

PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

CONSUMER PROTECTION (AMENDMENT)

ACT, No. 34 OF 1992

[Certified on 28th July, 1992]

Printed on the Orders of Government

Published as a Supplement to Part II of the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of July 31, 1992

PRINTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING, SRI LANKA

TO BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS BUREAU, COLOMBO
Price: 45 Cents.

Postage: Re- 1.00

Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act, No. 34 of 1992

[Certified on 28th July, 1992]

L.D.-O 40/89

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, No. 1 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 Consumer Protection Short title. (Amendment) Act, No. 34 of 1992.
- 2. Section 6 of the Consumer Protection Act, No. 1 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enact ment") is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and the substitution, of the following subsection therefor:—

Amendment of section 6 of Act No. 1 of 1979.

- "(4) Any person who removes, alters, obliterates, erases or defaces any label, description or price mark on any article or sells, or offers for sale, any article from or on which the label, description or price mark has been removed, altered, obliterated, erased or defaced shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.".
- 3. Section 28 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of section 28 of the principal enactment.

- (1) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution, of the following subsection therefor:—
 - "(1) Every person who acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or any regulation made thereunder shall be guilty of an offence under this Act."
- (2) by the insertion, immediately after subsection (1), of the following new subsection:—
 - "(1A) (a) Any person guilty of an offence under this Act by reason of a contravention of the provisions of section 11 or section 12 or section 13 shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable—

- (i) in the case of a first offence to a fine not less than one thousand rupees and not exceeding three thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment; and
- (ii) in the case of a subsequent offence to a fine not less than three thousand rupees and not exceeding seven thousand five hundred rupees and to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months.
- (b) Any person guilty of an offence under this Act, in respect of which no punishment is prescribed by paragraph (a), shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable—
- (i) in the case of a first offence to a fine not exceeding three thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment; and
- (ii) in the case of a subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding seven thousand five hundred rupees and to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months.".

4. 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 inconsistency.