

REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS

LAW REVISION ORDER, 1977

as amended by

LAW REVISION ORDER, 1979

Instructions as to the removal and insertion of  
pages in the Revised Edition of the Laws

1. The Law Revision Order, 1977, was published as Statutory Instrument No. 140 of 1977, and amended as Statutory Instrument No. 82 of 1979, a copy of which latter instrument is attached hereto.

2. This Order authorizes the removal of pages from the Laws of Botswana and, where necessary, their replacement by new pages. It also authorizes the inclusion of new pages in the Laws of Botswana, for instance, where a new enactment is to be added to the Laws.

3. All new pages authorized by the Order for inclusion in the Laws and all replacement pages authorized by the Order for inclusion in the Laws bear at the foot thereof the words "L.R.O. 1/1977" and, by virtue of the Order, become the sole and proper version of the Laws included therein.

4. Where an Act is affected by the Law Revision Order, a new frontispiece is provided. This new frontispiece bears the words "L.R.O. 1/1977" at the lower right-hand corner and contains a list of all the pages comprising the enactment and indicating in respect of each page the Law Revision Order authorizing that page for inclusion in the Laws. Thus, every page included in the Laws by virtue of this Order will be shown on the new frontispiece to bear the words "L.R.O. 1/1977" opposite it (see e.g. Cap. 02:04). These frontispieces provide valuable checks in that it is always possible to ascertain from them whether or not a particular set of Laws or a particular Law is up-to-date, and whether or not they or it contain or contains the right pages.

5. The Order also adds to the Revised Edition of the Laws of Botswana a number of enactments passed and/or brought into force since the first seven volumes were published, e.g. the University of Botswana and Swaziland Act, and the University College of Botswana Act, and brings into force the final volume of the Laws, namely, Volume III. The Table of Contents is also brought up-to-date.

6. The Order brings the Laws affected thereby up-to-date, unless otherwise specified, to 31st December, 1976.

7. The opportunity has been taken in this annual revision, where possible, to delete references to Rand and cents and to substitute therefor references to Pula and thebe. A number of Acts not affected by the revision still contain references to Rand and cents, and a number of Acts which have been partially revised contain references both to Rand and cents and to Pula and thebe. However, by section 20 of the Bank of Botswana Act and with effect from 23rd August, 1976, any reference in a written law to an amount of money expressed in Rand and cents is deemed to be a reference to a corresponding amount of money expressed in terms of Pula and thebe, calculated at the rate of 1 Rand to 1 Pula. Thus, any reference to, for example, a fine of R5 000 is to be construed as a reference to a fine of P5 000. As pages are replaced in succeeding revisions, references to Rand and cents will be replaced by references to Pula and thebe.

8. It must be stressed that it is of vital importance for holders of copies of the Revised Edition of the Laws to keep their sets of Laws properly and accurately up-to-date. It is a fairly short and simple task to remove pages where the Order states they should be removed, and to insert pages where the Order states they should be included, but it is suggested that holders should do the task themselves or should carefully supervise it to ensure that no error creeps in. To facilitate the task of inserting new pages the Government Printer has prepared them by volume and in proper sequence. Old pages removed may be kept in loose covers for reference purposes (to refer to the law as it was on a particular date) or destroyed so as to reduce the chance of confusion.

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