

Standards Amendment Bill

Government Bill

As reported from the committee of the whole House

This Bill was formerly part of the Standards and Conformance Bill as reported from the Commerce Committee. The committee of the whole House has divided the Bill into the following Bills:

- This Bill, comprising Part 1
 - The Testing Laboratory Registration Amendment Bill, comprising Part 2 and the Schedule.
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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Standards Amendment Act 2006.

2 Commencement

- (1) This Act (except **section 6**) comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent. 5
- (2) **Section 6** comes into force on a date to be appointed by the Governor-General by Order in Council.

3 Principal Act amended

This Act amends the Standards Act 1988.

4 Interpretation

The definition of **specification** in section 2 is amended by omitting “description of goods” in the first place where it appears and substituting “description of, or instruction, requirement, statement, or principle relating to, goods”. 10

- 5 New section 2A inserted**
The following section is inserted after section 2:
- “2A Act binds the Crown**
This Act binds the Crown.”
- 6 Membership of Council** 5
- (1) Section 4(2) is repealed and the following subsection substituted:
- “(2) When appointing members under subsection (1)(b), the Minister must appoint from nominations made by nominating bodies as set out in regulations made under **section 26.**” 10
- (2) Section 4(3) is amended by omitting “specified in paragraph (a), paragraph (b), paragraph (c), paragraph (d), paragraph (e), or paragraph (f) of that subsection” and substituting “specified in the regulations”.
- 7 Functions of Council** 15
- (1) Section 10(1) is amended by adding “; or” and also by adding the following paragraphs:
- “(e) minimising environmental risks; or
“(f) promoting social responsibility.”
- (2) Section 10(2) is amended by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (c): 20
- “(ca) to recommend specifications other than standards:”.
- (3) Section 10(2)(d) is amended by adding “and other specifications”.
- (4) Section 10(2)(h) is amended by inserting “and other specifications” after “standards”. 25
- (5) Section 10(2)(i) is amended by adding “or that the Minister may direct it to perform in accordance with section 112 of the Crown Entities Act 2004”.
- 8 New heading and section 26 inserted** 30
The following heading and section are inserted after section 25:

“Regulations

“26 Regulations

The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make regulations that provide for the way in which nominations and appointments may be made under **section 4(2).**”

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Legislative history

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