FLAGS AMENDMENT BILL 1980

Date Introduced: 22 May 1980
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. R.J. Hunt, Minister for Transport

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Flags Act 1953 to omit references to the Australian Red Ensign.

Background

The Shipping Registration Bill 1980 provides, among other things, that the national flag is the proper national colours for Australian ships and that an Australian ship shall fly the national flag at all times, in place of the Australian Red Ensign. (See Bills Digest for Shipping Registration Bill 1980).

Main provisions

Section 4 of the Flags Act 1953, which provides that the Australian Red Ensign is the proper colours for merchant ships registered in Australia, is repealed (clause 3).

Part II of the Second Schedule to the Flags Act 1953, which describes the Australian Red Ensign, is repealed (clause 4).

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