

**SAMOA**

## Arrangement of Provisions

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**2009, No. 13**

**AN ACT to amend the Patents Act 1972 and for related purposes.** *[1<sup>st</sup> September 2009]*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement-**(1) This Act may be cited as the Patents Amendment Act 2009, and shall be read together with and form part of the Patents Act 1972.

(2) This Act commences on the date it is assented to by the Head of State.

**2. Interpretation** – Section 2 of the Patents Act 1972 is amended by deleting the definitions of “Minister”, “Ministry” and “Registrar” and inserting the following:

““Minister” means the Minister responsible for Commerce, Industry and Labour;

“Ministry” means the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour;

“Registrar” means the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour who shall keep a Register recording all applications for patents, and grants of patent rights.”.

**3. Validation of actions** - Despite any other law, all actions, imposition of fees, order, directions, decisions, registration, record keeping, determination of grants of patent rights or other rights, legal actions and acts of authority by or on behalf of or involving the Chief Executive Officer, purported to be made, done or decided on or after the date of commencement of the Ministerial and Departmental Arrangements Act 2003 under the Patents Act 1972, the Trade Marks Act 1972 or the Industrial Designs Act 1972 shall be saved and deemed for all purposes to have been lawfully made, done or decided, as the case may require.

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**The Patents Amendment Act 2009 is administered by the  
Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour.**

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