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SUB-DECREE
ON
CIVIL STATUS (CIVIL REGISTRATION)

Royal Government

- Having seen Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- Having seen Royal decree N^o NS / RKT / 11 / 98 / 72 dated 30 Nov, 1998 on the nomination of the Royal government composition of the Kingdom of Cambodia,
- Having seen Royal Kram N^o 02 NS 94 dated 20 July 1994 promulgated the Law on the Organization and Functioning of Council of Ministers,
- Having seen Law on Marriage and Family promulgated by Decree N^o 56 kr dated 20 July 1989,
- Having seen Royal Kram N^o NS / RKM / 1096 / 30 dated 9 October 1996 which promulgated the law on Nationality,
- Having seen Royal Kram N^o NS / RKM / 01 / 96 / 08 dated 24 January 1996 which promulgated the law on the Establishment of Ministry of Interior,
- Having seen Royal Kram N^o NS / RKM / 0196 / 04 dated 24 January 1996 which promulgated the law on the Establishment of Ministry of Justice,
- Having seen Sub-Decree N^o 16 s-d dated 20 December 1993 on the Organization and Functioning of Ministry of Interior,
- Having seen Sub-Decree N^o 19 s-d dated 7 April 2000 on the Organization and Functioning of Ministry of Justice,
- Upon the Approval of Council of Ministers in its plenary session on 17 November 2000,

Hereby decides :

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.-

This Sub-decree has objectives to define the formality and the procedure for Civil Status affairs in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Article 2.-

Civil Status is a joint relation which attaches nationality to the State and specific status of a person in his/her family line, in society and creates his/her rights and obligations.

Civil Status document is a document which records civil status of a Khmer citizen and of a foreigner living lawfully within the jurisdiction of the laws of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Civil Status documents include Birth Certificate, Marriage Certificate and Death Certificate.

Article 3.-

Registration of Civil Status in Civil Status Book is an obligation of all Khmer citizens.

Article 4.-

For registration of birth and death, applicant and/or witness and/or person concerned shall go in person before the Registrar.

As for registration of marriage, person concerned and witness shall go in person before the Registrar.

Article 5.-

Formality and documents of Civil Status of the Kingdom of Cambodia shall uniformly be carried out nationwide.

Specimen of the documents is an annex to this Sub-Decree.

Article 6.-

Registrations of civil status for a Member of the Royal Family shall be separately carried out. Minister of Royal Palace is tasked with this duty.

Article 7.-

Any photocopied documents of civil status is not deemed official valid.

Registrar shall not certify on the face of a photocopied civil status document.

Photocopying or extract of civil status documents shall be stipulated in chapter 10 of this Sub-Degree.

CHAPTER 2

REGISTRARS

Article 8.-

Chiefs of Commune or Sangkat are Registrars of the Commune or Sangkat territory where they administer.

In case of their absence, Chiefs of Commune/Sangkat shall give Power of Attorney in written to their Assistants or to deputy chiefs of Commune/Sangkat in respective hierarchy and then officially report on this issue to the district or Khan governor.

In case of absence due to the death or termination of function of the chiefs of commune/Sangkat, in the transitional period in which new chiefs of commune/Sangkat have not been appointed, the right to be a Registrar shall be conferred on the Assistants to the chiefs of Sangkat or deputy chiefs of Sangkat in respective hierarchy.

Article 9.-

Registrars have duties:

-to examine and record important facts relative to the birth, marriage and death of those who had been registered in a Civil Status register.

-to issue the copy (duplicate) or an extract of the civil status in **an existing year**.

-to correct spelling of a civil status **in an existing year** upon the conditions of article 13 of this Sub-Decree.

-to give permission for marriage and cremation or burial.

-to be responsible for their decision on civil status documents .

-to sign and stamp civil status documents .

-to revise or refuse a civil status document in compliance with a final judgement of a court or legal provisions.

