

GUYANA

No. 5 of 2000

REGULATIONS

Made Under

THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT

(Cap. 19:08)

IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 19 OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION ACT, AND ON THE ADVICE OF THE ELECTIONS COMMISSION, I HEREBY MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Registration (Residents) (Revision of Registers) Regulations 2000. Citation.
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. Dates with reference to which acts performed.
3. The Commissioner of Registration shall, in accordance with the direction to prepare the preliminary list in accordance with sections 5 and 6 of the Elections Laws (Amendment) Act 1996 issued by the Elections Commission on 10th October, 2000, revise with reference to 31st December, 2000, 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 Elections Laws (Amendment) Act 1996 and the revision shall begin on 16th October, 2000 and end on 19th November, 2000. Revisor of registers.

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4. The preliminary list prepared under regulation 3 shall be affixed on the 16th October, 2000 to such buildings, as the Elections Commission shall appoint by notice published in the **Gazette**. Preliminary list to be affixed to buildings.
5. Claims in respect of entries in the preliminary list shall be sent to the registrar of each district so as to be received by him not later than 30th October, 2000 and objections in respect of entries in such list shall be sent to the registrar of the district so as to be received by him not later than 6th November, 2000. Claims and objections.
6. Every registrar shall - Lists of claims and objections to be affixed to buildings.
- (a) on 2nd November, 2000 cause a list of claims received by him under regulation 5; and
- (b) on 8th November, 2000 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 district.
7. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the registrar shall hold a public enquiry which shall commence not later than 12th November, 2000 at which claims and objections duly submitted to, and received by him in pursuance of these Regulations, shall be investigated and determined. Public enquiry.
- (2) Every registrar 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 registrar allows any claims without holding a public enquiry, he shall notify his decision to the Commissioner.

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 subject to the following modifications -

(a) in regulation 24,

- (i) in paragraph (1) by the deletion of the words "with a deposit of two dollars" and "with a deposit of five dollars";
- (ii) in paragraph (2), by the substitution for the words " regulation 25 (1)" of the words "regulation 7";

(b) in regulation 27 (7) by the substitution for the words "regulation 25 (1)" of the words "regulation 7";

(c) in regulation 29,

- (i) in paragraph (i) by the substitution for the words "seven days" of the words "three days";
- (ii) by the substitution for paragraph (3) of the following paragraph -

"(3) every notice of appeal shall be served personally on the registrar, or any person duly authorised by him to receive such notice at his registration office.";

(d) in regulation 47,

- (i) in paragraph (1) by the substitution for the words "under the hand of the Minister" of the words "of the Elections Commission issued under the hand of the Chairman of the Elections Commission.";

- (ii) in paragraph (2) by the substitution for the word "Minister" of the words "Elections Commission" and for the words "under his hand" of the words "under the hand of the Chairman of the Elections Commission".

9. (1) At any time during the claims and objections period a person or party may bring to the attention of the Elections Commission the name of any other person whose existence they have been unable to establish or who is not otherwise qualified to be on the official list of electors in the relevant division.

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(2) The Elections Commission shall, on receipt of information referred to in paragraph (1), instruct the Commissioner of National Registration to enquire into matters related to such information.

(3) The Commissioner of National Registration shall relay the matters raised by the person or party to the relevant district registrar and at the same time publish in any appropriate form, including the media, print and electronic, the name and material particulars of the person being enquired into.

(4) The district registrar shall launch an investigation in relation to the person challenged and report his findings to the Commissioner of National Registration within seven days and the person or party at whose instance the enquiry is being conducted shall be notified of, and be entitled to participate in, the investigation along with any person duly appointed by the chief scrutineer of any other party.

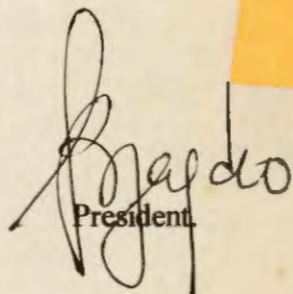
(5) Where the existence of the person being investigated has not been established or where he is not otherwise qualified to be on the official list of electors, the Commissioner of National Registration shall remove the name of that person from the official list of electors:

Provided that where the affected person is not disqualified to be on the official list of electors he shall be entitled to attend before the relevant district registrar or the divisional registrar of the area in which he is resident before the date of publication of the official list and if the registrar or divisional registrar is satisfied that he is not disqualified as aforesaid, his name shall thereupon be restored to the list.

10. The Forms prescribed by the National Registration (Residents) Regulations for use in connection therewith shall for the purpose of these Regulations, be used with all necessary variations, modifications and adaptations.

Forms

Made this day of 12TH October, 2000


President.