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## AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION OF PATENTS, UTILITY MODEL CERTIFICATES, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND TRADE MARKS<sup>1</sup>

Commencement [2]

### PART I - PRELIMINARY

#### 1 Short title and commencement

This Act may be cited as the Industrial Property Act, and shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by His Majesty in Council.

#### 2 Interpretation<sup>3</sup>

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, —

“**agent**” means a law practitioner with a valid practicing licence resident or having a place of business in Tonga representing the applicant;

“**collective mark**” means any visible sign designated as such in the application for registration and capable of distinguishing the origin or any other common characteristic, including the quality, of goods or service of different enterprises which use the sign under the control of the registered owner of the collective mark;

“**Court**” means the Supreme Court of Tonga;