



GUYANA

ACT No. 9 of 2012

OFFICIAL GAZETTE ACT 2012

I assent.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Ramotar'.

Donald Ramotar,
President.

August 31, 2012

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AN ACT to provide for the publication of the Official *Gazette* in printed and electronic form and for connected purposes.

A.D. 2012	Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-
Short title.	1. This Act may be cited as the Official <i>Gazette</i> Act 2012.
Interpretation.	2. In this Act “Minister” means the Minister responsible for Legal Affairs; “Official <i>Gazette</i> ” or “ <i>Gazette</i> ” means the Official <i>Gazette</i> and its Supplement, and the <i>Gazette</i> Extraordinary, published in printed or electronic form.
Past and future Official <i>Gazettes</i> .	<p>3.(1) Every printed copy of the Official <i>Gazette</i> including its Supplement, and every <i>Gazette</i> Extraordinary, printed before the coming into operation of this Act, are declared to have been and are deemed to be issues of the Official <i>Gazette</i>, legally printed and published, and shall have effect and be receivable in evidence accordingly.</p> <p>(2) Every future issue of the Official <i>Gazette</i> including its Supplement, and every <i>Gazette</i> Extraordinary, in pursuance of this Act, shall be and are deemed to be issues of the Official <i>Gazette</i>, legally published, and shall have effect and be receivable in evidence accordingly.</p>
Continuation of publication of Official <i>Gazette</i> in printed form, and publication of electronic version of the <i>Gazette</i> .	<p>4.(1) The Official <i>Gazette</i> shall continue to be published in printed form and shall also be published electronically in Portable Document Format (PDF) on the Official <i>Gazette</i> website of the Government.</p> <p>(2) The printed and electronic versions of the Official <i>Gazette</i> shall be published on the same date.</p> <p>(3) The Official <i>Gazette</i> shall continue to be published at such times and occasions as was done before the coming into operation of this Act.</p> <p>(4) If for any reason the electronic version of the Official <i>Gazette</i> cannot be issued at any time, any publication and the contents of the publication in the printed version of the <i>Gazette</i> and any act or thing done in pursuance of any publication or the contents of the publication in the printed version shall be valid.</p>

Declaration of particulars of Official *Gazette* website of the Government.

5. The Minister may, by order, declare the particulars of the Official *Gazette* website of the Government, and any publication of the Official *Gazette* on the website shall be deemed to be a publication under the authority of the Government.

Publication in the Official *Gazette* required by law.

6. Every person shall publish in the Official *Gazette* any advertisement or notice the person is required or authorised by law or otherwise to publish in the Official *Gazette*, and the publication in the *Gazette* shall be deemed to be evidence of its due publication.

Official *Gazette* to be evidence of matters in that *Gazette*.

7. Every copy of the Official *Gazette*, published by authority on the Official *Gazette* website of the Government and printed by the Government Printer, shall be —

- (a) admitted in evidence by every court and in every legal proceedings without any proof being given that the copy was so published;
- (b) taken and accepted as *prima facie* evidence of any appointment, notification and other publication in the *Gazette* in which it is published, and of the matters and things contained in the appointment, notification and publication;
- (c) in accordance with the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, taken and accepted as evidence of any Act and subsidiary legislation in the *Gazette* in which it is published.

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Offences and penalties.

8. Any person who —

- (a) procures or attempts to procure the publication of any unauthorised matter in the *Gazette*;
- (b) wilfully causes to be published in the *Gazette* any false or inaccurate matter; or
- (c) contravenes any regulation made under this Act,

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred thousand dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

Regulations.

9. The Minister may by regulations —

- (a) amend the manner and form, times and occasions in which the Official *Gazette* is published or issued;
- (b) prescribe –
 - (i) the fees or charges for publication in the Official *Gazette* of notices, advertisements and any other matter;
 - (ii) charges and subscriptions for the Official *Gazette* in printed and electronic forms;
 - (iii) any other matter necessary for the due administration of this Act.

Passed by the National Assembly on 2nd August, 2012.



S.E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

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