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ENFORCEMENT FRAMEWORK  
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## PART 1 - INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

### Short title

1.1 This Act may be cited as the Enforcement Framework Amendment Act No. 4.

### Executive oversight

1.2 The chairperson of the Legislature is responsible for the oversight of this Act.

### Authority and application

1.3 (a) This Act is enacted under

- (i) 13.32.1 of Chapter 13 of the Maa-nulth Treaty, and
- (ii) section 3.2(ff) of the Constitution.

(b) This Act amends the Enforcement Act regarding

- (i) director and officer liability for offences committed by a corporation,
- (ii) the limitation period for prosecutions, and
- (iii) the seizure of things related to the commission of an offence.

### Definitions

1.4 In this Act, the “Enforcement Act” means the Enforcement Act KCFNS 16/2011.







## PART 2 - ENFORCEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

### Enforcement Act amendments

2.1 The Enforcement Act is amended as follows:

- (a) section 1.4 is amended by
  - (i) striking out the definition of “application” and replacing it with the following:

“‘application’ means an application made under section 6.1 for a review of a compliance notice, ticket or seizure record;”,
  - (ii) in the definition of “named person”, by striking out the words “compliance notice or ticket” and replacing them with the words “compliance notice, ticket or seizure record”, and
  - (iii) adding the following definition:

“‘seizure record’ means the document prepared by an enforcement officer under section 5.1.1 to record a seizure;”;

(b) by adding the following between section 2.1 and 2.2:

#### **“Offences by a corporation**

**2.1.1** Where a corporation commits an offence against a Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' enactment, a director or officer of the corporation who authorized, permitted or acquiesced in the offence also commits the offence.”;

- (c) section 2.6 is amended by replacing the word “publishable” with “punishable”;
- (d) by striking out section 2.7 and replacing it with the following:

#### **“Limitation period for prosecutions**

**2.7** An information must not be laid under section 2.3 more than three years after the day on which the alleged offence in relation to which the information is laid has been discovered by the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government.”;

- (e) section 3.2(b) is amended by
  - (i) striking out subsections (iii) to (vi) and replacing them with the following:



- "(iii) make any reasonable inspection of any person, place or thing for the purpose of ensuring compliance with a Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' enactment
  - (A) if that person, place or thing is involved in an activity that is regulated by a Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' enactment, and
  - (B) the enforcement officer does not have reasonable grounds to believe that a contravention of a Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' enactment has occurred;
- (iv) enter any place or thing during an inspection under paragraph (iii)
  - (A) at any reasonable time, if it is not a dwelling-house, or
  - (B) with the consent of the owner or occupant, if it is a dwelling-house;
- (v) during an inspection under paragraph (iii)
  - (A) require to be produced any licences, books, bills, records or other documents, and
  - (B) take a sample of any substance related to an activity that is regulated by a Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' enactment;
- (vi) seize anything found during an inspection conducted under paragraph (iii) that the enforcement officer believes on reasonable grounds
  - (A) was obtained in the commission of an offence,
  - (B) was or is being used in the commission of an offence, or
  - (C) may provide evidence of the commission of an offence;"; and
- (ii) striking out subsection (ix) and replacing it with the following:
  - “(ix) if the enforcement officer finds a person committing an offence on or in relation to Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' lands,
    - (A) arrest that person without a warrant,





- (B) search that person and his or her belongings if there is a reasonable prospect of securing evidence of that offence, and
  - (C) seize anything from that person that the enforcement officer believes on reasonable grounds was obtained in, was or is being used in, or may provide evidence of, the commission of an offence; and”;
- (f) by adding the following between Part 5 and Part 6:

**“PART 5.1 – SEIZURE**

**Seizure record**

**5.1.1** The enforcement officer that conducts a seizure under section 3.2(vi) or (ix) must prepare a seizure record in the prescribed form as soon as possible after the seizure has been conducted, which specifies

- (a) the thing seized,
- (b) the grounds for the seizure,
- (c) the time and place that the seizure occurred,
- (d) the name of the person from whom the thing was seized,
- (e) the name and signature of the enforcement officer who conducted the seizure,
- (f) how to apply for a review of the seizure, and
- (g) any other prescribed information.

**Seizure record form**

**5.1.2** A seizure record may be completed, recorded, issued and stored

- (a) in electronic format by electronic means, or
- (b) by another means that allows the seizure record to be reproduced in an understandable form.



### **Serving seizure record**

- 5.1.3** (a) The enforcement officer that conducts a seizure under section 3.2(vi) or (ix) must deliver, in accordance with Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' law, a copy of the seizure record to
- (i) the person from who the thing was seized, and
  - (ii) any other person whom the enforcement officer has reason to believe may have an interest in the seized thing,
- all of whom are “named persons” in relation to that seizure record.
- (b) If the enforcement officer becomes aware of a person who was not provided with a copy of the seizure record but should have been, the enforcement officer must deliver, in accordance with Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' law, a copy of the seizure record to that person.

