

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities of Certain Missions) Repeal Regulations 2001 2001 No. 182

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 2001 No. 182

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Foreign Affairs

International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963

International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities of Certain Missions) Repeal Regulations 2001

Section 13 of the *International Organisations (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1963* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act.

These regulations repeal the International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities of Certain Missions) Regulations, which declared the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) be to a mission pursuant to section 7(1) of the Act. That declaration had granted certain privileges and immunities to TECO's staff. The International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities of Certain Missions) Regulations did not refer to any other organisation or have any other effect.

Due to uncertainty of the legality of declaring TECO to be a mission according to the Act, new regulations, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (Privileges and Immunities) Regulations, were made pursuant to the *Overseas Missions (Privileges and Immunities) Act 1995* in 1998. These regulations declare TECO to be a designated overseas mission pursuant to the 1995 Act and grant certain privileges and immunities to TECO as well as its staff. The new regulations remove any uncertainty concerning TECO's status.

Consequently, the International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities of Certain Missions) Regulations are no longer required and have been repealed by the regulations.

All legal and other requirements were met before the International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities of Certain Missions) Regulations were repealed.

The regulations commence on gazettal.