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# **INTERPRETATION ACT**

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## AN ACT FOR SHORTENING THE LANGUAGE USED IN ACTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND REGULATIONS<sup>1</sup>

Commencement [29th July, 1926]

### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Interpretation Act.

### 2 Definition<sup>2</sup>

- (1) In this Act and in every other Act and in all official, legal or public documents enacted, made or issued before or after the commencement of this Act, unless the contrary intention appears —

“**Act**” includes a proclamation, regulation, rule, notice or other instrument made or issued in pursuance of an Act;<sup>3</sup>

“**alien**” means any person other than a naturalised or native born Tongan subject;

“**archipelagic waters**” means any waters, other than internal waters, enclosed by archipelagic baselines;<sup>4</sup>

“**Cabinet**” means the Cabinet of the Kingdom of Tonga;

“**commencement**” used with reference to an Act means the day on which the Act comes into force;