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AN ACT to amend the Patents Act, No.22 of 2018.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Patents (Amendment) Act, 2021.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“principal Act” means the Patents Act 2018. No. 22 of 2018

3. Amendment of section 20-Right of priority.

- (1) Section 20 of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following—
 - (2) “Where the application contains a declaration under subsection (1), the applicant shall furnish, within 3 months from the filing date in Antigua and Barbuda, a copy of the earlier application certified as correct by the office with which it was filed.”.
 - (b) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following—
 - (3) “Where the earlier application is not in English, and the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable, the Registrar may invite the applicant to furnish a translation thereof in English verified by the translator that the translation is, to the best of his knowledge, complete and faithful.”.