



## ANALYSIS

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| 1. Title       |  | 2. Schedule replaced |
| 1. Short Title |  |                      |

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1978-79, No. 26

An Act to amend the Cook Islands Ensign Act 1973.

(22 June 1979)

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of the Cook Islands in session assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. Short title - This Act maybe cited as the Cook Islands Ensign Amendment Act 1978-79 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Cook Islands Ensign Act 1973 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

2. Schedule replaced - The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the Schedule thereto and adding the following new Schedule:-

SCHEDULE

THE COOK ISLANDS NATIONAL ENSIGN

The Cook Islands National Flag shall be described as follows:

"The Cook Islands National Flag shall be a Royal blue ensign, The Union Jack shall occupy the upper staff quarter, having on the fly 15 stars in a symmetrical ring, all of equal size and equal spacing, and the colour of the stars shall be white. The flag proportion of length to breadth shall be of two to one.

And it shall mean:-

Blue - is the colour most expressive of our Nation, it is representative of the vast area of the Pacific Ocean in which the islands of the Cook Islands are scattered. Blue also depicts the peaceful nature of the inhabitants of our islands.

Union Jack - indicates our Historical Association with and membership of the British Commonwealth.

The 15 white stars represent the 15 islands of the group.

The stars of five points and of equal size represent the importance of equality in the Nation and their being equally spaced from one another indicates their interdependence one with the other, and their individual stability.

The star itself is our symbol of heaven and our faith in God. It represents the power which has guided our people through-out history. It shall inspire us to higher achievements.

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This Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.