

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**FLAG AND EMBLEM ACT 1985**

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## FLAG AND EMBLEM ACT 1985

### An act to control the use of the Northern Territory Arms, flag and emblems

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Flag and Emblem Act 1985*.

#### 2 Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

#### 3 Definitions

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

***Arms of the Territory*** means the Territory Arms referred to in section 5.

***declared emblem*** means an emblem declared under section 8 by the Administrator to be:

- (a) a Territory Badge; or
- (b) an official emblem of the Territory,

and includes any other emblem that so nearly resembles an emblem so declared as to be likely to deceive or be capable of being mistaken for an emblem so declared.

#### 4 Delegation

- (1) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, delegate to a person any of his powers and functions under this Act, other than this power of delegation.
- (2) A power or function delegated under this section, when exercised or performed by the delegate, shall, for the purpose of this Act, be deemed to have been exercised or performed by the Minister.

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- (3) A delegation under this section does not prevent the exercise of a power or the performance of a function by the Minister.

## **5 Arms of the Territory**

The Arms of the Territory described in Schedule 1, being the Arms a reproduction of which is set out in Schedule 2, are the Arms of the Territory.

## **6 Improper use of Arms of the Territory an offence**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister may, by notice in writing, authorize a person to use the Arms of the Territory.
- (2) The Minister shall not authorize under subsection (1) the use of the Arms of the Territory except for Territory Government purposes or bona fide educational purposes within the Territory.
- (3) A person who, directly or indirectly, without the prior written authority under subsection (1) of the Minister:
- (a) assumes, uses or otherwise deals with or causes to be assumed, used or otherwise dealt with; or
  - (b) prints, publishes, manufactures, sells or offers or exhibits for sale or causes to be printed, published, manufactured, sold or offered or exhibited for sale or sends, distributes or delivers to or serves on, or causes to be sent, distributed or delivered to, or served on, a person any writing, material or object in or upon which appears,

the Arms of the Territory or Arms or any token insignia, emblem or other thing that so nearly resembles the Arms of the Territory as to be likely to deceive or be capable of being mistaken for the Arms of the Territory is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 4 penalty units, and 0.8 penalty unit for each day during which the offence continues.

- (4) In proceedings under this section, if a person is named in the writing, on material or an object referred to in this section in such manner as to imply that he is the printer, publisher, manufacturer, seller or sender of it, that person shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken to be the person who printed, published, manufactured, sold or sent that writing, material or object.

## **7 Flag of the Territory**

The flag described in Schedule 3, being the flag a reproduction of which is set out in Schedule 4, is the Flag of the Territory.

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**8 Declared emblem**

The Administrator may, by notice in the *Gazette*, declare an emblem described, depicted or referred to in the declaration to be:

- (a) a Territory Badge; or
- (b) an official emblem of the Territory.

**9 Improper use of declared emblem an offence**

- (1) The Minister may, by notice in writing, authorize a person to use a declared emblem, either without defacement or defaced in a manner specified in the notice.
- (2) A person who, directly or indirectly, without the prior written authority under subsection (1) of the Minister:
  - (a) assumes, uses or otherwise deals with or causes to be assumed, used or otherwise dealt with; or
  - (b) prints, publishes, manufactures, sells or offers or exhibits for sale or causes to be printed, published, manufactured, sold or offered or exhibited for sale or sends, distributes or delivers to or serves on, or causes to be sent, distributed or delivered to, or served on, a person, any writing, material or object in which or on which appears,

a declared emblem for any trade, business, calling, profession or commercial purpose, or in connection with a club or any body or association of persons (including, but without limiting the generality of this subsection, a club or body or association of persons formed for the purpose of playing a game or athletic sport) or in such a manner as to suggest that the writing, material or object has official significance, is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 4 penalty units and 0.8 penalty unit for each day during which the offence continues.

- (3) In proceedings under this section, if a person is named in the writing, on material or an object referred to in this section in such manner as to imply that he is the printer, publisher, manufacturer, seller or sender of it, that person shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken to be the person who printed, published, manufactured, sold or sent that writing, material or object.

**11 Rules for use of declared emblems, &c.**

- (1) The Minister may make and cause to be published rules for the use of declared emblems.

