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I assent.

(L.S.) **MARIE-LOUISE COLEIRO PRECA**
President

31st July, 2018

ACT No. XXXIV of 2018

AN ACT to amend the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives, Cap. 55.

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 authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title.

Cap. 55.

1. The short title of this Act is the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives (Amendment) Act, 2018, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Notarial Profession and Notarial Archives Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Amendment of article 3 of the principal Act.

2. In sub-article (2) of article 3 of the principal Act for the words "in the Government Property Division" there shall be substituted the words "with the Lands Authority" and for the words "be appointed to be" there shall be substituted the words "practice as".

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3. Article 6 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of article 6 of the principal Act.

(a) in paragraph (d) of sub-article (1) thereof, immediately after the words "in terms of article 7," there shall be added the words "and provided that the start of such traineeship shall commence after the attainment of the academic degree mentioned in paragraph (c),";

(b) in the second proviso to paragraph (d) of sub-article (1) thereof, immediately after the words "prior to the date when such qualifying examination is held" there shall be added the words "and the start of such traineeship shall be communicated to and logged by the Notarial Council, which shall also have the faculty to refuse the giving of such traineeship by the notary concerned, where the Notarial Council is of the opinion that the said notary may not provide adequate traineeship:

Provided further that the provisions of paragraph (d) shall start to apply from the year two thousand and twenty-two (2022) in so far as they relate to the attainment of the academic degree mentioned in paragraph (c);"; and

(c) in paragraph (f) of sub-article (1) thereof, the words "he has passed the qualifying examination held in terms of article 7." shall be substituted by the words "he has passed the qualifying examination held in terms of article 7:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that no person shall be allowed to sit for the qualifying examination more than three times.".

4. Article 11 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of article 11 of the principal Act.

(a) in sub-article (1) thereof for the word "is" there shall be substituted the words "may not be";

(b) sub-article (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(2) The notary may not, however, refuse his services in the case of a will and in the case of a sea protest.".

5. Article 14 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of article 14 of the principal Act.

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(a) sub-article (1) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) in sub-article (1) thereof the words "shall cease from exercising his functions" shall be deleted;

(ii) in paragraph (a) thereof the words "if he accepts a government employment" shall be substituted by the words "shall temporarily cease from exercising his functions if he accepts a government employment, or is employed with a commercial lending bank" and the words "in the Government Property Division" shall be substituted by the words "with the Lands Authority";

(iii) in paragraph (b) thereof the words "if he absents himself from Malta for a continuous period of not less than ten years;" shall be substituted by the words "if he permanently loses his warrant due to absence from Malta or failure to publish any deed for a period of seven years, to be ascertained in the year of review of the year 2020 by the appointed review officer who shall, upon request, be given any relevant information by the notary himself or a Notary to Government. The review officer shall report the matter to the Court of Revision of Notarial Acts and the Court shall, if satisfied as to the facts, decree the loss of the said notary's warrant, which decree shall be served on the notary, if he is present in Malta, and the Attorney General and the said decree shall also be published in the Government Gazette:" and immediately after there shall be added the following two provisos:

"Provided that such notary shall be able to regain his notarial warrant if he passes the qualifying examination mentioned in article 8:

Provided further that the provisions of paragraph (b) shall not apply to a notary who is employed with a commercial lending bank and the nature of his work is directly related to the notarial profession.";

(iv) in paragraph (c) thereof the words "if he is interdicted" shall be substituted by the words "permanently loses his warrant as Notary if he is interdicted";

(v) in paragraph (d) thereof the words "if he resigns his office in writing to the President of Malta" shall be substituted by the words "permanently loses his warrant as Notary, if he resigns his office and presents his

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resignation in writing to the President of Malta provided that the Notary may indicate that his resignation is temporary, in which case the provisions of paragraph (b) and article 2 will still apply";

(vi) in paragraph (e) thereof the words "if he is removed from his office" shall be substituted by the words "permanently loses his warrant as Notary if he is removed from his office";

