

## INTRODUCTION

THE ACT IMPLEMENTS CANADA'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY. IN PARTICULAR, THE ACT PROHIBITS PERSONS FROM CARRYING OUT, ENCOURAGING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE CARRYING OUT OF A NUCLEAR WEAPON TEST EXPLOSION. PERSONS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THIS BASIC TREATY OBLIGATION ARE LIABLE FOR LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

STAKEHOLDER DEPARTMENTS, NAMELY, HEALTH CANADA AND NATURAL RESOURCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING UP FACILITIES AND LABORATORIES TO PERMIT THE CARRYING OUT OF VERIFICATION MEASURES, AS PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONITORING SYSTEM. THE ACT ESTABLISHES A NATIONAL AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING DOMESTIC IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES, LIAISING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND FOR ASSISTING IN CLARIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER THE TREATY. FOR ITS PART, INDUSTRY IS REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY WHEN IT CARRIES OUT OR PARTICIPATES IN THE CARRYING OUT OF EXPLOSIONS USING 300 TONNES OR MORE OF TNT - EQUIVALENT BLASTING MATERIAL.

THE ACT ALLOWS FOR WARRANT BASED SEARCH AND SEIZURES, OF PLACES WHERE THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT AN OFFENCE IS BEING COMMITTED AND THAT THERE IS EVIDENCE RELEVANT TO THE ESTABLISHING OF THE COMMISSION OF THE OFFENCE. INSPECTORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY ARE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY PEACE OFFICERS IN CONDUCTING THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE.

THE ACT SETS OUT PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND PROTECTS FROM DISCLOSURE, CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.