

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**  
**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**  
**DANGEROUS GOODS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1987**  
**NO. 12 OF 1987**

The Dangerous Goods Ordinance 1984 (the Principal Ordinance) adopts the New South Wales Dangerous Goods Act 1975 and Regulation with the modification set out in the Schedule to the Principal Ordinance.

Item No. 20 of Part 2 of the Schedule to the Principal Ordinance omitted sub-clause 28(1) of the Act, which is a power to make exemptions from the provisions of the Act.

This Ordinance amends the Principal Ordinance to provide for exemptions from any or all of the requirements of the Principal Ordinance to be made by Regulation. It also corrects clerical errors which existed in the Principal Ordinance.

Details of the Ordinance are as follows:-

Sections 1 and 2 deal with interpretation.

Section 3 amends section 13 of the Principal Ordinance to provide that the Minister may make regulations exempting a person from the requirements of all or any of the provision of the NSW Regulation adopted by the Principal Ordinance, either absolutely or subject to conditions. Further, the Minister may prescribe penalties not exceeding \$500 for offences against the regulations.

Section 4 amends the Schedule to the Principal Ordinance to reflect changes to the Act consistent with its application to the Australian Capital Territory and correcting several clerical errors. These amendments do not change the effect of the Principal Ordinance.