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1995-96, No. 10

An Act to amend the Entry, Residence and Departure Act 1971-72.

(5 June 1996)

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament 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 Entry, Residence and Departure Amendment Act 1995-96 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Entry, Residence and Departure Act 1971-72 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act").

2. Interpretation - Section 2 of the principal Act is amended, by deleting the definition of "bona fide visitor" and substituting the following new definition -

"Bona fide visitor" means any person who enters the Cook Islands for the purpose of -

- (a) holidaying or recreation; or
- (b) exploring investment opportunities where the Principal Immigration Officer is satisfied that such business will be completed within 21 days."

3. Permanent residents - Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by adding after subsection (1), the following new subsection:

"(1)(a) A Permanent resident shall upon being granted a certificate pursuant to subsection (1) hereof, take and subscribe before the Queen's Representative the declaration contained in the Schedule hereto."

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4. Schedule - The Schedule to the principal Act is hereby amended by adding after Form 1 and before Form 1A the following declaration:

SCHEDULE

Declaration by Permanent residents

"I,, do solemnly and sincerely declare, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as the Head of State of the Cook Islands, Her Heirs and Successors, according to law; that I will faithfully observe the Constitution and other laws of the Cook Islands; that I will always respect the customs, traditions, usages and values of the people of the Cook Islands; that I will conscientiously fulfil my duties as a national of the Cook Islands, and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. - So help me God."

This Act is administered by the Immigration Department