

(6) Every appeal to the Supreme Court under subsection (5) shall be made as nearly as may be in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the rules of the Supreme Court with respect to special leave to appeal to the Supreme Court.

174. (1) In all proceedings before the Director-General under this Act, the Director-General shall have power to award any party such costs as he may consider reasonable, and to direct to whom and to what parties they are to be paid, and such order may be filed in Court, and thereupon such order may be enforced as if it were an order of the Court.

Costs of proceedings before Director-General and Court.

(2) In any proceedings before a Court under this Act, the Director-General shall not be ordered to pay costs. The Court may however in its descretion Order the payment of costs to the Director-General.

CHAPTER XXXVI

REGISTERED AGENTS

175. (1) An Agent referred to in this Act means an agent registered under the provisions of the Act or in accordance with any regulation made thereunder.

Registered agents.

(2) Any person registered as an agent under this Act shall have the authority and be competent to act as an agent under this Act.

(3) A person may be admitted and registered as an agent if he—

- (a) is a citizen of Sri Lanka and is ordinarily resident in Sri Lanka ; and
- (b) (i) is an Attorney-At-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka ; or
 - (ii) is a person possessing the qualifications prescribed for an agent ; and
- (c) pays the prescribed fee.

(4) A corporate body or a firm may act as an agent if the majority of the Directors of such corporate body or if the majority of the partners of the firm, as the case may be, are registered agents.

(5) The registration of an agent under this Act shall be valid for a period of three years and shall be renewable, subject to the payment of a prescribed fee, for a consecutive period of three years provided, however, that a period of grace of six months shall be allowed for renewal upon payment of such surcharge as may be prescribed.

(6) Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of subsection (2), any duly appointed agent, irrespective of not being registered under this Chapter, may represent his clients, for a period of two years from the date on which the provisions of this Chapter comes into operation.

(7) The power of attorney referred to in this Act means a power of attorney duly executed or a letter of authorisation duly signed by the principal.

CHAPTER XXXVII

FUND

Fund.

176. (1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be established a Fund which shall be maintained in such manner as the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister in charge of the subject of Trade in consultation with the Director-General may direct.

(2) There shall be paid into the Fund two-thirds of every fee or charge, levied or recoverable under this Act or any regulation made thereunder.

(3) There shall be paid out of the Fund referred to in subsection (1) all sums of money required to defray any expenditure incurred by the Director-General in the exercise, discharge and performance of his powers, functions and