I assent.

(L.S.)

AGATHA BARBARA
President

22nd September, 1986

ACT No. XXXI of 1986

AN ACT further to amend the Public Registry Act, Cap. 93.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Registry (Amendment) Act, 1986, and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Registry Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of section 3 of the principal Act.

2. Section 3 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after subsection (3) thereof there shall be added the following new subsection:

"Delegation of functions by Director.

(3A) The Director may delegate or assign any of his functions under this Act to officers who hold the degree of Doctor of Laws and who perform duties in the Public Registry, which delegation or assignment shall be notified in the Gazette before such officers commence to perform such functions.".

(b) in subsection (4) thereof immediately after the words "an Assistant Director" wherever they occur, there shall be inserted the words "or an officer mentioned in subsection (3A) of this section"; and for the words "in the last preceding subsection" there shall be substituted the words "in subsection (3) of this section"; and

(c) subsection (5) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) for the words "the Director and the Assistant Directors" there shall be substituted the words "the Director, the Assistant Directors and the officers mentioned in subsection (3A) of this section"; and

(ii) in the form of the oath of office, for the words "(or *Assistant Director*)" there shall be substituted the words "(or *Assistant Director* or *officer delegated or assigned to me by the Director*)".

Amendment of section 37 of the principal Act.

3. Section 37 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) for the words "the Director or one of the Assistant Directors" there shall be substituted the words "the Director, one of the Assistant Directors or of the officers mentioned in subsection (3A) of section 3"; and

(b) for the words "the Director or an Assistant Director" there shall be substituted the words "the Director, an Assistant Director or an officer mentioned in subsection (3A) of section 3".

Consequential amendment.

4. The enactment mentioned in the first column of the Schedule to this Act shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in relation thereto in the second column of that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

(Section 4)

Enactment	*Extent of amendment*
Civil Code, Cap. 23.	1. In subsection (2) of section 275, for the words "the Director of the Public Registry or one of the Assistant Directors" there shall be substituted the words "the Director of the Public Registry, one of the Assistant Directors or of the officers mentioned in subsection (1A) of section 343A". 2. In section 297, for the words "one of the Assistant Directors," there shall be substituted the words "one of the Assistant Directors or of the officers mentioned in subsection (1A) of section 343A"; and after the words "an Assistant Director" there shall be inserted the words "or an officer mentioned in subsection (1A) of section 343A". 3. Section 343A shall be amended as follows: (a) immediately after subsection (1) thereof there shall be added the following new subsection: "Delegation of functions by Director. (1A) Such functions may, to the extent delegated by the Director, be exercised also by any officer who holds the degree of Doctor of Laws and who performs duties in the Public Registry."; and (b) in subsection (2) thereof after the words "an Assistant Director" there shall be added the words "or an officer mentioned in subsection (1A) of this section".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 377 of the 17th September, 1986.

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Speaker

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