

**SOLOMON ISLANDS**  
**THE FOREST RESOURCES AND TIMBER UTILISATION (AMENDMENT) ACT**  
**2000**

**(NO. 6 OF 2000)**

*Passed by the National Parliament this thirteenth day of December 2000.*

*Assented to in Her majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this eighteenth day of January 2001.*

*Dated of commencement: see section 1.*

AN ACT TO AMEND PART III OF THE FOREST RESOURCES AND TIMBER UTILISATION ACT.

**ENACTED** by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

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**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (Amendment) Act, 2000, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.

**Amendment of section 6 of Cap. 40**

2. Section 6 of the Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the definition of "area council".

**Amendment of section 7**

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended in Amendment the following respects –

- (a) by deleting from subsection (1), the words “the area council”; and
- (b) by deleting froth subsection (2) the words and to the appropriate area council".

**Amendment of section 8**

4. Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended in Amendment the following respects-

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following new subsection -

“(1) Upon receipt of the application for warded to it under section 7, the appropriate Government shall fix a place within the area the customary land is situated and a date not being earlier than two months, nor later than three months, from the date of receipt of the copy of the application for a meeting to be held with the customary landowners and the applicant to determine matters specified in subsection (3)”;

- (b) by deleting from subsection (2), the words “area council” and substituting therefor the words “appropriate Government”;

- (c) by deleting from subsection (3), the words “the area council shall in consultation with the appropriate Government discuss and determine” and substituting therefor the words "the appropriate Government shall discuss and determine";

- (d) by deleting from subsection (4), the words “with the recommendation of the area council”.

**Amendment of section 9**

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects-

- (a) by deleting from subsection (1), the word “council” and substituting therefor the words “appropriate Government”;

- (b) by deleting subsections (2) and (3) and substituting therefor the following new subsection (2) -

“(2) On making its determination under section 8(3), the appropriate Government shall as soon as practicable -

- (a) issue a certificate in the prescribed form setting out its determination;
- (b) give the public notice of its determination in the same manner as notice under section 8(2) was given; and
- (c) forward the original certificate to the Commissioner and a copy to the applicant.”

**Amendment of section 10**

6. Subsection (1) of section 10 is hereby amended by deleting the word “council” and substituting therefor the words “appropriate Government”.

**Amendment of section 13**

7. Paragraph (c) of section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the words "area councils" and substituting therefor the words "appropriate Government".

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