(vii) in paragraph (f) thereof the words "if he is removed from his office" shall be substituted by the words "permanently loses his warrant as Notary if he is removed from his office";

(viii) in paragraph (g) thereof the words "if he is incapacitated" shall be substituted by the words "shall cease from exercising his functions if he is incapacitated";

(ix) immediately after paragraph (g) thereof there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(h) cease from exercising his functions if he assumes an appointment as a Government Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, provided that in such cases said cessation shall be deemed to be temporary and in such cases the provisions of paragraph (b) shall not apply, and the said Notary shall immediately assume his warrant upon cessation of his duties as Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, upon a notice to this effect appearing in the Gazette.";

(b) in sub-article (2) thereof the words "with the advice of the Board referred to in article 7" shall be substituted by the words "upon sitting for the qualifying examination referred to in article 6(1)(f)";

(c) in sub-article (3) thereof for the words "in the Government Property Division" there shall be substituted by the words "with the Lands Authority";

(d) in the Maltese text of sub-article (3) thereof for the words "xi enti morali mwaqqaf b'liġi" there shall be substituted the words "xi korp ġuridiku mwaqqaf b'liġi".

Amendment of article 18 of the principal Act.

6. In paragraph (a) of article 18 of the principal Act, for the words "in the Government Property Division" there shall be

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substituted the words "with the Lands Authority".

Amendment of article 20 of the principal Act.

7. Immediately after sub-article (2) of article 20 of the principal Act there shall be added the following provisos:

"Provided that a Court may appoint a notary delegate for the purposes of this article for any number of absences of the said notary from Malta during his lifetime, or for one continuous period of absence not exceeding seven (7) years:

Provided further that the Chief Notary to Government or the President of the Notarial Council may by application to the Court, request the appointment of such notary delegate in the circumstances mentioned in the immediately preceding proviso or in the case of incapacity, inability or death of a notary.".

Amendment of article 22 of the principal Act.

8. Article 22 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-article (1) thereof for the words "in the Government Property Division and one Notary Public with the Housing Authority" there shall be substituted the words "with the Lands Authority and one or more notaries with the Housing Authority";

(b) in sub-article (2) thereof for the words "in the Government Property Division and the Notary Public with the Housing Authority" there shall be substituted the words "with the Lands Authority and the Notaries Public with the Housing Authority";

(c) in sub-article (3) thereof for the words "in the Government Property Division and the Notary Public with the Housing Authority" there shall be substituted the words "with the Lands Authority and the Notaries Public with the Housing Authority";

(d) in sub-article (3) thereof for the words "any corporate body established by law," there shall be substituted the words "any corporate body established by law, or the Notarial College,"; and

(e) in sub-article (5) thereof for the words "in the Government Property Division or a Notary Public with the Housing Authority, the Prime Minister may delegate one of the Notaries to Government, or appoint another notary, to discharge the duties of the Notary Public in the Government Property Division or of the Notary Public with the Housing Authority, as

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the case may require" there shall be substituted the words "with the Lands Authority or a Notary Public with the Housing Authority, the Prime Minister may delegate one of the Notaries to Government, or appoint another notary, to discharge the duties of the Notary Public with the Lands Authority or of a Notary Public with the Housing Authority, as the case may require".

Amendment of article 23 of the principal Act.

9. Article 23 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-article (2) thereof the words "and the Notary in the Government Property Division" shall be deleted;

(b) in sub-article (3) thereof the word "The" shall be substituted by the word "A";

(c) immediately after sub-article (3) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-article:

"(4) A Notary Public with the Lands Authority shall receive from that Authority a fixed salary and shall collect on behalf of that Authority the fees due in terms of article 81.".

Amendment of article 24 of the principal Act.

10. In article 24 of the principal Act for the words "in the Government Property Division" there shall be substituted the words "with the Lands Authority".

Amendment of article 28 of the principal Act.

