



## ANALYSIS

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1963, No. 84

**An Act to amend the Dangerous Goods Act 1957**

[23 October 1963]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Dangerous Goods Amendment Act 1963, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Dangerous Goods Act 1957 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Penalties under bylaws made by Harbour Boards**—Section 25 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Notwithstanding anything in the Harbours Act 1950 or in any other Act, any bylaws made by a Harbour Board pursuant to subsection (1) of this section may prescribe fines for offences against the bylaws, not exceeding the fines that may be prescribed by bylaws made by a local authority under section 23 of this Act. The provisions of this subsection shall apply whether the bylaws are made pursuant to this Act or to the Harbours Act 1950 or to any other Act.”

**3. Incident creating threat of fire or explosion**—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 31, the following section:

“31A. (1) Where in connection with the storage, use, carriage, handling, or transfer of dangerous goods there occurs any incident which creates a threat of serious explosion or fire, the person who under section 31 of this Act would be responsible if an accident by explosion or fire had occurred to send or cause to be sent notice thereof to the Chief Inspector shall forthwith—

“(a) Notify by the quickest available means the Chief Inspector or an Inspector exercising jurisdiction in the area where the incident occurred of the occurrence of the incident, and supply such information concerning the incident as the Chief Inspector or, as the case may be, that Inspector may require; and

“(b) Take such steps as are reasonably necessary to deal with the hazard created by the incident; and

“(c) Comply with any directions given to him by any Inspector for the purpose of dealing with that hazard.

“(2) The provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of section 31 of this Act shall apply with respect to every such incident as if an accident had occurred.”

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This Act is administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.

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