

I assent.

(L.S.)

ĈENSU TABONE
President

23rd November, 1990

ACT No. XXXV of 1990

AN ACT to amend the Interpretation Act, 1975.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Interpretation (Amendment) Act, 1990, and shall be read and construed as one with the Interpretation Act, 1975 hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

Short title.

Act VII of 1975.

2. For paragraph (c) of section 6 of the principal Act, there shall be substituted the following:

Amendment of
section 6
of the
principal Act.

“(c) where such Act confers a power on the holder of an office, and such power relates to any business of the Government, or is exercisable as part of the functions of a department of Government for which responsibility has been assigned to a Minister under the Constitution, such power shall be exercisable by the holder of that office, and except to the extent that the holder of that office is expressly declared by any law not to be subject to the direction or control of any other person or authority, the Minister responsible for that business or department of the Government shall have power, even where such power is expressed to be exercisable in the discretion (whether absolute or otherwise) of the holder of that office, to give such direction in writing relative to the exercise of that power (including a direction ordering the reversal of a decision) as such Minister may deem fit;”.

Transitory
provision.

3. The provisions of this Act shall not render invalid the exercise of any power before the coming into force of this Act, where such exercise was valid in accordance with the law.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 441 of the 14th November, 1990.

LAWRENCE GONZI
Speaker

P. MUSCAT TERRIBILE
Clerk to the House of Representatives.