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AN ACT TO AMEND THE POWERS OF ATTORNEY
ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 122)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Act, No. 3 of 2024.

Short title

2. Section 2 of the Powers of Attorney Ordinance (Chapter 122) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in paragraph (b) of the definition of the expression “power of attorney” thereof, by the substitution for the words “executed before two witnesses and an Ambassador” of the words “executed before an Ambassador”.

Amendment of
section 2 of
Chapter 122

3. Section 3D of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “shall not execute” of the words “shall not execute”.

Amendment of
section 3D of the
principal
enactment

4. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph:-

Amendment of
section 4 of the
principal
enactment

“(b) execute a document –

- (i) if it is executed in Sri Lanka before two witnesses and attested by a notary public; or
- (ii) if it is executed outside Sri Lanka before an Ambassador, or a High Commissioner, or a Diplomatic Officer or a Consular Officer within the meaning of the Consular Functions Act, No. 4 of 1981 or a person who is authorized to attest a power of attorney according to the law of that country,

declaring his intention of revoking or cancelling the power of attorney or expressing his intention not to act under that power of attorney, as the case may be; and”.

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Replacement of
the Schedule II
of the principal
enactment

5. The Schedule II of the principal enactment is hereby
repealed and following Schedule is substituted therefor:-

(sections 3(3) and 5)

SCHEDULE II

1.	Serial No.	
2.	Date of Registration	
3.	Description of the power of attorney	
4.	Name and address of the grantor	
5.	Name and address of the attorney	
6.	Date of power of attorney	
7.	By whom the power of attorney is produced for the registration	
8.	Volume and Folio where the true copy of the power of attorney is filed	
9.	Date and number of the document of revocation or cancellation	
10.	By whom the document of revocation or cancellation given	
11.	Date of registration of the document of revocation or cancellation	
12.	Volume and Folio where the document of revocation or cancellation is registered	

6. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (2), of section 8 of the Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Act, No. 28 of 2022, every power of attorney executed prior to October 25, 2022 and which has not been registered on or prior to the date of commencement of this Act shall be deemed to be valid for a period of two years from October 25, 2022, and be submitted for registration to the Registrar General within such period of two years. Validation

(2) Every power of attorney referred to in subsection (1) which is not submitted for registration within the period specified in that subsection, shall be deemed to be null and void, with effect from the date of expiration of that period.

7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

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