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Arrangement of Provisions

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| 1. Short title and commencement | 3. Section 7A amended |
| 2. Section 2 amended | 4. Transitional |

2015, No. 39

AN ACT to amend the Infants Ordinance 1961
(“Ordinance”). *[04th September 2015]*

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 Infants Amendment Act 2015.

(2) This Act commences on the date of assent by the Head of State.

2. Section 2 amended - In section 2 of the Ordinance, for the definition of “overseas adoption”, substitute:

““overseas adoption” means any application for adoption of an infant where the applicant or all the applicants are not citizens;”.

3. Section 7A amended - In section 7A of the Ordinance, after subsection (4) insert:

“(5) To avoid doubt, an adoption order is not treated as an overseas adoption if one of the applicants for the adoption order is a citizen.”.

4. Transitional - Any adoption order made before the commencement of this Act in relation to an application for an adoption of an infant made by two (2) applicants where one of them is a citizen is treated not to be an overseas adoption.

**The Infants Amendment Act 2015 is administered by the
Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration.**

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