

CHAPTER IX. PROVISIONAL REGULATIONS

Article 28. The promulgation of this Act shall not deprive any person of Bulgarian citizenship acquired under the provisions of previous Acts relating to Bulgarian citizenship.

Article 29. Bulgarian citizens formerly in possession of Nansen passports shall automatically lose Bulgarian citizenship and acquire Soviet citizenship. The provisions of article 19, paragraph 1 shall apply to such cases.

Article 30. Rules and regulations shall be issued to give effect to the present Act.

Article 31. The present Act shall supersede the Act of 1940 relating to Bulgarian citizenship except for article 68 thereof, which shall remain in force.

(b) ACT OF 11 NOVEMBER 1950
AMENDING THE BULGARIAN CITIZENSHIP ACT.¹

Sole article. A new paragraph shall be added to article 6, to read as follows:

“A Bulgarian citizen who is not Bulgarian by origin and who emigrates from the country shall lose his Bulgarian citizenship by the act of emigration.”

11. Burma

(a) THE UNION CITIZENSHIP (ELECTION) ACT, NO. XXVI OF 1948.

WHEREAS it is necessary to make provision for the election of citizenship by persons qualified under section 11 (iv) of the Constitution:

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. This Act may be called the Union Citizenship (Election) Act, 1948.

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

(a) “Officer” means any Officer nominated for the purposes of this Act by the President.

(b) “Minister” means a member of the Government nominated by the President for the purposes of this Act.

(c) “Deputy Commissioner” includes “The District Magistrate, Rangoon”; in the States “the Resident”, or when there is no Resident, the “Assistant Resident”.

3. Any person who was born in any of the territories which, at the time of his birth, was included in His Britannic Majesty’s dominions and who had resided in any of the territories included in the Union for a period of not less than eight years in the ten years immediately preceding either the first day of January 1942 or the fourth day of January 1948, may apply to the officer in the district in which he resides for a certificate of citizenship.

4. The application shall be made by petition which shall be accompanied by an affidavit of the applicant stating:

(a) The place of his birth, and the time or approximate thereof;

¹ Official Gazette No. 272 of 18 November 1950. Translation by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

(b) The period or periods he had resided in the territories included in the Union prior either to the first day of January 1942 or to the fourth day of January 1948;

(c) His intention to reside permanently in the territories included in the Union; and

(d) The name, sex, place of birth and time of birth, exact or approximate, of each of his minor children, alive at the date of the application.

5. (1) On an application made for a certificate of citizenship, the officer shall direct notice of such application to be issued to the Deputy Commissioner of the district where the applicant resides and shall also have a copy of the notice posted in some conspicuous place in the office of the Deputy Commissioner.

(2) The application shall not be heard by the officer before four weeks after the service of the notice on the Deputy Commissioner have expired.

(3) At any time, previous to the hearing of the application, the Deputy Commissioner may file with the officer an objection, stating the grounds of such objection.

Any person, knowing of, or having evidence of, a disqualification in the applicant, may communicate his knowledge of the evidence to the Deputy Commissioner.

6. (1) At the hearing, the applicant for a certificate shall, subject to the provisions of section 132 of the Code of Civil Procedure, personally appear before the officer for examination unless the officer, for sufficient reason to be recorded in writing, dispenses with his personal attendance. The applicant shall produce before the officer at such hearing such evidence as he may desire to establish that he is qualified under section 11 (iv) of the Constitution to elect for citizenship.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner shall be entitled to adduce, at such hearing, such evidence as he may desire in disproof of the applicant's claim.

(3) At the hearing, the officer shall not be bound by the Civil Procedure Code or any other enactment but shall be guided by rules of natural justice.

7. (1) If the officer decides that the applicant has established his right to elect for citizenship of the Union, he shall forthwith transmit to the Minister a certified copy of his decision together with the application for the certificate and the affidavit annexed thereto.

(2) If the officer decides that the applicant is not entitled to so elect, the applicant may file an application in revision against the order in the High Court within sixty days from the date of the order.

8. (1) When the Minister receives a decision of the officer under section 7, he shall, unless he is in doubt of the correctness of the decision of the officer, issue a certificate of citizenship in such form as may be prescribed and shall send the certificate to the officer by whom the decision was made.

(2) If the Minister is in doubt of the correctness of the decision of the officer, he may refer the application to the High Court on the Appellate Side. To such a reference by the Minister or the application under section 7 (2) the provisions of Order XLI of the Civil Procedure Code shall apply.

(3) If the High Court, on a reference, confirms the decision of the officer under section 7 (1), or sets aside the order under section 7 (2), the Minister shall issue a certificate of citizenship and transmit it to the officer by whom the decision was made.