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- (2) The rules may prescribe penalties not exceeding 4 penalty units for a contravention or breach of the rules and, in addition, penalties not exceeding 0.8 penalty unit for each day during which such a contravention or breach occurs.

**12 Consent of Attorney-General**

Proceedings for an offence against this Act or the rules shall not be instituted except by or with the consent in writing of the Attorney-General or Director of Public Prosecutions.

**13 Substitute use of Arms of the Territory**

Where by or under an Act the use of the Arms of the Territory or a representation thereof, in whatever terms described, is prescribed for a document, form, seal or otherwise as a mark of authority of the Crown, the use for that purpose of a representation of the Arms of the Territory, in the form in which that armorial insignia is or was, at the material time, granted, shall be taken to be and to have always been a sufficient compliance in law with that prescription.

## Schedule 1 Description of Arms of the Territory

### Section 5

For Arms, Tenny, representations in the Australian Aboriginal manner of an Arnhem Land rock painting of a woman with stylised internal anatomy between in dexter chief and base two symbolic representations of campsites joined by journey or path markings in the manner of the Central Australian Aboriginals and in sinister chief and base the like all Argent; and for a Crest: Upon a Wreath of the Colours a Wedge tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*) wings elevated grasping with its talons an Australian Aboriginal stone Tjurunga proper; and for Supporters: On either side a Red Kangaroo (*Macropus rufus* (Desmarest)) guardant that to the dexter holding in the dexter fore-paw a Chiragra Spider Conch (*Lambis Chiragra*) and similarly that to the sinister in its sinister fore-paw a True Heart Cockle (*Corculum carelissa*) growing from a compartment comprising a grassy-sandy mound Sturt's Desert Roses (*Gossypium sturtianum*).

**Schedule 2 Production of Arms of the Territory**

section 5

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## **Schedule 3 Description of Flag of the Territory**

### section 7

The Flag of the Territory incorporates the three official Territory colours of black, white and ochre and the official Territory floral emblem, Sturt's Desert Rose. The floral emblem resides in white on an ochre panel which is flanked on the left by a black panel on which is set five white stars representing the form of the constellation of the Southern Cross. The stylised Sturt's Desert Rose on the ochre panel has seven petals with a seven pointed star in the centre, symbolising the six Australian States and the Territory.

**Schedule 4    Reproduction of Flag of the Territory**

section 7

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**ENDNOTES**
**1 KEY**

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended  
 app = appendix  
 bl = by-law  
 ch = Chapter  
 cl = clause  
 div = Division  
 exp = expires/expired  
 f = forms  
 Gaz = Gazette  
 hdg = heading  
 ins = inserted  
 lt = long title  
 nc = not commenced

od = order  
 om = omitted  
 pt = Part  
 r = regulation/rule  
 rem = remainder  
 renum = renumbered  
 rep = repealed  
 s = section  
 sch = Schedule  
 sdiv = Subdivision  
 SL = Subordinate Legislation  
 sub = substituted

**2 LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Flag and Emblem Act 1985 (Act No. 24, 1985)***

Assent date	18 June 1985
Commenced	18 September 1985 ( <i>Gaz G37</i> , 18 September 1985, p 9)

***Director of Public Prosecutions (Consequential Amendments) Act 1990 (Act No. 29, 1990)***

Assent date	11 June 1990
Commenced	21 January 1991 (s 2, s 2 <i>Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1990</i> (Act No. 35, 1990) and <i>Gaz G2</i> , 16 January 1991, p 9)

***Penalties Amendment (Chief Minister's and Other Portfolios) Act 2011 (Act No. 27, 2011)***

Assent date	31 August 2011
Commenced	21 September 2011 ( <i>Gaz G38</i> , 21 September 2011, p 5)

***Statute Law Amendment (Directors' Liability) Act 2015 (Act No. 26, 2015)***

Assent date	18 September 2015
Commenced	14 October 2015 ( <i>Gaz G41</i> , 14 October 2015, p 3)

**3 GENERAL AMENDMENTS**

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (Act No. 22, 2018) to: s 1.

**4 LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

s 6	amd No. 27, 2011, s 3
s 9	amd No. 27, 2011, s 3
s 10	rep No. 26, 2015, s 38
s 11	amd No. 27, 2011, s 3

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s 12                      amd No. 29, 1990, s 7