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1998, No. 73

An Act to validate certain statutory declarations

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

1. Short Title and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Oaths and Declarations (Validation) Amendment Act 1998, and is part of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 (“the principal Act”).

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it receives the Royal assent.

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

“Relevant period” means the period that—

- (a) Began on 1 April 1998; and
- (b) Ended with the close of 18 June 1998:

“Specified document” means a document that—

- (a) Purports to be a declaration made by virtue of the principal Act during the relevant period; and
- (b) Was made before a specified employee of New Zealand Post Limited:

“Specified employee of New Zealand Post Limited” means an employee of New Zealand Post Limited who, during the relevant period, would have been authorised under section 9 (1) of the principal Act to

take declarations if section 62 (1) of the Postal Services Act 1998 had not been enacted.

3. Validation of certain statutory declarations taken by employees of New Zealand Post Limited—For all purposes, the following matters must be determined as if, during the relevant period, specified employees of New Zealand Post Limited were authorised, under section 9 (1) of the principal Act, to take declarations:

- (a) The validity of any specified document:
- (b) The civil or criminal liability of any person who,—
 - (i) During the relevant period, purported to take a declaration by virtue of the principal Act in his or her capacity as an employee of New Zealand Post Limited; or
 - (ii) At any time before the commencement of this Act, used or offered for use any specified document; or
 - (iii) At any time after the commencement of this Act, uses or offers for use any specified document.

4. Proceedings commenced before commencement of this Act not affected—Nothing in section 3 affects—

- (a) The rights of any party to any proceedings commenced before the date of the commencement of this Act (whether or not those proceedings had been completed before that date); or
- (b) The determination of any issue relating to the validity of a specified document, where that issue arises in proceedings commenced before that date (whether or not those proceedings had been completed before that date).

This Act is administered in the Ministry of Justice.