-to duly maintain Civil Status Books by classifying into categories to make it easy for the following up and management.

-to directly forward one copy of the year-end Civil Status Book to the depositary of the district /Khan Office and another copy to the concerned provincial/municipal court .

-to disseminate to citizens living in communes or Sangkat to be aware of their obligations concerning civil status and to make the process of civil status easier for citizens who come to contact for civil status purpose.

-to make report on the birth, marriage, death, number of family and number of population in the commune/Sangkat every month and at the end of the year and then forward the information to the district/Khan Offices concerned.

-to collaborate with local authorities in fulfillment of civil status affairs when necessary.

Article 10.-

All operations of civil status's affairs at the Embassies, Consulates General or Consulates of the Kingdom of Cambodia to foreign countries shall follow the same formality(**procedure**) and the same civil status documents as it is applicable in Kingdom of Cambodia.

If necessary, Minister of Interior and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation shall issue an additional instruction through Joint-Proclamation.

Article 11.-

Embassies, Consulates General or Consulates of Kingdom of Cambodia to foreign countries shall have 01 official attached therein to take responsibility as a Registrar upon nominating decision by Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Minister of Interior shall be informed about the nomination.

Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation shall formulate Procedure for the performance of the duty of the aforementioned Registrars by consulting one another.

CHAPTER 3 CIVIL STATUS BOOKS

Article 12.-

In each commune/Sangkat there shall be civil status books to record birth, marriage, death, certification of birth, certification of marriage and certification of death.

The books shall be two identical copies. They shall be produced by category and followed the sample specified by Prakas of Minister of Interior.

The books shall be mentioned quantity of the sheets and shall be numbered from the first sheet to the last one. The first sheet and the last one shall be written in words and signed by district/Khan governor. The second sheet and others may be initialed and stamped with district/Khan governor seal on all sheets.

Article 13.-

For all civil status books there shall be no **scratching, crossing-out, erasure and insertion**. If there is any of them, the words shall be kept **readable**. In this case it requires to write in red ink at the left margin of the page mentioning that **agreed to delete a specific number of words and agreed to add a specific number of words**, then the registrar, applicant and/or witness and/or person concerned shall sign or put his/her right thumb impression together.

Wrong spelling sheets shall be kept as documents. They shall not be torn up.

Article 14.-

In each and every year, Civil Status Book shall be put in use as of 1st January and end on the 31st December.

In January of the following year, the registrar shall send one copy of all categories of the books to concerned district/Khan offices for examination and filing and send another identical copy to keep at provincial/municipal court for **lawful and official use**.

The civil status books used at the Embassies, Consulates General or at the Consulates of Kingdom of Cambodia attached to foreign countries shall be sent through Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation by January of the following year. One copy shall be filed at Ministry of Interior and another copy at Ministry of Justice.

Article 15.-

Registrars shall file and maintain the books and relevant dossier with due care and shall keep information pertaining to each individual confidential.

As for commune/Sangkat office where safety is not ensured, commune/Sangkat registrars shall send the books to keep at the concerned district/Khan offices. **When doing** civil status works, those registrars shall go and do it at that district/Khan Office by abiding by the general procedure applicable to the commune/Sangkat.

Article 16.-

Ministry of Interior has duty to formulate Civil Status Books of nationwide uniformity and to train registrars on the method to take information into the relevant civil status books and to ensure sufficient and on-time supply of the books and civil status documents to registrars.

CHAPTER 4 BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Article 17.-

When a baby is born, his/her parent is obliged to report and register the birth in the birth registration book in the presence of registrar at the commune/Sangkat office of parents' permanent residence no later than 30 days by specifying that the parents have united

with marrying or without marrying(**legitimate or de facto marriage**). In case that the parents are of legitimate marriage, marriage certificate have to be presented.

If the parents are busy, they shall ask relatives or neighbors who witnessed directly baby's birth to register the birth in the birth registration book on time.He/she shall take marriage certificate of the new born baby's parents with him/her when he/she goes for registration .

