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AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF DOCUMENTS ORDINANCE
(CHAPTER 117)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Documents (Amendment) Act, No. 21 of 2013 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on January 1, 2013.

Short title and date of operation.

2. Section 13 of the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (6) of that section by the substitution for the words “a fee of ten rupees shall be” of the words “a fee of ten rupees or such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister, shall be”.

Amendment of section 13 of the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117).

3. Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (2) of that section by the substitution for the words “a fee of five rupees shall be payable for the registration” of the words “a fee of five rupees or such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister, shall be payable for the registration”.

Amendment of section 22 of the principal enactment.

4. Section 48 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of that section and the substitution therefor of the following:—

Amendment of section 48 of the principal enactment.

“Fees 48. The fees specified in the First Schedule as may be prescribed by the Minister, from time to time, shall be payable for the matters to which they relate.”.

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Amendment of
the First
Schedule of the
principal
enactment.

5. The First Schedule of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

(1) In Part I of that Schedule—

(i) by the substitution for item 6 thereof, of the following item:—

“(6) For each land described in the Caveat, for each Land Registry in which each caveat in respect of each such land is registered and for each period of two years, a fee of 2500.00”;

(ii) by the substitution for item (9) thereof, of the following item:—

“(9) Every instrument of any kind whatsoever not expressly exempted, a fee of 100.00”;

(iii) by the substitution for item (10) thereof, of the following item:—

“(10) An instrument presented to the Registrar-General under section 29 , in addition to any other fee payable, a fee of 1000.00”;

(2) By the substitution for Part III of that Schedule of the following:—

“PART III

Rs. c.

1. An application to, inspect the duplicates of deeds, instruments or documents, or the attested or certified copies thereof transmitted or

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delivered, inspect any book
or index under Chapter II, III,
IV,V or VI for each transaction
or matter in respect of which
the search is made, a fee of 500.00;

2. An application for –

(a) copies of or extracts from
any deed relating to any
land a fee of 500.00

(b) Copies of or extracts from
any folio or folios relating
to any land a fee of 100.00

3. For supplying an endorsement
of registration of *lis pendens*,
priority notice, seizure priority
notice other than a caveat
under section 43(2), the same
fee as was paid on
registration.”.

6. Any fees charged or collected by or on behalf of the Registrar- General or any person authorised under this Act, for any purpose authorized by this Act to charge or collect, during the period commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending on the date on which the certificate of the Speaker is endorsed in respect of this Act, shall be deemed to have been validly charged or collected by the Registrar- General or by any such person authorised under this Act: Validation.

Provided that the aforesaid provisions shall not affect any decision or Order made by any Court or any proceedings pending in any Court in respect of any fee charged or collected during the aforesaid period.

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

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