



## Legislation Act (Publication for International Transparency) Direction 2018

Under sections 36E and 36F of the Legislation Act 2012, the Chief Parliamentary Counsel directs—

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### Direction

#### 1 Commencement

This direction comes into force on 30 December 2018.

#### 2 Interpretation

Unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) **Act** means the Legislation Act 2012; and
- (b) terms and expressions that are used but not defined in this direction but that are defined in Part 2A of the Act have the same meaning as in that Part.

#### 3 Application

This direction applies to an instrument—

- (a) made after 30 December 2018; and
- (b) to which Part 2A of the Act applies.

#### 4 Nature of details

Details required under section 36E of the Act are an explanation of the purpose of, and rationale for, the instrument.

## 5 Nature of links

Links required under section 36F of the Act are—

- (a) the Title of the instrument; and
- (b) the Title of the empowering Act; and
- (c) the year in which the instrument is made; and
- (d) the name of the administering agency; and
- (e) the URL for a webpage on the maker's website at which—
  - (i) the full text of the instrument is published; or
  - (ii) the Title of the instrument is published, along with a hyperlink to the full text of the instrument.

## 6 Form and manner in which links are to be forwarded

The maker (or a person acting on the maker's behalf) must email the links to the Parliamentary Counsel Office without delay—

- (a) after an instrument is published and made available on the maker's website; or
- (b) after a change to any of the information in a link.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of December 2018.

Fiona Leonard,  
Chief Parliamentary Counsel.

## Explanatory note

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

This direction by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel is made under Part 2A of the Legislation Act 2012 (the **Act**). It comes into force on 30 December 2018.

Part 2A's purpose is to help New Zealand meet its international transparency obligations. From 30 December 2018, these obligations will arise from the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, done at Santiago, Chile, on 8 March 2018 (the **CPTPP**).

The direction sets out the nature of details required for all instruments to which Part 2A of the Act applies. Details is defined in the Act as meaning all information necessary or desirable for meeting all applicable international transparency obligations for an instrument.

The direction also sets out the nature of the instruments' links and the form and manner in which they are to be forwarded. The Act defines links as meaning all information necessary or desirable to enable a user to access the instrument via the central website. The central website is an Internet site maintained by or on behalf of the New Zealand Government.

The Chief Parliamentary Counsel must publish the links on the central website.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This direction is administered by the Parliamentary Counsel Office.