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AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977.

ENACTED by the Commissioner of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Ordinance 2005 and shall come into force upon publication.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance “the principal Ordinance” means the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977.

Amendment of the principal Ordinance

3. The principal Ordinance is amended by replacing section 12 with the following new section 12 —

“Publication and commencement of Laws

12.—(1) If so expressed therein, a law may have effect retrospective from the date of its publication in the Gazette, but —

(a) no act or omission which did not constitute an offence at the time it was done or made shall retrospectively become an offence; and

(b) no law shall render any offence committed before that law came into operation punishable more severely than it would have been if that law had not been made.

(2) For the sake of avoidance of doubt, it is declared that this section applies to subsidiary legislation as well as to Ordinances.”

Assented to in Her Majesty’s name and on Her Majesty’s
behalf this first day of December 2005

H. J. S. PEARCE C.V.O.,
Commissioner.