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1992, No. 52

An Act to provide for uniform units of measurement of physical quantities and for standards of measurement of physical quantities [15 June 1992]

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:

1. Short Title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Measurement Standards Act 1992.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1992.

2. Interpretation—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Minister” means, subject to any enactment, the Minister of the Crown who, under the authority of any warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible for the administration of this Act:

“New Zealand standard of measurement”, in relation to any physical quantity, means such standard of measurement of that quantity as may for the time being be prescribed by any Act, Proclamation, or regulations as the standard of measurement of that quantity for New Zealand:

“Physical quantity” means any physical quantity whatsoever, and includes units of length, volume, mass, time, heat, light, and electricity:

“Principal standard measure”, in relation to any New Zealand standard of measurement, means the principal standard measure in New Zealand for that standard of measurement:

“Standard measure”, in relation to any standard of measurement, means a physical representation or means of representation of that standard of measurement:

“Verifying authority”, in relation to the verification or reverification of any standard of measurement, means a person who is a verifying authority in respect of that standard of measurement by virtue of an appointment made by, or by authority of, the Minister.

Cf. 1974, No. 6, s. 2

3. Act to bind the Crown—This Act binds the Crown.

4. Minister to provide for uniform units of measurement and standards of measurement—The Minister shall provide for the use throughout New Zealand of uniform units of measurement of physical quantities, and for the establishment and maintenance of standards of measurement of physical quantities.

Cf. 1974, No. 6, s. 10

5. Regulations—(1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:

- (a) Prescribing methods of comparison and certification of copies of principal standard measures and of standard measures derived from principal standard measures:
- (b) Prescribing the nature, form, and derivation of New Zealand standards of measurement:
- (c) Providing for the appointment of a verifying authority in relation to the verification or reverification of any standard or standards of measurement (including the comparison of principal standard measures with corresponding standard measures outside New Zealand), and defining the functions and powers of any such verifying authority:
- (d) Authorising any such verifying authority to delegate all or any of the powers of that authority:

- (e) Providing for such matters as are contemplated by or necessary for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due administration thereof.
- (2) The National Standards Regulations 1976 (S.R. 1976/239) are hereby deemed to have been made under this section, and may be amended or revoked accordingly.
Cf. 1974, No. 6, s. 15

6. Amendments to Weights and Measures Act 1987—Section 5 of the Weights and Measures Act 1987 (as substituted by section 3 of the Weights and Measures Amendment Act 1991) is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from subsection (3) (a) the expression “the Scientific and Industrial Research Act 1974”, and substituting the expression “the Measurement Standards Act 1992”:
- (b) By omitting from subsection (4) the expression “the Scientific and Industrial Research Act 1974”, and substituting the expression “the Measurement Standards Act 1992”.

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Research, Science, and Technology.