11. Sub-article (1) of article 28 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (c) thereof, immediately after the words "place of residence" there shall be added the words "(and if the full address is included in the deed such address may also contain figures only)";

(b) in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (c) thereof, immediately after the words "where the place" there shall be added the words "or date";

(c) in paragraph (e) thereof, for the words "forming the subject matter of the act." there shall be substituted the words "forming the subject matter of the act:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided further that in any discrepancy between words and figures, words shall prevail;";

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(d) in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (f) thereof, the words "as well as a detailed plan of the property, together with an official survey sheet showing the juxtaposition of the said property in a manner as to establish its identity" shall be substituted by the words "as well as a site plan of the property showing the juxtaposition of the property";

(e) in the proviso of sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (f) thereof, the word "plan" shall be substituted by the words "site plan"; and

(f) in the proviso of paragraph (g) thereof, the words "it shall be lawful for the notary to" shall be substituted by the words "the notary shall".

Amendment of article 44 of the principal Act.

12. Article 44 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as article 44(1) and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new sub-articles:

"(2) Any act having a defect of formality contemplated in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (f), (g), (j) and sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (k) of article 28, may be corrected by the Notary by means of a numbered mark as established in article 30, in the presence of his revision officer, and the said correction shall also be counter initialled on the margins of the act by the revision officer such as to make it clear that the said correction was made after the act was signed by the parties and such corrections shall be referred to hereafter as "post-deed corrections". Any such post deed correction may also be inserted under the signature of the notary in the act:

Provided that any post-deed correction done as contemplated in this article shall not affect the intention of the parties, their consent given in the original act or any of their personal or real rights emanating therefrom.

(3) Where any post-deed correction is done in terms of this article, the revision officer shall make a declaration on the last page of the volume as follows "I, (insert name of revision officer) have authorised the post-deed corrections in this volume", and shall sign the said declaration thereof.".

Amendment of article 52 of the principal Act.

13. Article 52 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-article (1) thereof, for the words "any assignment" there shall be substituted the words "any hypothec, assignment";

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(b) in sub-article (3) thereof, for the words "an assignment" there shall be substituted the words "a hypothec, assignment".

Amendment of article 84C of the principal Act.

14. Article 84C of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after paragraph (d) of sub-article (7) thereof, there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(e) Where a notary is deemed to have been engaged to examine title by the transferee or has been engaged to examine title by any person, the said Notary may not, without the prior consent of the transferee or person who engaged him, be questioned on any matter in reference to the said examination of title, or on a property title report, or on any communication related thereto, nor may the notary be constrained to produce any document which is not available publicly, or to disclose in any manner a matter or information which may have come to the knowledge of the notary in professional confidence or in his professional capacity.";

(b) sub-article (8) thereof shall be substituted by the following sub-article:

"(8) (a) Where a notary receives instructions in terms of sub-article (4) or where he is bound to examine title in terms of this article, he shall inform the transferee in any manner, including through verbal communication, of those facts and findings resulting from the searches and those reservations which he is specifically required to mention in terms of the regulations made under this article.

(b) Unless the transferee has already made a declaration in terms of the first proviso to sub-article (5) exempting the notary from examining the title, or where the notary records in the act in terms of the second proviso thereto that he is exempt from examining title, or the notary records in the act in terms of the third proviso thereto that he is authorized to refuse to examine title, the notary shall be deemed to have been instructed by the transferee to examine title.";

(c) in sub-article (9) thereof, for the words "he issues the report" there shall be substituted "agreed upon in the contract of engagement or if no such date was agreed upon from

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the date of the contract of engagement or in default from the date of the deed"; and

(d) in paragraph (g) of sub-article (12) for the words "the contents of the report and related matters" there shall be substituted the words "the facts and findings resulting from the examination of title and the reservations which the notary is required to mention to a transferee".

Amendment of article 85 of the principal Act.