(4) The officer shall, on receipt of the certificate, call upon the applicant to appear before him on a date fixed by him and to subscribe a declaration on oath or affirmation renouncing any other nationality or status as citizen of any foreign country and, on the applicant making and subscribing such declaration, the officer shall deliver to him the certificate after having endorsed thereon the date of the making of and subscribing the said declaration.

(5) The certificate shall not take effect unless the applicant makes and subscribes the declaration under the last preceding section.

9. If any petition or affidavit, which is required to be filed under this Act, contains any averment which the person making the same knows or believes to be false, such person shall be deemed to have committed an offence under section 193 of the Penal Code.

10. Except with the prior leave of the President, no officer or court shall entertain an application under section 4 if filed after the expiry of one year from the commencement of this Act.

11. (1) The President may, from time to time, make rules for carrying into effect the objects of this Act.

(2) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for and regulate:

(a) The presentation at the enquiry on behalf of the Union of Burma;

(b) The fees payable by the applicant in the proceedings for the grant of a certificate;

(c) The forms to be used under the Act including the certificate of citizenship; and

(d) The form of declaration renouncing any foreign nationality or status.

(b) THE UNION CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT) ACT, NO. XLIII OF
4 JANUARY 1949.

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be called the Union Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1949.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 4th day of January, 1948 (9th Waning, *Pyatho* 1309 B.E.).

2. In subsection (1) of section 4 of the Union Citizenship Act, 1948, hereinafter referred to as "the said Act", after the words "who has been granted under the Union Citizenship (Election) Act, 1948, a certificate of citizenship" the words "or who has been granted a certificate of naturalization or a certificate of citizenship or who has otherwise been granted the status of a citizen under this Act," *shall be inserted*.

3. (1) At the end of subsection (1) of section 12 of the said Act, the following *shall be inserted*:

"If the parent of the child dies before the application, the guardian of the child may make an application on behalf of the child under this subsection."

(2) After subsection (3) of the said section, the following *shall be inserted* as subsection (4):

"(4) A certificate of citizenship, granted under subsection (2) or subsection (3), shall not be valid until the applicant either on oath or affirmation makes a declaration of alienage in respect of any other citizenship."

4. For section 18 of the said Act, the following *shall be substituted*, namely:
 “18. When the Minister is satisfied that a certificate of naturalization or a certificate of citizenship granted by him had been obtained by false representation or fraud or by concealment of material circumstances or that the person to whom the certificate was granted has shown himself by act or speech to be disaffected or disloyal to the Union, the Minister may, in accordance with section 20 (1), by order, revoke a certificate.”

5. In section 19 of the said Act,

(1) *After* the words “a certificate of naturalization” the words “or a certificate of citizenship” *shall be inserted*.

(2) . . .

(3) *For* the period (.) at the end of clause (c) a semicolon (;) *shall be substituted* and *after* the said semicolon, the word “or” *shall be inserted* and thereafter the following *shall be inserted* as clause (d) and clause (e), namely:

“(d) Has failed to make a declaration of alienage in respect of any other citizenship within the period prescribed; or

“(e) Has ceased to be a citizen of the Union at any time after he has been granted a certificate of naturalization or a certificate of citizenship.”

6. For subsection (1) of section 20 of the said Act, the following *shall be substituted* namely:

“(1) The Minister before making the order revoking the certificate of naturalization or the certificate of citizenship may, if he thinks fit, refer the matter for inquiry as hereinafter mentioned; and in any matter connected with section 18 or section 19, the Minister shall, by notice to the holder of the certificate or at his last known address, give him an opportunity of claiming an enquiry, and if the holder so claims, the Minister shall refer the matter for enquiry.”

7. In section 21 of the said Act, *after* the words “a certificate of naturalization” the words “or a certificate of citizenship”, *shall be inserted*.

8. *After* section 21 of the said Act, the following *shall be inserted* as section 21A, namely:

“21A. When the certificate of naturalization or the certificate of citizenship has been revoked, the holder of the certificate shall cease to be a citizen of the Union and shall be regarded as the citizen of the country of which he was a subject at the time the certificate was granted to him.”

9. In clause (b) of section 23 of the said Act, *after* the words “a certificate of naturalization” the words “or a certificate of citizenship,” *shall be inserted*.

12. Cambodia

CODE CIVIL DU 1^{er} JUILLET 1920.¹

CHAPITRE PREMIER

De la nationalité

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Article 22. (nouveau). — Est Cambodgien:

1. Tout individu né de parents cambodgiens;

¹ Phnom-Penh, Imprimerie Royale, 1951, p. 4.