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Made Under

THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT

(Cap. 19:08)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION BY SECTION 19 OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT, THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:-

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Registration (Residents) (Revision of Registers) Regulations 2006.

Dates with reference to which acts performed.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided by or under the National Registration (Residents) Regulations, the dates prescribed by these Regulations shall for the purposes of the review mentioned in regulation 3 be the dates with reference to which the acts mentioned in these Regulations shall be respectively performed.

Revision of registers.

No. 15 of 2000

3. The Commissioner of Registration shall, in accordance with the direction to prepare the preliminary list in accordance with the National Registration Act and sections 5 and 6 of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 issued by the Elections Commission on 13th April, 2006, revise with reference to 15th July, 2006, the central and divisional registers by way of preparation of a preliminary list of the names and addresses of those persons who are qualified for registration pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of the Election Laws (Amendment) Act 2000 and the revision shall begin on 2nd May, 2006 and end on 5th June, 2006.

Preliminary list to be affixed to buildings.

4. The preliminary list prepared under regulation 3 shall be affixed on 2nd May, 2006 to the buildings the Elections Commission shall appoint by notice published in the *Gazette*.

Claims and objections.

5. Claims in respect of entries in the preliminary list shall be tendered to the registration officer of each registration area so as to be received by him not later than 22nd May, 2006 and objections in respect of entries in such list shall be tendered to the registration officer of the area so as to be received by him not later than 29th May, 2006.

List of claims and objections to be affixed to buildings.

6. Every registration officer shall –
- (a) on 25th May, 2006 cause a list of claims received by him under regulation 5; and
 - (b) on 31st May, 2006 cause a list of the objections received by him under regulation 5 and a notice of the commencement of the public enquiry mentioned in regulation 7 to be affixed to each of not less than two buildings determined by him in every registration division in his area.

Public enquiry.

7. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the registration officer shall hold a public enquiry which shall commence not later than 5th June, 2006 at which claims and objections duly submitted to, and received by him in pursuance of these Regulations, shall be investigated and determined.

(2) Every registration officer may, without holding a public enquiry, allow claims submitted to him, if –

- (a) no notice of objection thereto has been submitted; and
- (b) he is satisfied that the claims may be duly allowed.

(3) When a registration officer allows any claim without holding a public enquiry, he shall notify his decision to the Commissioner.

Public enquiry.

8. Regulations 23, 24, 27 to 32 (inclusive), 34 to 37 (inclusive), 43 to 45 (inclusive), 47 and 48 of the National Registration (Residents) Regulations, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the revision of the central and divisional registers by virtue of regulation 3 as they apply for the purpose of the registration of persons under the said regulations.

Correction of the list after the claims and objections by the Commission before list is published.

9. (1) At any time after the conclusion of the claims and objections period, but before the date of publication of the Official List, the Commission shall cause an examination of any report on fingerprints where duplicate or multiple registration has been discovered.

(2) The Commission shall, on receipt of the information referred to in paragraph (1), instruct the Commissioner to conduct an examination of the registration record of identified duplicate or multiple registration recorded to determine the details of each such registrant.

(3) Each duplicate or multiple registrant so identified in the report, shall have the duplicate or multiple registration records examined to verify the identities of the registrants and the Commissioner shall prepare a record of all such persons according to the duplicate or multiple registration disclosed in the report.

(4) The Commissioner or the relevant registration officer, if so instructed to do, shall conduct an investigation to establish the actual existence of each identified duplicate or multiple registrant and seek the participation of any person duly appointed by the chief scrutineer of any party.

(5) Where the investigation of the duplicate or multiple registrants by the Commissioner has not established the existence of duplicate or multiple registration, the Commissioner shall allow all such registrants to remain on the list.

(6) Where the investigation of duplicate or multiple registrants by the Commissioner establishes that duplicate or multiple registration has taken place, the Commissioner shall remove such registrants from the Official List as determine by the Commission, and may cause a charge to be laid under Section 21 of the National Registration Act, Cap. 19:08, where the circumstances clearly indicate fraud by such registrants.

(7) Where the Commissioner is unable to locate any identified duplicate or multiple registrants based on the registration records, the Commission shall cause to be published such details with the intention to remove such registration record from the list.

Made this 26th day of April, 2006.


Chairman,
Elections Commission.