



IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2000

(Act 3 of 2000)

I assent

F. A. René
President



13th March, 2000

An Act to amend the Immigration Decree (Cap 93).

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Act, 2000. Short title

Amendment of
Chapter 93

2. The Immigration Decree is amended by inserting after section 17 the following section -

"International
Trade Zone
Work Permit

17A.(1) A person who is not a Seychellois shall not be gainfully occupied in an International Trade Zone except under and in accordance with the conditions of an International Trade Zone Work Permit.

(2) On an application to the Director General of Immigration through the International Business Authority in the form approved by the Director General of Immigration the Director General of Immigration may, after consultation with the International Trade Zone Authority, grant to the applicant or the person in respect of whom an International Trade Zone Operator has made an application an International Trade Zone Work Permit.

(3) The Director General of Immigration may refuse to grant an International Trade Zone Work Permit without assigning reasons for the decision.

(4) An application referred to in subsection (2) may include a request that the spouse and minor children of the holder of the International Trade Zone Work Permit be authorised to reside with the holder of the Permit during the currency of the Permit, and where the application is granted, the Director General may include the names of such spouse and minor children in the Permit.

(5) An International Trade Zone Work Permit may be subject to such conditions not inconsis-

tent with this section as the Director General of Immigration may think necessary.

(6) An International Trade Zone Work Permit shall authorise the person named in the Permit to -

- (a) reside in Seychelles; and
- (b) be gainfully occupied in the International Trade Zone specified in the Permit

on the conditions specified in the Permit.

(7) The Director General of Immigration -

- (a) may, after consultation with the International Business Authority, revoke an International Trade Zone Work Permit where the Director General is satisfied that there has been a contravention of this Act or a condition of the Permit;
- (b) shall revoke an International Trade Zone Work Permit where the Director General is required to do so by the Minister on the ground of national interest.

(8) An International Trade Zone Work Permit shall cease to be valid -

- (a) at the end of the period for which it was granted;
- (b) in the case of a person who is an International Trade Zone Operator, on the person ceasing to carry on business in an International Trade Zone;
- (c) in the case of a person who is employed by an International Trade Zone Opera-

tor, on the person ceasing to be so employed by the Operator or on the Operator ceasing to carry on business in an International Trade Zone:

(d) if revoked by the Director General of Immigration under subsection (7).

(9) An International Trade Zone Operator shall forthwith notify the Director General of Immigration, through the International Business Authority -

(a) where the Operator is the holder of an International Trade Zone Work Permit, of the occurrence of an event specified in subsection (8) (a) or (b):

(b) where the Operator is the employer of a person who is the holder of an International Trade Zone Work Permit, of the occurrence of an event specified in subsection (8) (a) or (c).

(9) In this section -

Act 8 of 1995 "International Trade Zone" means an International Trade Zone in terms of the International Trade Zone Act:

Act 8 of 1995 "International Trade Zone Authority" means the Authority in terms of section 5 of the International Trade Zone Act:

Act 8 of 1995 "International Trade Zone Operator" means a person who holds a licence to carry on business under the International Trade Zone Act."

3.(1) The Director General of Immigration shall, after consul-

tation with the International Trade Zone Authority, issue to every person who, on the coming into operation of the amendment contained in section 2 - Application

- (a) is not a Seychellois; and
- (b) is lawfully in gainful occupation in an International Trade Zone,

an International Trade Zone Work Permit and the amendment contained in section 2 shall apply to the person and the Permit as if the Permit had been granted to the person by the Director General of Immigration following an application by or in respect of the person under the amendment.

(2) "International Trade Zone" and "International Trade Zone Authority" shall have the meanings assigned to these expressions in the amendment contained in section 2.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the Bill which was passed by the National Assembly on 14th March, 2000.



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Clerk to the National Assembly