### **Failure to serve a seizure record**

- 5.1.4** If a seizure record is not served in accordance with section 5.1.3, a proceeding or action in relation to the seizure is not invalidated if
- (a) the content of the seizure record was known by the named persons within the time allowed for service,
  - (b) the named person consents, or
  - (c) the failure to serve in accordance with section 5.1.3 does not result in any substantial injustice.

### **Review by chief administrative officer**

- 5.1.5** (a) A named person may, within 30 days of receiving a seizure record, apply for a review of that seizure in accordance with section 6.1.
- (b) The director may extend the time limit established under subsection (a), upon request by the named person or his or her authorized representative, for
- (i) a period of up to 30 days, or



- (ii) upon the approval of the Executive, a period of longer than 30 days,  
if the named person, acting in good faith and through absence, accident, illness or other cause beyond the person's reasonable control, is or was unable to respond to the seizure record in accordance with subsection (a).

### **Custody**

- 5.1.6** (a) The enforcement officer that conducts a seizure under section 3.2(vi) or (ix) must deliver the seized thing to the chief administrative officer.
- (b) The chief administrative officer must retain custody and ensure the safekeeping of the seized thing.
- (c) The chief administrative officer may deliver the seized thing into the custody of any person he or she considers appropriate, prior to the conclusion of the proceedings for the offence related to the seizure, subject to an undertaking by that person to ensure the safekeeping of that thing.
- (d) The chief administrative officer may require the person who is given custody under subsection (c) to do one or both of the following:
- (i) provide the chief administrative officer with security for the seized thing in a manner and form that is satisfactory to the chief administrative officer; or
  - (ii) make the seized thing available for inspection by or deliver it into the custody of the chief administrative officer at any reasonable time.

### **Special items**

- 5.1.7** (a) The enforcement officer or chief administrative officer may make copies of any documents or records seized under section 3.2(vi) or (ix).
- (b) The enforcement officer or chief administrative officer may release any wild animal or aquatic species seized under section 3.2(vi) or (ix).



- (c) The chief administrative officer who has custody of any perishable thing seized under section 3.2(vi) or (ix) may dispose of it in any manner he or she considers appropriate and any proceeds realized from its disposition will be held in place of that thing.

### **Return of seized property**

- 5.1.8** (a) The chief administrative officer must deliver a seized thing to the person lawfully entitled to be in possession of that thing if
- (i) an information is not laid for the offence related to the seizure of that thing within the limitation period specified in section 2.7, or
  - (ii) that person is not named in the information that is laid for the offence related to the seizure of that thing and the proceedings for that offence are concluded.
- (b) The chief administrative officer must deliver a seized thing to the person lawfully entitled to be in possession of the thing, if that person is named in the information laid for the offence related to the seizure and is found not guilty of that offence.

### **Forfeiture**

- 5.1.9** (a) If the person lawfully entitled to be in possession of a seized thing is convicted of the offence related to the seizure, the court may order that person to forfeit that thing to the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government.
- (b) If the person lawfully entitled to be in possession of the seized thing is convicted of the offence related to the seizure, and the court imposes a fine to be paid to the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government but does not order forfeiture, the chief administrative officer may detain the thing until the fine is paid.
- (c) If the person lawfully entitled to be in possession of the seized thing is convicted of the offence related to the seizure, and the court does not order forfeiture or a fine to be paid to the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government, the chief administrative officer must return the thing to that person.

### **Recovery of Costs**





**5.1.10** If a person is convicted of an offence related to a seizure, the court may order that person to compensate the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government for any costs incurred by the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government for the seizure, storage, maintenance or disposition of that thing.

**Application for possession**

**5.1.11** Any person at any time may apply to court to have a seized thing delivered into their possession, notwithstanding the right to have a seizure reviewed under Part 6.

**If owner of thing unknown**

- 5.1.12** (a) If the chief administrative officer cannot identify any person who is lawfully entitled to possession of a seized thing by the date on which he or she is required to deliver that thing to a person under this Part, he or she may dispose of that thing and provide the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government with the proceeds.
- (b) If a seized thing is disposed under subsection (a) and a person subsequently proves that he or she is lawfully entitled to possession of that thing, the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations Government will pay that person the proceeds of sale of the thing.”; and
- (g) the title of Part 6 is amended by striking out the words “compliance notices and tickets” and replacing them with the words “compliance notices, tickets and seizure records”; and
- (h) sections 6.1 and 6.2 are amended by striking out every occurrence of the words “compliance notice or ticket” and replacing them with the words “compliance notice, ticket or seizure record”.







## **PART 3 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Commencement**

- 3.1** This Act comes into force on the date it is enacted.

