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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 40 OF 2000**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT,
No. 52 OF 1979

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Intellectual Property (Amendment) Act, No. 40 of 2000.

Short title.

2. Section 6 of the Code of Intellectual Property Act, No. 52 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the definition of “broadcasting” of the following new definitions :—

Amendment of section 6 of Act No. 52 of 1979.

“Computer” means an electronic or other device having the capability of storing and processing information ;

“Computer programme” means a set of instructions expressed in words, codes, schemes or in any other form, which is capable, when incorporated in a medium that a computer can read, of causing the computer to perform or achieve a particular task or result.’.

3. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (2) of that section by the repeal of paragraph (j) of that subsection and the substitution of the following paragraphs therefor :—

Amendment of section 7 of the principal enactment.

“(j) illustrations, maps, plans, sketches and three dimensional works relative to geography, topography, architecture or science ;

(k) computer programmes”.

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Amendment of
section 117 of the
principal enactment.

4. Section 117 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the addition immediately after subsection (2) of that section of the following new subsection :—

“(3) The application (whether by way of printing, painting or otherwise) or the affixing in Sri Lanka by a third party, of a mark or any sign resembling such mark in such a way as to be likely to mislead the public, on or in connection with, goods in respect of which such mark has been registered (whether such goods are intended for sale in Sri Lanka or for export from Sri Lanka) shall be deemed to be an act prohibited under subsection (2).”.

Sinhala text to
prevail in case of
inconsistency.

5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.