

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

BILL FOR  
THE REGISTRATION OF UNITED KINGDOM  
TRADE MARKS REGULATION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 8 OF 1981

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this law is to amend the Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Regulation in order to give the Vanuatu Registrar a discretion to register in Vanuatu Trade Marks registered first in the United Kingdom. Under the law as it stands at present he has no discretion to refuse to register a trademark even if it would be considered unsuitable for it to be protected in this country.

Other minor amendments are included to remove certain anomalies contained in the law.

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Minister of Finance

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Arrangement of Sections

1. Amendment of Q.R. 8 of 1973.
2. Q.R. 8 1973 to remain in force.
3. Commencement.

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To provide that registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks in Vanuatu be discretionary and for other amendments to the Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Regulation 1973 in order to make its provisions compatible with the independent status of Vanuatu.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows :-

Amendment of  
Q.R. 8 of  
1973.

1. The Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Regulation 1973 is amended by :-
  - (a) the repeal of section 5 and the substitution therefor of the following :-
5. Upon such application being lodged in accordance with section 4 the Registrar may register the prescribed particulars in the Register and upon doing so shall issue a certificate of registration to the applicant who shall then be the registered proprietor in Vanuatu of the trade mark in respect of the goods entered in the register."
  - (b) the substitution of the words "Supreme Court" for the words "High Court" in section 9;
  - (c) the substitution of the word "Minister" for the words "Resident Commissioner" and the word "Vanuatu" for the words "New Hebrides" throughout the Regulation.

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force.

2. In all other respects the Registration of United Kingdom Trade Marks Regulation 1973 shall remain in full force and effect.

Commencement.

3. This Act shall on its publication in the Gazette be in force with effect from the Day of Independence.