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An Act to provide for the control and rationing of essential supplies.

[14 December 1973]

**PART 1****PRELIMINARY****Short title**

- 1. This Act is the Control of Essential Supplies Act 1973.

**Interpretation**

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“animal” includes birds, reptiles, fish and every kind of vertebrate animal and the young thereof, and the eggs of birds, reptiles and fish;

- “article” includes every kind or description of thing or commodity;
- “controlled article” means any article or food, or any kind or type of article or food, which has been declared to be a controlled article by an order under section 5, and includes a rationed article;
- “Controller” means the officer appointed to be Controller of Supplies under section 3 and includes a Deputy Controller of Supplies, an Assistant Controller of Supplies and any person to whom the Controller has delegated any of his or her powers, duties or functions in accordance with section 13, to the extent of that delegation;
- “food” includes any animal, whether alive or dead, and any substance or commodity which is used as food by man, or which is used for feeding any animal which serves some purpose for the use of man, whether as food or otherwise, or which ordinarily enters into the composition or preparation of human food or of the food of any such animal;
- “licensed premises” means any premises in respect of which a licence issued under section 7 is in force;
- “offence under this Act” includes any contravention of or failure to comply with any order or regulation made under this Act and any contravention of or failure to comply with the terms and conditions of any licence or permit issued or authority granted under this Act or the regulations made thereunder and any failure to comply with any request or direction lawfully made or given thereunder;
- “officer of customs” has the meaning given by the Customs Act 1960;
- “rationed article” means any article or food, or any kind or type of article or food, which has been declared to be a rationed article by an order made under section 5;
- “retail dealing” includes every sale of any article or food other than wholesale dealings;