

General provisions act (of the Netherlands)

(Dutch version is authentic – valid from 01-01-2012 up to present date)

Law of May 15, 1829, containing general provisions of the legislation of the Kingdom

We WILLEM, by the grace of God, King of the Netherlands, Prince of Orange-Nassau, Grand Duke of Luxembourg, etc., etc., etc.

All the ones, who will see or hear it read, salut! do to know:

Thus We have taken into consideration that the general provisions contained in the law of June 14, 1822 (Official Gazette No. 10), are not exclusively applicable to the civil code;

That in addition art. 1 deals with a matter, which will have its place in a separate law;

So it is, that We, having heard the Council of State, and by mutual agreement of the States General,

Have approved and understand as We agree and understand to determine the following:

Article 1

[repealed on 17-02-1988]

Article 2

[repealed on 17-02-1988]

Article 3

[repealed on 01-01-1992]

Article 4

The law only binds for the future and has no retroactive effect.

Article 5

A law can only lose its force, in whole or in part, by a later law.

Article 6

[repealed as of 01-01-2012]

Article 7

[repealed as of 01-05-2008]

Article 8

The criminal laws and the police ordinances are binding for all who are on the territory of the Kingdom.

Article 9

The civil rights of the Kingdom are the same for foreigners as for the Dutch, as long as the law does not determine the contrary.

Article 10

[repealed on January 1, 2012]

Article 11

The judge must, according to the law adjudicate: he may under no circumstances judge the inner value or fairness of the law.

Article 12

No judge may, by means of general ordinance, disposition or regulations, give judgment in matters that are subject to his decision.

Article 13

A judge who refuses to adjudicate, on the pretext of silence, obscurity or incompleteness of the law, may be prosecuted for refusal of justice.

Article 13a

The jurisdiction of the court and the enforceability of judicial sentences and authentic instruments are limited by the exceptions recognized in the law of nations.

Article 14

[repealed on 01-01-1992]

Charges and orders that this will be placed in the official gazette, and that all ministerial departments, authorities, colleges and civil servants, whom this may concern, will enforce accurate implementation.

Given at Brussels, the 15th of May, the year 1829, and of Our Government the sixteenth.

WILLEM.

On behalf of the King,

J.G. DE MEY VAN STREEFKERK.

Issued on the twenty-fifth of May 1829.

The Secretary of State,

J.G. DE MEY VAN STREEFKERK.