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A LAW TO CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAWS AND TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION OF CERTAIN WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS AND MATTERS INCIDENTAL THERETO. A.D. 1935.  
26 of 1935.

W. D. BATTERSHILL,] [14th September, 1935.  
*Officer Administering the Government.*

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Interpretation Law, 1935. Short title.
2. In this Law and in every other Law, and in all public instruments, enacted, made, issued, kept or in use, before or after the commencement of this Law, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent with such construction or unless it is therein otherwise expressly provided—
  - (1) “act” used with reference to an offence or civil wrong, includes a series of acts, and words which refer to acts done extend to illegal omissions;
  - (2) “advocate” means a person enrolled as such under the Advocates Laws, 1933 to 1934, or any law amending or substituted for the same, or any law previously in force in that behalf;
  - (3) “Attorney-General” means the Attorney-General for Cyprus;
  - (4) “Auditor” means the Auditor to the Government;
  - (5) “Chapter”, “Part”, “Section” and “Schedule” denote respectively a chapter, part and section of and schedule to the Law in which the word occurs, and “sub-section” denotes a sub-section of the section in which the word occurs;
  - (6) “Chief Assistant Secretary” means the Chief Assistant Secretary to the Government;
  - (7) “Chief Commandant” and “Deputy Chief Commandant” mean respectively the Chief Commandant and the Deputy Chief Commandant of the Cyprus Police Force;
  - (8) “Chief Justice” and “Puisne Judge” mean respectively the Chief Justice and a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court;
  - (9) “Chief Registrar” means the Chief Registrar of the Supreme Court;Interpretation of certain words and expressions.

(10) "Chief Veterinary Officer" means the Chief Veterinary Officer to the Government ;

(11) "christian name" means any name prefixed to the surname whether received in Christian baptism or otherwise ;

(12) "Colonial Secretary" means the Colonial Secretary to the Government ;

(13) "Colony" means the Colony of Cyprus, and includes the territorial waters thereof, and all islands or islets within such territorial waters ;

(14) "commencement" with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, when used with reference to a Law, means the day on which the Law comes into operation ;

(15) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of a District and includes an Assistant Commissioner ;

(16) "Comptroller" means the Comptroller of Customs and Inland Revenue to the Government ;

(17) "Court of Appeal" means the Supreme Court of the Colony in its appellate capacity ;

(18) "Crown Agents" means the persons for the time being acting as Crown Agents for the Colonies in England, or any of them ;

(19) "Cypriot" means a person who, being a former Turkish National, has become or is entitled to become a British subject under and by virtue of the Cyprus (Annexation) Orders in Council, 1914 to 1929, and includes a child of such person who is or is entitled to become a British subject and any descendant of such child born in the Colony ;

(20) "Cyprus Police Force" means the Police Force of the Colony constituted under the Law in force for the time being ;

(21) "days" means clear days ;

(22) "Department" means a Department of the Government performing public duty by authority and on behalf of His Majesty ;

(23) "Director of Agriculture" means the Director of Agriculture to the Government ;

(24) "Director of Education" means the Director of Education to the Government ;

(25) "Director of Land Registration and Surveys" means the Director of Land Registration and Surveys to the Government ;

(26) "Director of Public Works" means the Director of Public Works to the Government ;

(27) "District" means an area declared to be a District by any Law or proclaimed to be a District by the Governor under the authority of any Law in force for the time being, and includes a sub-District ;

(28) "District Court" means a District Court constituted under the Law in force for the time being ;

(29) "District Inspector" means a District Inspector serving in the District Administration and includes an Assistant District Inspector ;

(30) "donum" or "scala" means an area of one thousand and six hundred square yards according to the British Imperial Standard ;

(31) "financial year" means the twelve months ending the thirty-first day of December in any year ;

(32) "Gazette" means the *Cyprus Gazette* published by authority of the Government and includes supplements thereto and any extraordinary issue thereof so published ;

(33) "gazetted" means published in the Gazette ;

(34) "Government" means the Government of the Colony ;

