



Seychelles Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 19

An Act to make provision for, and in connection with, the attainment by Seychelles of fully responsible status as a Republic within the Commonwealth. [27th May 1976]

1 Fully responsible status of Seychelles.

- (1) On and after 29th June 1976 (in this Act referred to as “the appointed day”) Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom shall have no responsibility for the Government of Seychelles.
- (2) No Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed on or after the appointed day shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to Seychelles as part of its law.

2 Power to provide for constitution of Seychelles as Republic.

Her Majesty may by Order in Council (to be laid before Parliament after being made) make provision for the constitution of Seychelles as a Republic on the appointed day.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 3, 4, 5(3) repealed by [British Nationality Act 1981 \(c. 61, SIF 87\)](#), [Sch. 9](#)

5 Operation of existing law.

- (1) Subject to subsection (3) of this section, all law to which this section applies, whether being a rule of law or a provision of an Act of Parliament or of any other enactment or instrument whatsoever, which is in force on the appointed day, or, having been passed or made before that day, comes or has come into force thereafter, shall, unless and until provision to the contrary is made by Parliament or some other authority having power in that behalf, have the same operation in relation to Seychelles, and persons

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and things belonging to or connected with Seychelles, as it would have had apart from this subsection if there had been no change in the status of Seychelles.

- (2) This section applies to law of, or any part of, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, and, in relation only to any enactment of the Parliament of the United Kingdom or any Order in Council made by virtue of any such enactment whereby any such enactment applies in relation to Seychelles, to law of any other country or territory to which that enactment or Order extends.

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Textual Amendments
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Textual Amendments
 F3 S. 6 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1986 \(c. 12\)](#), s. 1(1), [Sch. 1 Pt. I](#)

7 Consequential modifications of other enactments.

- (1) On and after the appointed day the provisions specified in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments specified respectively in that Schedule.
- (2) Subsection (1) of this section, and the Schedule to this Act, shall not extend to Seychelles as part of its law.

8 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Act, and in any amendment made by this Act in any other enactment, “Seychelles” means the territories which immediately before the appointed day constitute the Colony of Seychelles.
- (2) References in this Act to any enactment are references to that enactment as emended or extended by or under another enactment.

9 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Seychelles Act 1976.

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SCHEDULE

Section 7.

AMENDMENTS NOT AFFECTING THE LAW OF SEYCHELLES

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Textual Amendments

F4 Sch. para. 1 repealed by International Organisations Act 1981 (c. 9, SIF 68:1), Sch.

- 2 In the definitions—
- (a) of “Commonwealth force” in section 225(1) of the Army Act 1955 and section 223(1) of the Air Force Act 1955, and
 - (b) of “Commonwealth country” in section 135(1) of the Navel Discipline Act 1957,
- at the end there shall be added the words “ Seychelles or”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 The text of Sch. paras. 2, 4, 6, 8 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Visiting forces

- 3 In the ^{M1}Visiting Forces (British Commonwealth) Act 1933 section 4 (attachment and mutual powers of command) shall apply in relation to forces raised in Seychelles as it applies to forces raised in Dominions within the meaning of the ^{M2}Statute of Westminster 1931.

Marginal Citations

M1 1933 c. 6.

M2 1931 c. 4 (22 & 23 Geo. 5).

- 4 In the Visiting Forces Act 1952, in section 1(1)(a) (countries to which the Act applies) at the end there shall be added the words “Seychelles or”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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- 5 Until express provision with respect to Seychelles is made by an Order in Council under section 8 of that Act (application to visiting forces of law relating to home forces), any such Order for the time being in force shall be deemed to apply to visiting forces of Seychelles.

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C3 “that Act” means [Visiting Forces Act 1952 \(c. 67\)](#)

Ships

- 6 In section 427(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, as set out in section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949, before the words “or in any” there shall be inserted the words “Seychelles or”.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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- 7 In the ^{M3}Whaling Industry (Regulation) Act 1934 the expression “British ship to which this Act applies” shall not include a British ship registered in Seychelles.

Marginal Citations

M3 [1934 c. 49.](#)

- 8 In section 8(2) of the Imperial Institute Act 1925, as amended by the Commonwealth Institute Act 1958, (power to vary the provisions of the said Act of 1925 if an agreement for the purpose is made with the governments of certain territories which for the time being are contributing towards the expenses of the Commonwealth Institute) at the end there shall be added the words “Seychelles or”.

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