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NATIONAL ANTHEM ACT 1968

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An Act relating to the National Anthem of Malaysia.

[4 April 1968]

Short title and application

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Anthem Act 1968.
- (2) This Act applies throughout Malaysia.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“National Anthem” means the National Anthem of Malaysia being the composition consisting of the words and music specified in the Schedule;

“short version” means the short version of the National Anthem specified in the Schedule;

“abridged version” means the abridged version of the National Anthem specified in the Schedule.

Playing of the full version of the National Anthem

3. (1) The full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played on the following occasions:
 - (a) when a salute is given for the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, or the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong while exercising the functions of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, or a Ruler

nominated to exercise the functions of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in accordance with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Exercise of Functions) Act 1957 [*Act 373*], or when the royal standard is broken to symbolize the presence of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong;

- (b) during official parades or other official ceremonial functions;
- (c) on all occasions when the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is present in person (including broadcasts by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong);
- (d) when the flag of Malaysia is brought on parades;
- (e) when regimental colours are presented; and
- (f) for hoisting of the colours in the Navy.

(2) The full or Royal version of the National Anthem may be played in schools for the purpose of teaching pupils to sing the National Anthem.

(3) The full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played on any other occasion as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by order prescribe.

Playing of the abridged version

4. (1) The abridged version shall be played as a salute on all official occasions for—

- (a) the Raja Permaisuri Agong; and
- (b) the Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Malacca, Penang, Sabah and Sarawak.

(2) The abridged version shall be played on any other occasion as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by order prescribe.

Playing of the short version

5. On any official occasion when the Yang di-Pertuan Agong or his representative is not present but one of the Rulers of the States is present, the short version shall be played at the conclusion of the occasion immediately after the relevant State anthem has been played.

Playing of the National Anthem on special occasions

6. (1) At all official receptions to foreign dignitaries at which the salute is given, the full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played immediately after the anthem of the country of the visiting dignitary has been played.

(2) At all official occasions arranged by foreign Missions in Malaysia for celebrating their National Days or other National occasions, the full or Royal version of the National Anthem shall be played immediately after the anthem of the country of the foreign Mission has been played.

Singing of the National Anthem

7. On all occasions when the National Anthem is sung, the full or Royal version shall be recited.

Mark of respect

8. (1) Whenever the full or Royal version of the National Anthem is played or sung or whenever the abridged or short version is played, all persons present shall stand to attention as a mark of respect.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply where the National Anthem is played or sung in the course of a broadcast or newsreels as part of such broadcast or newsreels.

(3) Any person who knowingly shows disrespect towards the National Anthem in any public place shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred ringgit or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

(4) For the purpose of this section—

- (a) the failure to comply with subsection (1) without good and sufficient cause; and
- (b) any act or omission which would tend to lower the prestige of the National Anthem in the eyes of the public,

shall constitute a show of disrespect.

Arrest without warrant

9. A police officer may arrest without warrant any person who contravenes section 8 in the presence of the police officer unless the person gives his name and address and satisfies such officer that he will duly answer any summons or other proceedings that will be taken against him.

Amendment of Schedule

10. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong may by order amend, substitute or vary the Schedule.

National Anthem

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SCHEDULE

[Section 2]

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF MALAYSIA

NEGARAKU

Maestoso ♩ = 95

3

Vocal

Piano Acc.

mf Ne - ga - ra -

mf f mf

A

6

ku Ta - nah tum - pah - nya da - rah - ku Rak - yat hi -

9

12 **B** 15

18

21 **C**

24

gradual ritardando FINE

Note : For full or royal version, play from beginning to end
 For abridged version, play from beginning to B and continue from C to end
 For short version, play from C to end

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*Particulars under paragraphs 7(ii) and (iii) of the
Revision of Laws Act 1968 [Act 1]*

LIST OF AMENDMENTS

Amending law	Short title	In force from
P.U. (A) 230/1993	National Anthem (Modification of Tempo) Order 1993	27-08-1993
P.U. (A) 313/2003	National Anthem (Modification of Tempo) Order 2003	31-08-2003
P.U. (A) 268/2006	National Anthem (Modification of Tempo) Order 2006	14-07-2006

