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CHAPTER NO. 11.

National Seal.

GENERAL ANNOTATION.

ADMINISTRATION.

As at 13 February 1976 (the date of gazettal of the most comprehensive allocation of responsibilities to Ministers and Departments at about the effective date), there was no gazetted indication, where the administration of this Chapter was vested. It seems likely, therefore, that under the Constitution, Section 148(2), the Prime Minister was politically responsible.

The Chapter does not refer to "the Minister", "the Departmental Head" or "the Department".

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

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Being an Act to implement in part Section 3(*national symbols*) of the Constitution by providing for a National Seal.

1. The National Seal.

- (1) There shall be a National Seal of Papua New Guinea.
- (2) The National Seal—
 - (a) shall be kept and used by or as directed by the Head of State who in doing so shall act with, and in accordance with, the advice of the National Executive Council; and
 - (b) shall be used for sealing all things that must be or customarily are done under a Great or Public Seal; and
 - (c) may be used for evidencing any act or decision of the National Executive.

2. Judicial notice of the National Seal.

All courts and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the impression of the National Seal, and shall presume that it was properly impressed.

3. Form of the Seal.

The National Seal shall—

- (a) be circular in shape; and
- (b) contain a stylized version of the National Emblem in the centre and the words "National Seal of Papua New Guinea" around the circumference.

4. Saving of other seals, etc.

This Act does not prevent the use by the Head of State, the National Executive Council or any State department, agency or instrumentality of any seal or stamp other than the National Seal, or of a facsimile of the National Seal.

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APPENDIX.

SOURCE OF THE NATIONAL SEAL ACT.

Part A.—Previous Legislation.

National Seal Act 1975 (No. 121 of 1975).

Part B.—Cross References.

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¹ Unless otherwise indicated, references are to the Act set out in Part A.

