



**Geneva Conventions (Third
Protocol—Red Crystal
Emblem) Amendment Act 2012
Commencement Order 2014**

Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 17th day of March 2014

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 2(2) of the Geneva Conventions (Third Protocol—Red Crystal Emblem) Amendment Act 2012, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following order.

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This order is the Geneva Conventions (Third Protocol—Red Crystal Emblem) Amendment Act 2012 Commencement Order 2014.

2 Commencement of Geneva Conventions (Third Protocol—Red Crystal Emblem) Amendment Act 2012

All provisions of the Geneva Conventions (Third Protocol—Red Crystal Emblem) Amendment Act 2012 come into force on 23 April 2014, except section 10(3)(b), which has already been brought into force by section 2(1) of that Act.

Michael Webster,
for Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order brings into force on 23 April 2014 all provisions of the Geneva Conventions (Third Protocol—Red Crystal Emblem) Amendment Act 2012 (the **Act**), except section 10(3)(b). The purpose of the Act is to implement New Zealand's obligations under the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (the **Third Protocol**). In accordance with Article 11(1), the Third Protocol entered into force on 14 January 2007, 6 months after 2 instruments of ratification or accession had been deposited.

Section 10(3)(b) of the Act came into force on 12 December 2012 (the day after the date on which the Act received Royal assent). However, the rest of the Act was able to be brought into force only when the Third Protocol entered into force for New Zealand under international law. New Zealand ratified the Third Protocol on 23 October 2013. In accordance with Article 11(2), the Third Protocol is due to

enter into force for New Zealand on 23 April 2014. This order therefore brings the rest of the Act into force on that date.

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