LIST OF LAWS OR PARTS THEREOF SUPERSEDED

No.	Title
Act 390	National Anthem Act 1968

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LIST OF SECTIONS AMENDED

Section	Amending authority	In force from
Schedule	P.U. (A) 230/1993	27-08-1993
	P.U. (A) 313/2003	31-08-2003
	P.U. (A) 268/2006	14-07-2006

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LIST OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LAW REVISION UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE REVISION OF LAWS ACT 1968 [ACT 1]

Provision	Particulars of amendments	Authority for amendment
Table of contents	Altered	paragraph 6(1)(vii)
Throughout the Act	Words “His Majesty” before the words “Yang di-Pertuan Agong” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
Enacting clause	Omitted	subparagraph 6(1)(i)(f)
section 1	Divided into subsections 1(1) and (2) with consequential alteration made	paragraphs 6(1)(xii), (xiii) and (xxiv)
section 2	1. Interpretation section arranged according to the National Language text with consequential alterations made	subparagraph 6(1)(iv)(a) and paragraph 6(1)(xxiv)
	2. Comma inserted after the word “Act”	paragraph 6(1)(xvi)
paragraph 3(1)(a)	1. Words “His Royal Highness” before the words “the Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
	2. Words “the Yang di-Pertuan Agong” substituted for “His Majesty” in the end of paragraph (a)	paragraph 6(1)(iii)
paragraph 3(1)(c)	Words “the Yang di-Pertuan Agong” substituted for “His Majesty” in the end of paragraph (c)	paragraph 6(1)(iii)

Provision	Particulars of amendments	Authority for amendment
subsection 3(2)	Words “thereof” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
section 4	In the shoulder note words “ of the National Anthem ” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
paragraph 4(1)(a)	1. Words “Her Majesty” before the words “the Raja Permaisuri Agong” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
	2. Words “and” inserted after semicolon	paragraph 6(1)(xxiv)
paragraph 4(1)(b)	1. Words “Their Excellencies” before the words “Yang di-Pertua Negeri” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
	2. Words “Yang di-Pertua Negeri of” substituted for “Yang di-Pertua-Yang di-Pertua Negeri of”	paragraph 6(1)(xxi)
subsection 4(2)	Words “of the National Anthem” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
section 5	1. In the shoulder note words “of the National Anthem” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
	2. Words “Their Royal Highnesses” before the words “the Rulers of the State” omitted	paragraphs 6(1)(iii) and (xxi)
	3. Words “State anthem” substituted for “State Anthem”	paragraph 6(1)(xv)
section 6	1. In the shoulder note, word “ the ” inserted before the word “ National Anthem ”	paragraph 6(1)(xv)
	2. Words “anthem of the country” substituted for “Anthem of the country” wherever it appears	paragraph 6(1)(xv)
section 7	Comma inserted after the word “sung”	paragraph 6(1)(xvi)
subsection 8(1)	1. Divided into subsection 8(1) and (2) with consequential alterations made	paragraphs 6(1)(xii), (xiii) and (xxiv)
	2. Words “the full or Royal version of the” inserted after the words “Whenever the”	paragraph 6(1)(xxiv)

Provision	Particulars of amendments	Authority for amendment
	3. Words “newsreels” substituted for “news-reels”	paragraph 6(1)(iii)
subsection 8(2)	1. Renumbered as subsection 8(3)	paragraph 6(1)(xii)
	2. Words “any public place shall, on conviction,” substituted for “any public place shall”	paragraph 6(1)(iii) and subparagraph 6(1)(iv)(a)
subsection 8(3)	Renumbered and divided into paragraphs 8(4)(a) and (b) with consequential alterations made	paragraphs 6(1)(xii), (xiii) and (xxiv)
section 9	Words “A police officer may arrest without warrant any person who contravenes section 8 in the presence of the police officer unless the person” substituted for “Any police officer may arrest without warrant any person offending in his sight against section 8 unless such”	paragraphs 6(1)(xiii) and (xxiv)
Schedule	Words “THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF MALAYSIA” substituted for “FULL OR ROYAL VERSION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF MALAYSIA”	paragraph 6(1) (xxiv)