Article 18.-

New born baby may bear **long-time used family name shared by the family** or may use paternal grandfather's name or the name of baby's father.

Baby's name will be given by parent(s) or guardians.

Article 19.-

If anyone picked an abandoned baby, that person shall hand over him/her to the registrar of the commune/Sangkat where the baby is found. The registrar shall make a record and register baby's birth in the Birth Registration Book by providing him/her a name and if necessary shall consult with health officers so as to define date of birth of the abandoned baby by assumption.The name of the parents shall be mentioned as unknown.

If anyone wants to adopt the abandoned baby,the baby shall bear family name of the adoptive parent(s).

In case no adoption, the registrar shall send the baby to a nearest Baby Center or Orphanage along with birth certificate of that baby and make a record on the handing-over.

Article 20.-

As for babies or children having no birth certificates or documents certifying the birth who are in the care of a Baby Center or an Orphanage, persons in charge of those centers shall make report on the issue and take them to the registrar of the Commune/Sangkat where the center/orphanage locates so as to get birth certificates or documents certifying the birth.

Article 21.-

Adoption of baby/child in a Baby Center or an orphanage, adoption of abandoned child/baby and **adoption of baby/child having parents** shall comply with the procedures set out in the existing laws and regulations .

The aforementioned **adoption contract** shall be written on Civil Status Book.

Article 22.-

In case a convicted person delivered a baby, the place of birth of the baby shall be the residence of the mother or father.

Article 23.-

A baby born out of wedlock shall also be registered in the birth registration book.When cohabiting parents recognized precisely in the presence of a registrar that the baby is his/her child, the registrar shall consider **those parents as that child's parents**.

In case there is only recognition from a single father or mother,the baby shall be considered as the child of the one who recognized.

Following the registration of child birth by the mother or father,the parent who did not recognize the child may declare his/her recognition later.

Illegitimate child recognized by his/her parents shall become a legitimate one, when the parents **entered into marriage agreement**.

The acknowledgement may be done before **marriage agreement,during marriage agreement or after marriage agreement**.

Article 24.-

Following registration of birth in the book, the registrar shall give one copy of the original birth certificate to the applicant and issue other copies as requested by the person concerned .

Article 25.-

If 30 days following baby's birth the baby has not been registered in the birth registration book , father or mother or guardian shall ask provincial/municipal court concerned for judgement.

Father or mother or guardian of the baby shall take the judgement to the commune/Sangkat registrar of their residence to register the birth .

When necessary, Minister of Interior and Minister of Justice shall issue an additional instruction.

Article 26.-

Parents of a baby born of Khmer parents residing lawfully abroad or *of Khmer citizen father and mother of foreign nation* or of foreign nation father and Khmer citizen mother may ask to register the birth in accordance with legal provisions of that country.

When returning to the Kingdom of Cambodia, the parents shall register baby's birth at the commune/Sangkat where they reside basing on the birth certificate issued by relevant country .The baby's nationality is based on the Law on Nationality of Kingdom of Cambodia. The registrar shall keep a **photocopied official-birth certificate** and **relying on the information in the Birth Registration Book issue** a new birth certificate.

In case where the parents registered baby's birth at the Embassy or General Consulate or Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to that country, when returning to Cambodia they may officially use that birth certificate.

Article 27.-

As for a **baby** of any immigrants and foreigners having **lived** lawfully in the Kingdom of Cambodia **who** was born in the Kingdom of Cambodia, the parents may register baby's birth at the Commune/Sangkat where they are living permanently or at the Embassy or General Consulate or Consulate of their country attached to the Kingdom of Cambodia. In case when the registration to be held at the commune/Sangkat, family name, first name and parents' names of the baby shall be written in Latin character along with Khmer script.

