

(11) In this section, the expressions “counterfeit trade mark goods” and “pirated copyright goods” shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in section 125A.”.

CHAPTER XLII

REPEALS AND SAVINGS

208. (1) The Code of Intellectual Property Act, No. 52 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “Code”) is hereby repealed. Repeals and savings.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Code the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka established under the Code, and the officials appointed under the Code shall continue and shall be deemed to have been established and appointed respectively under this Act.

(3) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Code every regulation made thereunder as in force on the date of commencement of this Act, in so far as such regulation is not inconsistent, with the provisions of this Act shall be deemed to be made under this Act, and such regulations may be amended, rescinded or altered by regulations made under this Act.

(4) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Code—

(a) Every application for registration of an Industrial Design, Patent or Mark made to the Director-General under the provision of the code and pending on the date immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be an application made to the Director-General under Part III, IV or V respectively of this Act, and shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this Act ;

- (b) any right specified in Part II of this Act, which was granted on the date of coming into operation of the repealed Code shall for all purposes except for the purpose of imposing punishment, continue to be valid and effectual as if herein granted provided that the term of protection previously granted has not expired under the Code or under the laws of the country of origin of such work, performance, sound recording or broadcast that are to be protected under any international treaty to which Sri Lanka is a party ;
- (c) every action, proceeding or other matter relating to Copyright, Industrial Desingns, Patents, Marks and unfair competition pending on the day immediately preceeding the date of the commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been instituted under the provision of this Act and shall be continued and proceeded with under the provisions of this Act ;
- (d) nothing in Part III, IV, V or VI of this Act shall affect any order or requirement made, table of fees or certificates issued, notice, decision, determination, direction or approval given, application made, or thing done, under the Code, and every such order, requirement, table of fees, certificate, notice, decision, determination, direction, approval, application or thing shall, if in force on the date immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to have been made under the provisions of this Act and shall continue in force and shall, so far as it could have been made, issued, given or done under this Act have effect as if made, issued, given or done under the corresponding provisions of this Act ;
- (e) all contracts, leases and agreements subsisting on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed for all purposes to be contracts, leases or agreements made or entered into by or with or for the office, under the provisions of this Act.

- (f) all interests, rights, obligations, debts and liabilities of the office subsisting on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be deemed to be the interest, rights, obligations, debts and to liabilities of the office, under the provisions of this Act.

209. The validity of the original entry of a Design on the register of Designs existing on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act or any register of Designs which was kept under any previous law and was incorporated with and declared to form Part of the Register of Designs, shall be deemed to have been registered under Part III of this Act. Every such Design shall however retain its original date.

Saving of
Designs.

210. The validity of the original entry of a Patent on the register of Patents existing on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act or any Register of Patents which was kept under the previous laws and was incorporated with and declared to form Part of the Register of Patent shall be deemed to have been registered under Part IV of this Act. Every such Patent shall however retain its Original date.

Savings of
Patents.

211. (a) The validity of the original entry of a Mark on the Register of Marks existing on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act or any register of Marks which was kept under any previous law and was incorported with and declared to form Part of the Register of Marks shall be deemed to have been registered under Part V of this Act. Every such Mark shall however retain its original date.

Savings of Marks.

(b) No mark which was on the Register on the day immediately after the date of commencement of the Code and which under the Code was then a registrable mark shall be removed from the Register on the ground that it was not registrable under the law in force at the date of its registration.

(c) No mark which was on the Register on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of the Act and which under Part V is a registrable mark shall be removed from the register on the ground that it was not registrable, under the law in force at the date of its registration.

(d) Nothing in Part V shall—

(i) invalidate the original registration of a mark which had validity on the register immediately before the date of commencement of this Act ; or

(ii) subject any person to any liability in respect to any act or thing done before the date of commencement of this Act, to which he would not have been subject under the law in force at the time such act or thing was done.

CHAPTER XLIII

INTERPRETATION

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212. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“Central Bank of Sri Lanka” means the Central Bank of Sri Lanka established under the Monetary Law Act (Chapter 422) ;

“convention country” means any country that has acceded to or ratified or that may hereafter accede to or ratify the Paris Convention for the protection of Industrial Property, as well as all members of the World Trade Organisation or States that may here after become members of the World Trade Organisation, and includes any country which has