15. Article 85 of the principal Act shall be renumbered as article 85(1) and immediately after sub-article (1) as renumbered there shall be added the following new sub-article:

"(2) By virtue of its constitution under this Act and without the need of any registration or any other formality, the Notarial College shall be a body corporate having distinct legal personality which has a patrimony of assets and liabilities separate and distinct from that of any other person and the legal powers to achieve its purpose through the administration of its own governing body. The Notarial College, represented by its President may on its behalf be capable of entering into contracts, of acquiring, holding and disposing of any kind of property for the purposes of its objects, of suing and being sued, and of doing all such things and entering into all such transactions as are incidental or conducive to the exercise or performance of its objects under this Act:

Provided that any contract to which the Notarial College is a party shall be published by the Chief Notary to Government.".

Amendment of article 93A of the principal Act.

16. Article 93A of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) for the words "three euro (€3)" there shall be substituted the words "five euro (€5)" and for the words "basis year 2011" there shall be substituted the words "basis year 2010"; and

(b) for the words "in terms of regulations made under this Act." there shall be substituted the words "in terms of regulations made under this Act:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that the said fee of five euro (€5) shall be due on deeds published after the 1st January 2019.".

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17. Article 94A of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of article 94A of the principal Act.

(a) in paragraph (c) of sub-article (7) thereof, the words "and the Council's annual fees" shall be deleted;

(b) sub-article (9) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) for the words "three euro (€3)" there shall be substituted the words "five euro (€5)" and for the words "basis year 2011" there shall be substituted the words "basis year 2010"; and

(ii) for the words "in terms of regulations made by the Minister after consulting the Council." there shall be substituted the words "in terms of regulations made by the Minister after consulting the Council:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that the said fee of five euro (€5) shall be due on deeds published after the 1st January 2019.";

(c) in paragraph (a) of sub-article (10) thereof, the words "and reference" shall be deleted and for the words "Provided that the presentation of acts published by notaries referred to in article 22 shall be made at the Archives and the review shall take place therein." there shall be substituted the following:

"Provided that the presentation of acts published by notaries referred to in article 22 shall be made at the Archives; however, the review of these acts, and other acts which may be deposited at the Archives but which would not have been reviewed, may take place at the places established in sub-article (10)(c)(v). In such cases the Archivist shall draw up a written statement in two copies to be retained as to one each by the Archivist and the Review Officer, which shall be signed by both the Archivist and the Review Officer containing a statement of:

(i) the number of volumes presented by the Archivist to the Review Officer; and

(ii) the number of acts in each volume.";

(d) in sub-article (13) thereof, immediately after the words "Chief Notary" there shall be added the words "or the

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Review Officer appointed by the Notarial Council";

(e) in sub-article (14) thereof, immediately after the words "Chief Notary" there shall be added the words "or the Review Officer";

(f) in sub-article (15) thereof, for the words "three euro (€3)" there shall be substituted the words "five euro (€5)" and for the words "basis year 2011" there shall be substituted the words "basis year 2010" and immediately after the words "Notary to Government" there shall be added the words "or Review Officer";

(g) in sub-article (16) thereof, immediately after the words "Chief Notary" there shall be added the words "or Review Officer appointed by the Notarial Council";

(h) in sub-article (17) thereof, immediately after the words "Chief Notary to Government" there shall be added the words "or Review Officer appointed by the Notarial Council".

Amendment of article 94B of the principal Act.

18. Article 94B of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (a) of sub-article (1) thereof, for the words "review the wills." there shall be substituted the words "review the wills:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that the Notarial Council may elect an Official Reviewer to review the wills in accordance with an agreement between the Chief Notary and the Notarial Council.";

(b) in sub-article (4) thereof, for the words "to reply." there shall be substituted the words "to reply:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that when a report is filed by the Official Reviewer or the Chief Notary, which appears to the Court to not be in breach of any laws, the Court shall, by means of a decree duly served on the notary and the Attorney General, confirm that report."; and

(c) immediately after sub-article (10) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-article:

"(11) (a) For all intents and purposes of the law, the

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decisions as well as the judicial acts and written pleadings of the Court of Revision shall be scanned by the Registrar of the Civil Courts and Tribunals, and sent by electronic mail from the Registrar of the Civil Courts and Tribunals to the notary and the Attorney General, and this shall constitute valid service of such decisions, judicial acts and written pleadings of the Court of Revision.