Nationality of the child shall be governed by the Law on Nationality of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

CHAPTER 5 MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Article 28.-

Men and women who are willing to get married shall apply for permission to marry to the Commune/Sangkat registrar at the woman's residence. The registrar shall accurately examine the application in compliance with the conditions of the Law on Marriage and Family in effect in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Article 29.-

Registrar shall make announcement of the scheduled marriage ceremony to the public by posting 01 copy of the publication at the house and commune/Sangkat office in jurisdiction where women concerned resides. The other 2 copies of publication shall be sent

to the commune/Sangkat registrar in the jurisdiction where the men concerned resides so as to post 01 copy at the men's house and 01 copy at the relevant commune/Sangkat office .

The announcement shall mention :

- 1- Family name,first name, age, occupation and residence of prospective spouses.
- 2- Family name,first name, age, occupation and residence of the parents of prospective spouses .If the parent deceased, it shall be written down.
- 3- Duration of filing an opposition.

The publication shall be posted within 10 days prior to marriage ceremony in any way which is communicated to any interested person in this case may file an opposition against such marriage.If there is no objection, the marriage ceremony may be held after the 10 days period elapsed . In case there is an opposition, the marriage ceremony **may** be held unless the competency had finally sorted out the opposition .

Article 30.-

The marriage shall be considered legitimate only when a men and a women who voluntarily accept one another as husband and wife enter into a marriage contract in the presence of the registrar in the jurisdiction where the woman resides.

This agreement shall be written down in the Marriage Book , signed by the registrar and put thumb impression by the prospective spouses and two witnesses of marriageable age.

Article 31.-

When prospective spouses ask for registration in marriage book, registrar shall do the registration and then give them 1 copy of the original marriage certificate and issue them **the copies as requested** .

Article 32.-

Request for marriage between Khmer citizens or between **Khmer citizen and foreigner living lawfully abroad** shall take place in the presence of registrar of the Embassy ,General Consulate or Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia attached to the country where the persons concerned reside.

Marriage between Khmer citizen and Khmer citizen and between Khmer citizen and foreigner which was held in compliance with marriage procedures stipulated in the laws of the jurisdiction where marriage took place shall be deemed valid in the Kingdom of Cambodia **unless otherwise** provided by Cambodia legal provisions. Document Certifying Marriage or copied document of the marriage certificate shall be registered in marriage book of the Embassy, General Consulate or Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the country where the marriage took place.Or in case that the spouses settle in the Kingdom of Cambodia,they shall register their marriage at the commune/Sangkat office of the jurisdiction where they settle.The Embassy,General Consulate , Consulate or registrar in the Kingdom of Cambodia shall keep that official copy of marriage certificate and issue a new marriage certificate for the persons concerned.

Article 33.-

Marriage between a Khmer citizen and a foreigner or an immigrant residing lawfully in the Kingdom of Cambodia shall be governed by the Laws of the Kingdom of Cambodia .

Article 34.-

An immigrant and a foreigner living lawfully in the territory of the Kingdom of Cambodia may get married to another foreigner or immigrant by abiding by the law on

Marriage of their own country. Nevertheless, they shall ask for authorization from the registrar by providing precise information on the location and time of the upcoming marriage ceremony.

While they are getting married (**Following marriage !**), the spouses may ask for registration in the Marriage Book at Embassy, General Consulate or Consulate of their country to the Kingdom of Cambodia if there is, or may ask for registration in Marriage Book at **Civil Status Office** in compliance with the laws of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The registration of a foreigner shall be written in Latin word accompanying with Khmer script.

CHAPTER 6 DEATH CERTIFICATE

Article 35.-

Promptly following a person death, family members or relatives or neighbors or responsible persons at the ministry, institution or entity of the death shall report the matter to the commune/Sangkat registrar of the deceased's permanent place of abode.

The registrar shall issue a letter of authorization for cremation or burying the corpse in the ground in case the death caused by normal illness as the result of **senility**, natural disaster or other accidents with no suspicion of crime of murder (**homicide! ?**).

