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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

1. Interim protection.
2. Saving of pre-Independence uses.



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Being an Act of the Parliament to implement Section 1(2) (*the Independent State of Papua New Guinea*) of the ***Constitution*** by protecting the National name<sup>1</sup>.

**1. INTERIM PROTECTION.**

Where in or under any pre- Independence law provision is made prohibiting or restricting the use of the expression “Commonwealth”, “Australia”, “State”, “Territory”, “Papua New Guinea” or any related expression, that prohibition or restriction applies, with the necessary modifications, to the expression -

- (a) “Papua New Guinea”; or
- (b) “the State”; or
- (c) “the Independent State of Papua New Guinea”,

and to related expressions.

**2. SAVING OF PRE - INDEPENDENCE USES.**

Subject to any other law and to any directions given by the Head of State, acting on advice, Section 1 does not apply to the continued use of any expression referred to in Section 1(a), (b) or (c), or any related expression, in a case where the use was lawful before Independence Day.

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<sup>1</sup> The original Act was made by the National Constitutional Assembly as a Provisional Act of the Parliament. See ***Constitution***, Section 266(2).