(b) The notary and the Attorney General who receive a scanned copy in accordance with paragraph (a) of this sub-article shall, within seven days from receipt of such electronic mail, confirm receipt by means of electronic mail to the Registrar of the Civil Courts and Tribunals of the acts mentioned in paragraph (a) of this sub-article:

Provided that if the Registrar does not receive such confirmation from the notary and/or the Attorney General, the Registrar shall proceed with service of the acts in accordance with the provisions of article 187 of the Code of Organisation and Civil Procedure.".

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Addition of new article 94C to the principal Act.

19. Immediately after article 94B of the principal Act there shall be added the following new article:

"Procedure for review of notarial acts.

94C. (1) For the purposes of this article, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

"acts" means all original *inter vivos* acts, except those acts published in terms of Part IIIA of the Act, published up to and including 31st December 2011 which by 31st December 2012 were either not deposited at the Archives or although deposited therein have not been reviewed at any time in terms of law;

"Chief Notary" has the same meaning assigned to it in article 94A;

"notaries" means all notaries appointed according to the Act and shall include all notary keepers and any other person having custody of any notarial act for any reason;

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"period of presentation" shall mean the month established in sub-article (3) in the year as established in sub-article (4)(a);

"review" has the meaning assigned to it in article 94B;

"review officers" has the same meaning assigned to it in article 94A;

"wills" means original wills; and includes the original acts of delivery of secret wills published up to 31st December 2011, which by 31st December 2012 were either not deposited at the Archives or although deposited therein were not reviewed in terms of law at any time.

(2) (a) Every Notary shall in pursuance to this Act submit, in the period of presentation, all acts held by him for review, in accordance with the terms established in this article to the Notarial Council and for this purpose the provisions of article 94A(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7)(a), (7)(b), (7)(d), (8), (11), (17), (18)(a)(i) and (ii) and the provisos thereof, (b)(i), (c), (d), (e), (19), (20), (21) and (22) shall apply.

(b) Notaries shall also present the copy of the notes of enrolment given to the notary by the Director of Public Registry in terms of articles 50(6) and 52(3).

(c) The coming into force of this article shall be deemed for all purposes of law to be sufficient notice to the notaries to whom this article applies of their obligation to present on the dates and in the places mentioned therein the acts, wills, relative indexes, and all other documents as required by this article and the Act.

(3) The Notarial Council shall for the purpose of sub-article (2) cause to be published in the Gazette, a notice containing the names of Review Officers assigned to review the acts and of the notaries who are assigned to the said review officers to have their acts reviewed by them as well as the place and month where such acts are to be presented during the period of presentation.

(4) (a) Notaries shall present to the Review Officers by the dates mentioned hereunder all acts in their possession:

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(i) published on or after the 1st January 2010 and up to the 31st December 2011, by not later than the 1st October 2019;

(ii) published on or after the 1st January 2008 and up to the 31st December 2009, by not later than the 1st October 2020;

(iii) published on or after the 1st January 2006 and up to the 31st December 2007, by not later than the 1st October 2021;

(iv) published on or after the 1st January 2004 and up to the 31st December 2005, by not later than the 1st October 2022;

(v) published on or after the 1st January 2002 and up to the 31st December 2003, by not later than the 1st October 2023;

(vi) published on any date up to and including the year 2001, by not later than the 1st October 2024.

(b) The Notarial Council may, if circumstances so warrant at its discretion at any time, postpone by means of a notice to be published in the Gazette, by a calendar year, the schedule of presentation established in sub-article (4)(a) or other schedules published by the Notarial Council in terms of this article.

(5) Notaries shall be obliged to present to the Chief Notary or the Review Officer appointed by the Notarial Council by not later than the 1st October 2019 all wills in their possession published on any date up to and including the year 2011.

