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MAINTENANCE ORDERS
(RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) ACT
(CHAPTER 169)

MAINTENANCE ORDERS
(RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT)
(DESIGNATION OF RECIPROCATING
COUNTRIES — NEW ZEALAND) NOTIFICATION 2014

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 17 and 19(2) of the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act, the Minister for Law hereby makes the following Notification:

Citation and commencement

1. This Notification may be cited as the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) (Designation of Reciprocating Countries — New Zealand) Notification 2014 and shall come into operation on 30 September 2014.

Definition

2. In this Notification, unless the context otherwise requires, “previous Act” means the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Act (Cap. 168).

Designation of New Zealand as reciprocating country

3. The Minister hereby designates New Zealand as a reciprocating country for the purposes of the Act as regards maintenance orders other than the following orders:

- (a) provisional affiliation orders;
- (b) orders (including affiliation orders and orders consequent upon affiliation orders) which provide for the payment of a lump sum;
- (c) orders of the description contained in paragraph (b) of the definition of “maintenance order” in section 2 of the Act, for the payment of birth and funeral expenses of a child.

Transitional provisions

4.—(1) Sections 2, 5 and 12 to 15 of the Act shall apply in relation to a maintenance order transmitted under section 4 or 5 of the previous Act to New Zealand and to which the previous Act applied immediately before 3 May 1976, as they apply in relation to a maintenance order sent to New Zealand in pursuance of section 3 of the Act or made by virtue of section 4 of the Act and confirmed by a competent court in New Zealand.

(2) A maintenance order made by a court in New Zealand which has been confirmed by a court in Singapore under section 6 of the previous Act and is in force immediately before 3 May 1976, shall be registered under section 7(5) of the Act in like manner as if it had been confirmed by that court in Singapore under section 7(2) of the Act.

(3) Sections 2 and 8 to 16 of the Act shall apply in relation to a maintenance order made in New Zealand and to which the previous Act applied immediately before 3 May 1976, as they apply in relation to a registered order.

(4) Where any proceedings brought under or by virtue of any provision of the previous Act in a court in Singapore which are pending immediately before 3 May 1976, being proceedings affecting a person resident in New Zealand, those proceedings may be continued as if they had been brought under or by virtue of the corresponding provision of the Act.

(5) In this paragraph, “maintenance order” does not include an order specified under paragraph 3(a), (b) or (c).

Made on 26 September 2014.

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