



## ANALYSIS

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1973, No. 19

An Act to provide for the establishment and use of a  
Cook Islands flag to be known as the Cook Islands  
Ensign

(11 January 1973)

WHEREAS Her Majesty has been pleased to approve the establishment and use of a Cook Islands flag to be known as the Cook Islands Ensign BE IT THEREFORE 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 may be cited as the Cook Islands Ensign Act 1973.

2. Cook Islands Ensign - (1) The Cook Islands Ensign shall be the flag described in the Schedule to this Act.

(2) The Cook Islands Ensign is hereby declared to be the recognized flag of the Cook Islands.

(3) Any other flag hitherto prescribed or used as the recognised flag of the Cook Islands is hereby declared to be disestablished in the Cook Islands.

3. Regulations - The High Commissioner may from time to time, by Order in Executive Council, make regulations prescribing the circumstances in which and the conditions subject to which the Cook Islands Ensign may be flown.

4. Offences - Every person who defaces the Cook Islands Ensign by placing any sign, representation, or letter thereon commits an offence against this Act, and is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100.

SCHEDULE

THE COOK ISLANDS  
NATIONAL ENSIGN

The Cook Islands National Ensign shall be described as follows:

"The Cook Islands National Flag shall be a Green Ensign, having on the fly thereof a circle of 15 gold stars."

AND it shall mean:-

Green is the colour most expressive of our nation; it is a dynamic representation of the vitality of our land and our people. It is the colour of life and everlasting growth - Evergreen.

Gold represents for us our people - their friendliness, their hope, faith, dedication, love and happiness.

Star - The star is our symbol of heaven and our faith in God. It represents the powers which have guided our people throughout history. It shall aspire us to higher achievements.

A circle of fifteen gold stars symbolises togetherness, strength, unity of purpose and expresses the moulding of our 15 islands into one united land and people. Thus, the colours and pattern chosen - Green, Gold - and the stars, represent the elements of the earth, the heavens and life - which encompass all our past, present and future; and inspire us as one united free and dedicated people.

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This Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.