

The Commercial Documents Evidence Act, 1939

(ACT NO. XXX OF 1939)

An Act to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to certain commercial documents. 1♣

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Law of Evidence with respect to certain commercial documents;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**Short title
and extent**

1. (1) This Act may be called the Commercial Documents Evidence Act, 1939.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

**Statements
of relevant
facts in
scheduled
documents
to be
themselves
relevant
facts**

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Evidence Act, 1872, statements of facts in issue or of relevant facts made in any document included in the Schedule as to matters usually stated in such document shall be themselves relevant facts within the meaning of that Act.

**Presumption
as to
genuineness
of
documents**

3. For the purposes of the Evidence Act, 1872, and notwithstanding anything contained therein, a Court-

(a) shall presume, within the meaning of that Act, in relation to documents included in Part I of the Schedule, and

(b) may presume, within the meaning of that Act, in relation to documents included in Part II of the Schedule-

that any document purporting to be a document included in Part I or Part II of the Schedule, as the case may be, and to have been duly made by or