

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 1 of 1981)

I assent,

(President I. Tabai)
Beretitenti
26/5/1981

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE BROADCASTING AND PUBLICATIONS
AUTHORITY ORDINANCE (CAP. 6A)**

Commencement: 26/5/1981

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the Broadcasting and Publications Authority (Amendment) Act, 1981.

Amends section 20 of Cap. 6A

2. Section 20 of the Broadcasting and Publications Authority Ordinance, 1978, (in this Act referred to as the principal Ordinance) is amended –

- (a) in subsection (2) by deleting the words "auditors to be appointed by the Authority with the approval of the Minister" and substituting the words "the Director of Audit".
- (b) in subsection (4) by deleting the words "the auditor" and substituting the words "the Director of Audit".

Amends section 24 of Cap. 6A

3. Section 24 of the principal Ordinance is amended by adding the words "except that Customs duties shall be paid in respect of goods imported for subsequent resale by the Authority".

**BROADCASTING AND PUBLICATIONS AUTHORITY
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1981**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This amending Act is designed to amend the principal Act for 2 quite separate purposes –

(1) Unlike the other statutory corporations and bodies, which are subject to the audit by the Director of Audit, the Broadcasting and Publications Authority has the right to appoint its own auditors, subject to the approval of the Minister. It is not clear why the Authority was put in this exceptional position and there seems no reason whatever why the Authority should not be brought into line with the other statutory bodies. Section 20 of the principal Ordinance is therefore amended by substituting references to the Director of Audit for the existing references to appointed auditors.

(2) Like most of the statutory bodies, the Authority enjoys freedom from import duties. Recently, however, the Authority imported items specifically for re-sale to the public rather than for its own use, namely Tee-shirts. There seems no reason why the Authority should not pay import duty on items which it intends to re-sell, to the public, and section 24 of the principal Ordinance is amended accordingly.

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