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## 1972, No. 14

**An Act to make provision as to the operation of the law in relation to Sri Lanka, and persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Sri Lanka, in view of Ceylon's having become a Republic to be known as the Republic of Sri Lanka while remaining a member of the Commonwealth**  
[21 September 1972]

WHEREAS on the 22nd day of May 1972, Ceylon became a Republic to be known as the Republic of Sri Lanka while remaining a member of the Commonwealth:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title and commencement**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Republic of Sri Lanka Act 1972.

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 22nd day of May 1972.

**2. Existing law to apply as if Sri Lanka had not become a Republic**—(1) All existing law—that is to say, all law which, whether it is a rule of law or a provision of an Act of any Parliament or a provision of any other enactment

or instrument whatsoever, has come into force or been passed or made before the commencement of this Act—shall, until provision to the contrary is made by the authority having power to alter that law, have the same operation in relation to Sri Lanka, and to persons and things in any way belonging to or connected with Sri Lanka, as it would have had if Sri Lanka had not become a Republic.

(2) This section extends to the law of, or of any part of, New Zealand or of any of the territories referred to in section 3 of this Act.

### **3. Application of Act to Niue and Tokelau Islands—**

(1) This Act shall be in force in the following territories:

(a) Niue:

(b) The Tokelau Islands.

(2) The First Schedule to the Niue Act 1966 is hereby amended by adding the following words:

“1972, No. 14—The Republic of Sri Lanka Act 1972 | The whole Act.”

**4. References to Ceylon to be read as references to Sri Lanka—**Every reference to Ceylon in any Act, Order in Council, Proclamation, notice, regulations, rules, agreement, deed, instrument, or document whatsoever shall hereafter be read as a reference to Sri Lanka.

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This Act is administered in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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