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An Act to give effect to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, done at the Hague on 5 October 1961, and for connected purposes.

[20 January 2021: Section 21(2);  
16 September 2021: Except section 21(2)]

## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Apostille Act 2020.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Convention” means the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, done at the Hague on 5 October 1961, the English text of which is set out in the First Schedule;

“Convention State” means a State Party to the Convention other than Singapore, but does not include —

- (a) any State Party that objected to Singapore’s accession to the Convention; and
- (b) any State Party whose accession to the Convention Singapore objected to;

“Model Certificate” means the model certificate set out in the Annex to the Convention.

### **Purpose**

3.—(1) The purpose of this Act is to give effect to the Convention.

(2) Part 2 —

(a) exempts foreign public documents (as defined in that Part) from any requirement of legalisation; and

(b) provides for the effect of certificates issued under the Convention and facilitates (but does not require) their use.

(3) Part 3 provides for certificates to be issued under the Convention for Singapore public documents (as defined in that Part).

### **Act binds Government**

4. This Act binds the Government.

## **PART 2**

### **PROOF OF ORIGIN OF FOREIGN PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

#### **Application of this Part**

5. This Part applies to a foreign public document sought to be produced in Singapore for any purpose, including —

(a) the purposes of proceedings in any court or tribunal; and

(b) the purposes of exercising any power or right, or performing any function, duty or obligation, under or pursuant to any written law or rule of law.