



# Antarctica (Environmental Protection) Amendment Act 2015

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Commencement see section 2

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### The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- Title**  
This Act is the Antarctica (Environmental Protection) Amendment Act 2015.
- Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

**3 Principal Act**

This Act amends the Antarctica (Environmental Protection) Act 1994 (the **principal Act**).

**4 Section 28 amended (Acts prohibited except in accordance with permit)**

- (1) In section 28(1)(b), after “mammal”, insert “or native invertebrate”.
- (2) Replace section 28(1)(e) with:

“(e) introduce onto land or ice shelves or sea ice or into water in Antarctica any living organism (including, but not limited to, any species of animal, plant, or micro-organism) not native to that area; or”.
- (3) After section 28(1)(e), insert:

“(ea) introduce onto land or ice shelves or sea ice or into water in Antarctica any living bird; or”.
- (4) In section 28(3),—
  - (a) replace “dressed poultry” with “poultry or avian products”;
  - (b) delete “Appendix C to”.

**5 Section 32 amended (Restrictions on permits to introduce non-indigenous animals, plants, or micro-organisms into Antarctica)**

In section 32,—

- (a) replace “into Antarctica” with “onto land or ice shelves or sea ice or into water in Antarctica”;
  - (b) replace “animal, plant, or micro-organism” with “living organism (including, but not limited to, any species of animal, plant, or micro-organism)”.
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**Legislative history**

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This Act is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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