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An Act to provide for the administration of oaths and the levy of fees by diplomatic and consular officers.

[6 January 1969]

Short title

1. This Act is the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act 1968.

Interpretation

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

“affidavit” includes any affirmation, statutory or other declaration, acknowledgment, examination, and attestation or protestation of honour;

“consular officer” includes any consul general, consul, vice-consul, pro-consul and consular agent of Singapore;

“diplomatic officer” includes any ambassador, high commissioner, minister, charge d’affaires, deputy high commissioner, secretary and attache of a diplomatic mission of Singapore;

“swear” includes affirm, declare and protest.

Powers as to oaths and notarial acts abroad

3.—(1) Every diplomatic officer and consular officer exercising his functions outside Singapore may in that country —

- (a) administer any oath or affirmation;
- (b) take any affidavit; and
- (c) do any notarial acts which any notary public can do in Singapore,

and every oath, affirmation, affidavit and notarial act administered, sworn or done by or before any such person shall be as effectual as if duly administered, sworn or done by or before any lawful authority in Singapore.

(2) Any document purporting to have affixed, impressed or subscribed thereon or thereto the seal and signature of any person authorised by this section to administer an oath or affirmation in testimony of any oath, affirmation, affidavit or act being administered, taken or done by or before him, shall be admitted in evidence without proof of the seal or signature being the seal or signature of that person, or of the official character of that person.

(3) The President may by order direct that so much of subsection (2) as relates to the proof of notarial acts done in any country or place outside Singapore by diplomatic officers and consular officers of Singapore shall apply in relation to notarial acts done by such persons as may be specified in that order, being persons serving in the diplomatic, consular or other foreign service of a Power which, by arrangement with the President, has undertaken to represent the interests of Singapore in any country or place in which Singapore has no diplomatic or consular representatives.