



Tuvalu Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 20

1 Independence for Tuvalu.

- (1) On and after 1st October 1978 (in this Act referred to as “Independence Day”) Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom shall have no responsibility for the government of Tuvalu.
- (2) No Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed on or after Independence Day shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to Tuvalu as part of its law; and on and after that day the provisions of Schedule 1 of this Act shall have effect with respect to the legislative powers of Tuvalu.

2, 3. F1

Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 2, 3 repealed by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61, SIF 87\)](#), [Sch. 9](#)

4 Consequential modifications of other enactments.

- (1) F2
- (2) On and after Independence Day—
 - (a) the expression “colony” in the ^{M1}Army Act 1955, the ^{M2}Air Force Act 1955 and the ^{M3}Naval Discipline Act 1957 shall not include Tuvalu; and
 - (b) in the definitions of “Commonwealth force” in section 225(1) and 223(1) respectively of those Acts of 1955, and in the definition of “Commonwealth country” in section 135(1) of that Act of 1957, at the end there shall be added the words “or Tuvalu”;

and no Order in Council made on or after Independence Day under section 1 of the ^{M4}Armed Forces Act 1976 which continues either of those Acts of 1955 or that Act of 1957 in force for a further period shall extend to Tuvalu as part of its law.

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- (3) On and after Independence Day the enactments specified in Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments there specified.
- (4) Subsection (3) above and Schedule 2 to this Act shall not extend to Tuvalu as part of its law.

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 4(1) repealed by [Interpretation Act 1978 \(c. 30, SIF 115:1\)](#), **Sch. 3**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 The text of s. 4(2)(b) and Sch. 2 paras. 3(a), 4, 8 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M1 [1955 c. 18\(7:1\)](#)

M2 [1955 c. 19\(7:1\)](#)

M3 [1957 c. 53\(7:1\)](#)

M4 [1976 c. 52\(7:1\)](#).

5 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act, and in any amendment made by this Act in any other enactment, “Tuvalu” means the territories which immediately before Independence Day constitute the colony of Tuvalu.
- (2) ^{F3}
- (3) References in this Act to any enactment are references to that enactment as amended or extended by or under another enactment.

Textual Amendments

F3 S. 5(2) repealed by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61, SIF 87\)](#), **Sch. 9**

6 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Tuvalu Act 1978.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 4(2) repealed by [2006 c. 52 Sch. 17](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Tuvalu Act 1978

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/812 art. 3](#) commences ([2006 c. 52](#))
- [S.I. 2009/1167 art. 34](#) commences ([2006 c. 52](#))