(35) "Government Analyst" means the Analyst to the Government and includes any assistant or other analyst employed by the Government ;

(36) "Government Bacteriologist" means the Bacteriologist to the Government ;

(37) "Government Printer" means the Superintendent of the Government Printing Office and includes any printer purporting to be the printer authorized to print laws and other documents of the Government ;

(38) "Governor" means the Governor of the Colony and includes the Acting Governor or the Officer for the time being administering the Government ;

(39) "Governor in Council" or any cognate phrase means the Governor acting with the advice of the Executive Council of the Colony, but not necessarily acting in such Council assembled, nor necessarily in accordance with such advice ;

(40) "His Majesty" or "Her Majesty", "the King" or "the Queen" or "the Crown" means His Majesty the King, or Her Majesty the Queen, a Sovereign for the time being of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, and includes predecessors and the heirs and successors of such King or Queen ;

(41) "Imperial Parliament" or "Parliament" means the Parliament of the United Kingdom ;

(42) "Law" means any enactment by the competent legislative authority of the Colony and includes any Order of His Majesty in Council ;

(43) "the Law" when used in any public instrument, means the Law under the authority of which such public instrument has been made ;

(44) "Law Officer" means the Attorney-General, the Solicitor-General or a Crown Counsel ;

(45) "Loan Commissioners" means the Board of Commissioners constituted under the authority of the Public Loans Laws, 1897 to 1933 ;

(46) "master", when used with reference to a vessel, means any person (except a pilot or harbour master) having for the time being control or charge of the vessel ;

(47) "Medical Department" means the Medical Department of the Colony ;

(48) "Medical Officer" means a medical practitioner in the service of the Government ;

(49) "month" means a calendar month ;

(50) "Municipal Authority" means a Municipal Council or a Municipal Commission or other body duly authorized by law to exercise municipal authority and government ;

(51) "oath", "swear" and "affidavit" include and apply to the affirmation or declaration of any person by law allowed to make an affirmation or declaration in lieu of an oath ;

(52) "Order", "regulations", "rules" and "bye-laws" mean respectively any Order, regulations, rules and bye-laws made in pursuance of powers conferred by law ;

(53) "Order in Council" means an Order made in pursuance of powers conferred by law on the Governor in Council ;

(54) "Peace Officer" or "Police Officer" means any member of the Cyprus Police Force and includes every other person lawfully authorized to discharge police duties ;

(55) "person" includes any company, partnership, association, society, institution or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate ;

(56) "Postmaster-General" means the Postmaster-General to the Government ;

(57) "pound" means pound sterling ;

(58) "prescribed" means prescribed by the Law in which the word occurs or by any public instrument made thereunder ;

(59) "public holiday" means any day which under the provisions of any Law for the time being in force is or is declared to be or proclaimed as a public holiday ;

(60) "public instrument" means any Order in Council, Order, proclamation, regulations, rules, bye-laws, notice or register made, issued or kept under the authority of any Law ;

(61) "public notice" means any announcement not of a legislative nature which is gazetted ;

(62) "public officer" includes every officer in the public service of the Colony who is invested with powers or performs duties of a public nature, whether under the immediate control of the Governor or not ;

(63) "Railway" means the Cyprus Government Railway ;

(64) "Register" means any register kept or in use under the authority of any Law or public instrument ;

(65) "registered", when used with reference or in relation to any document, means registered under the provisions of the Law for the time being applicable to the registration of such document ;

(66) "Rules of Court", when used in relation to any Court, means rules made or issued by the authority having for the time being power to make or issue rules or orders regulating the practice and procedure of such Court ;

(67) "rural constable" means a person appointed as such under the Rural Constables Laws, 1932 and 1934, and includes a temporary rural constable ;

(68) "sale" and "sell" include exchange, barter and offering or exposing for sale ;

(69) "a Secretary of State" means one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State ;

(70) "the Secretary of State" means His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies ;

(71) "Senior Medical Officer" means the Senior Medical Officer to the Government ;