(6) (a) During the period of presentation every notary shall present to a Review Officer on dates and in places mentioned in the notice referred to in sub-article (3), in volumes bound as required by the Act, all the acts as determined in sub-article (4), including their respective indexes. They shall also present the notes of enrolment, or a copy thereof, given to the notary by the Director of Public Registry in terms of articles 50(6) and 52(3).

(b) The Notarial Council shall ensure that the presentation of acts be conducted in a transparent and orderly manner.

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(c) For the purposes of sub-article (2) and in addition to the notice mentioned in sub-article (3), the Notarial Council may cause to be published at any time in the Gazette a notice containing the following:

(i) the names and surnames of all notaries who were known to have practised their profession prior to 2012, during the years which would be the subject of the review;

(ii) the name of the Review Officer assigned to each notary;

(iii) a schedule indicating the month and place of presentation of the acts, including their indexes to the respective Review Officer for his review;

(iv) the publication of the notice mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) shall be deemed for all purposes of law to be sufficient notice to the notaries mentioned therein to present on the dates and in the places mentioned in the notice the acts and wills and their indexes, and all other documents as required by this article;

(v) the Notarial Council shall cause to be published in the Gazette any amendment it may deem opportune to any notice made in the Gazette, in terms of this article, but such amendment shall not be effective with regard to a Review Officer, notary or notary keeper referred to therein unless at least one month elapses from the date when the said notice appears in the Gazette.

(7) (a) It shall be the duty of the Chief Notary to ensure that all wills published during the years which are subject of review, are presented to him in the Archives during the period of presentation so that he may review them, and that within two months immediately following the completion of the period of review such wills are inspected by the Court in terms of this Act.

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(b) For the purposes of this article, all notaries shall present to the Chief Notary in bound volumes as required by this Act the wills which they published during the years which would be the subject of the review, and all the provisions on the functions and powers of Review Officers regarding the presentation of acts shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the Chief Notary, and the notaries shall have the same duties with regard to such presentation.

(c) The presentation of wills shall be made to the Chief Notary in terms of the notice referred to in this article and all the provisions of sub-article (6)(a) and sub-article (11) of article 94A shall *mutatis mutandis* apply:

Provided that where the notary appears through a special attorney, the Chief Notary shall not proceed to accept the presentation of wills unless the special attorney is also a notary who shall be bound to observe the same professional secrecy and confidentiality as required of the notary who published them.

(8) All acts which are subject to the review as established in this article shall be reviewed within one year from the date of their presentation by a Notary, which time frame may be reasonably extended by the Court on a request by a Review Officer, whilst the time frame for the revision of wills shall not exceed ten years from the date of the coming into force of this article which time may be reasonably extended by the Court on the request of the Chief Notary.

(9) No fees shall be due by notaries for the presentation of the acts and wills mentioned in this article.".

Amendment of article 105 of the principal Act.

20. In article 105 of the principal Act immediately after the words "the Notarial Acts (Temporary Provisions) Act" there shall be added the words "and the proviso of article 94A(10)(a)".

Amendment of article 131 of the principal Act.

21. Article 131 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-articles (3) and (4) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-articles (5) and (6); and

(b) immediately after sub-article (3) thereof, there shall be

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added the following new sub-article:-

"(4) A notary who contravenes the provisions of article 50 shall incur a fine (*ammenda*) of ten euro (€10) if the said deed is not registered within one month, a fine of twenty-five euro (€25) if the said deed is not registered within two months, and a fine of fifty euro (€50) if the said deed is not registered within three months and an additional fine of ten euro (€10) over and above the said fifty euro (€50) for every week or part thereof until the said deed is registered. This article shall come into force for all acts published on or after the year 2018:

Provided that a notary who fails to insert any declaration required by any law shall incur a fine (*ammenda*) of ten euro (€10). This article shall come into force for all acts published on or after the year 2018.".

Amendment of the Schedule to the Act.

22. In item 7 of Part 1 of the Schedule to the principal Act the words "Act of Personal Separation" shall be substituted by the words "Act of Personal Separation, Act of Cohabitation and Act of Civil Union".

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