

THE REGISTRATION (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT, 1947 *

[BURMA ACT IX, 1947.] (6th February, 1947)

WHEREAS by reason of circumstances arising out of the war it is expedient that temporary provision should be made for the registration of certain documents;

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It is hereby enacted as follows :-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Registration (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1947.
- (2) It shall remain in force until the President of the Union by notification shall declare it to be no longer in force.
2. In this Act -
 - (a) "**the Act**" means the Registration Act ;
 - (b) "**emergency period**" means the period commencing with the 1st day of December, 1941, and ending with-
 - (i) the date of promulgation of this Act, or
 - (ii) the date on which the Registration Office concerned is re-opened subsequent to the return of the Civil Government of Burma, whichever is later.

NOTES. - The emergency period covers both the period of the absence of the legal Government from Burma and the period of the British Military Administration in Burma.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Act the following documents shall be accepted for registration under this Act on payment of the usual fees prescribed therefor under the Act, namely, -

- (a) documents executed during the emergency period without payment of such penalty or fine as is prescribed under the Act, if presented for registration within four months after the termination of the emergency period, [and on payment of such penalty or fine, if presented for

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registration beyond the four months after the termination of the emergency period;]¹

- (b) documents executed during the period of four months prior to the emergency period (i.e. from 1st August 1941 to 30th November 1941) on payment of such penalty or fine as is prescribed under the Act.

4.² The following documents may, if desired, be tendered to be placed on record in the manner to be prescribed by the President of the Union in cases where the official Register Books concerned are found to have been lost or destroyed in consequence of the war:

- (i) documents in original already registered under the Act,
- (ii) registered counterparts or duplicate signed copies of such documents, and
- (iii) certified copies of documents, which were already registered either before or during the emergency period, but the originals or registered duplicates of which were subsequently lost.

5. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Act shall apply to all applications for registration and matters arising therefrom as if this Act had not been passed.

6. The President of the Union may make rules prescribing the manner in which, and the terms and conditions subject to which, any document may be presented for registration under this Act.

7. The President of the Union may also make rules³ and regulations for the reconstruction of private and public documents, title deeds, registration records and other papers lost or destroyed during the emergency period.

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¹ Inserted by Act LXVIII, 1917.

² Substituted *ibid*.

³ For the Registration (Temporary Provisions) Rules, 1947, see Burma Gazette, 1947, Part I, page 763.

