Land Registration Amendment Order 1921 (*Gazette* 1921, p 2869)**
- Samoa Land Registration Amendment Order 1924 (*Gazette* 1924, p 2142)**

- Samoa Land Registration Amendment Order 1927** (*Gazette* 1927, p 668)
- Samoa Land Registration Amendment Order 1946** (SR 1946/192)
- Samoa Law Practitioners Order 1935** (*Gazette* 1935, p 1268)
- Samoa Maintenance and Affiliation Order 1920** (*Gazette* 1920, p 1684)
- Samoa Maintenance and Affiliation Amendment Order 1929** (*Gazette* 1929, p 3222)
- Samoa Methodist Lands Order 1943** (*Gazette* 1943, p 1095)
- Samoa Notaries Order 1931** (*Gazette* 1931, p 2147)
- Samoa Pharmacy Order 1924** (*Gazette* 1924, p 1271)
- Samoa Police Regulations 1947** (SR 1947/3)
- Samoa Post and Telegraph Order 1920** (*Gazette* 1920, p 1671)
- Samoa Post and Telegraph Amendment Order 1933** (*Gazette* 1933, p 606)
- Samoa Public Trust Office Order 1921**
- Amending the Samoa Public Trust Office Order 1921** (*Gazette* 1922, p 2898)
- Samoa Public Trust Office Amendment Order 1924** (*Gazette* 1924, p 441)
- Samoa Public Trust Office Amendment Order 1929** (*Gazette* 1929, p 3226)
- Samoa Publications Revocation Order 1948** (SR 1948/35)
- Samoa Quarantine (Aircraft) Regulations 1946** (SR 1946/37)
- Samoa Quarantine Order 1920** (*Gazette* 1920, p 1677)
- Samoa Quarantine Amendment Order 1931** (*Gazette* 1931, p 2965)
- Samoa Quarantine Amendment Order 1941** (SR 1941/200)
- Samoa Reciprocal Administration Order 1930** (*Gazette* 1930, p 2835)
- Samoa Registration of Europeans Regulations 1920** (*Gazette* 1920, p 1692)
- Samoa Registration of Europeans Amendment Regulations 1935** (*Gazette* 1935, p 1129)
- Samoa Reserved Enactments Order 1960** (SR 1960/165)
- Samoa Roman Catholic Lands Order 1925** (*Gazette* 1926, p 64)

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- Samoa Sale of Intoxicating Liquor Regulations 1920 (*Gazette* 1920, p 1694)**
- Amending the Samoa Sale of Intoxicating Liquor Regulations 1920 (*Gazette* 1935, p 1694)**
- Samoa Vagrancy Order 1931 (*Gazette* 1931, p 1350)**
- Samoa Village Regulations (SR 1938/87)**
- Samoa Village Regulations 1938, Amendment No 1 (SR 1940/58)**
- Samoa Public Service Order 1960 (SR 1960/172)**
- Superannuation (Western Samoa) Notice 1957 (SR 1957/279)**
- Western Samoa Audit Regulations 1960 (SR 1960/59)**
- Western Samoa Customs (Aircraft) Regulations 1949 (SR 1949/125)**
- Western Samoa Exchange Control Regulations 1948 (SR 1948/199)**
- Western Samoa Fautua Appointment Regulations 1957 (SR 1957/224)**
- Western Samoa Legislative Assembly Regulations 1957 (SR 1957/223)**
- Western Samoa Legislative Assembly Regulations 1957, Amendment No 1 (SR 1960/60)**
- Western Samoa New Zealand Protected Persons Order 1950 (SR 1950/158)**
- Western Samoa Plebiscite Order 1961 (SR 1961/6)**
- Western Samoa Plebiscite Order 1961, Amendment No 1 (SR 1961/28)**
- Western Samoa Plebiscite Order 1961, Amendment No 2 (SR 1961/45)**
- Western Samoa Stamp Demonetization Regulations 1949 (SR 1949/132)**
- Western Samoa Sterling Area Currency and Securities Exemption Notice 1957 (SR 1957/235)**
- Western Samoa Trust Estates Corporation Regulations 1957 (SR 1957/61)**

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Notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of the Western Samoa Act 1961. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the Act as at 1 April 1980, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 *Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989*

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted

enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted.

A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)
- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)

- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint
(most recent first)*

Judicature Amendment Act 1979 (1979 No 124): section 12

Commonwealth Countries Act 1977 (1977 No 31): section 6(2)

Western Samoa Amendment Act 1970 (1970 No 123)