

7. Key Provisions of the National Defence Act and the Emergencies Act

The Emergencies Act, 1988 (replaces the War Measures Act)

3. For the purposes of this Act, a "national emergency" is an urgent and critical situation of a temporary nature that:
 - (a) seriously endangers the lives, health or safety of Canadians and is of such proportions or nature as to exceed the capacity or authority of a province to deal with it, or
 - (b) seriously threatens the ability of the Government of Canada to preserve the sovereignty, security and territorial integrity of Canada and that cannot be effectively dealt with under any other law of Canada.