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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 13 OF 1997**

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L.D.—O. 61/95.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
ACT, NO. 52 OF 1979.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Intellectual Property (Amendment) Act, No. 13 of 1997.

Short title.

2. With effect from the date of commencement of this Act, wherever in any provision of the Code of Intellectual Property Act, No. 52 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) or any other written law or notice, permit, communication, form or other document issued, made required or authorized, by or under the principal enactment or other written law—

General  
Amendment to the  
Act No. 52 of  
1979.

(a) the expression “Registry of Patents and Trade Marks” and “Registry” denoting the Registry of Patents and Trade Marks occurs, there shall be substituted the expression “National Intellectual Property office of Sri Lanka” and “Office” respectively;

(b) mention is made to any designation set out in Column I of the Schedule to this Act, there shall be substituted therefor, the designation set out in corresponding entry in Column II of that Schedule.

3. Section 2 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
section 2 of the  
principal  
enactment.

(i) by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section; and

(ii) by the repeal of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:—

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“(a) subject to the general direction of the Minister, be vested with the control and superintendence of the registration and administration of Industrial Designs, Patents, Marks and of any other matter, as provided by the Code and of all persons appointed for, or engaged in, the carrying out of the provisions of the Code; and”

Amendment of  
section 3 of the  
principal  
enactment.

4. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (3) of that section and the substitution of the following subsection therefor:—

“(3) There shall be appointed such other officers and servants as may be necessary for the administration of the Code.”.

Amendment of  
section 4 of the  
principal  
enactment.

5. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

(1) in subsection (1) of that section by the substitution, for the words “registration of industrial designs patents, and marks” of the words “registration and administration of industrial designs, patents, marks and any other matter as provided by the Code”; and

(2) in subsection (2) of that section by the substitution, for the words “registration of industrial designs, patents and marks in Sri Lanka”, of the words “registration of industrial designs, patents, and marks, in Sri Lanka and in respect of any other matter as provided by the Code.”.

Repeal of section  
5 of the principal  
enactment.

6. Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Sinhala text to  
prevail in case of  
inconsistency.

7. In the event of any inconsistency between Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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Schedule

(Section 2)

*Column I*

*Column II*

I. Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks of Sri Lanka.	Director of Intellectual Property
II. Deputy Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks.	Deputy Director of Intellectual Property
III. Assistant Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks.	Assistant Director of Intellectual Property
IV. Registrar (denoting the Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks).	Director
V. Deputy Registrar (denoting the Deputy Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks).	Deputy Director
VI. Assistant Registrar (denoting the Assistant Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks).	Assistant Director

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