Registration in the Death Registration Book and issuing Death Certificate shall be done no later than 15 days after the date of death.

If the death resulted from an epidemic disease which may cause danger to the society, a report on this issue shall be immediately made to a hospital or a **sanatorium**. To issue the letter of authorization for cremation or burying the corpse in the ground, the registrar shall decide as to how to cremate or bury the corpse in compliance with the decision of the hospital or the sanatorium.

Article 36.-

If a person's death caused by a motive suspicious of a crime as murder, the registrar or a person concerned shall report the issue immediately to the competent authorities of the jurisdiction where there is the deceased so as the competent experts promptly examine, investigate and deal with that problem. The registrar **may** give permission to cremate or bury the corpse, only when there is a decision from the competent agents.

Article 37.-

If any Khmer citizen died outside his/her commune/Sangkat, the commune/Sangkat registrar of the jurisdiction where that person died shall inform the commune/Sangkat registrar of the place where the deceased lived. The latter registrar shall forward the information to the deceased's family to bring the corpse for funeral ceremony and for registration of death in the death book at the commune/Sangkat of the deceased's permanent place of abode.

If the deceased has no family or the identification is unknown, the registrar of the commune/Sangkat where there is the deceased shall organize the cremation or burying and register the death in the death book of the commune/Sangkat.

Article 38.-

If any prisoner died in a prison, the person in charge of that prison shall inform in writing the relevant competent institutions and the registrar of permanent residence of that prisoner for the registration in the death book.

Article 39.-

When a **person** reports a death(**applies for death certificate !**), the registrar shall register it in the Death Registration Book and provide the applicant with 01 original copy of the Death Certificate and issue him/her the copies as he/she requested.

Article 40.-

After 15 days elapsed, if the registrar is not reported on the death, family of the deceased shall ask concerned provincial/Municipal court for the judgement and take it to the Commune/Sangkat registrar for registration.

Article 41.-

In case any Khmer citizen living lawfully abroad died, the family or relatives or neighbors or any person directly witnessed the death may ask for death registration in that country in accordance with the law therein. Upon returning to the Kingdom of Cambodia, the death certificate issued by the foreign country shall be presented to the Commune/Sangkat registrar of the jurisdiction where the deceased lived permanently before he/she went abroad.

The registrar shall keep the official copied death certificate as document and copy a new death certificate from the death registration book for person concerned.

If the death was reported and registered in the death registration book at the Embassy ,General Consulate or Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia attached to that Country,the death certificate obtained therein may be used officially.

Article 42.-

In case when an immigrant **and** a foreigner living lawfully in the Kingdom of Cambodia died, the family, relatives or responsible person may register the death at the commune/Sangkat where the deceased lived permanently before his/her death or may register the death at the Embassy,General Consulate or Consulate of their own country to the Kingdom of Cambodia, if any. In case the registration of death is done at a Sangkat/commune Office, the registration shall be written in Latin accompanying with Khmer script.

CHAPTER 7 DOCUMENT CERTIFYING BIRTH

Article 43.-

Khmer citizen born prior to this Sub-Decree came into force and having no Birth Certificate may ask for registration in the **Birth Certifying Book** in accordance with the new instruction **sample** at the commune/Sangkat Office where he/she is currently and permanently residing at .As testimony before the registrar,he/she shall bring 2 reliable adult witnesses being clearly aware of the applicant's history and used to live in the same village, commune/Sangkat with the applicant since the applicant was born .

Officials receiving remuneration or **retirement pension** shall show salary documents or certification from the concerned institution so as to ask for Document Certifying Birth . Date of birth registered in the Book Certifying Birth shall not differ from the one on the official salary or pension documents.

Article 44.-

When there is anyone asks for the registration in the Book Certifying Birth, the registrar shall register in the Book and provide the person concerned or his/her family with 01 copy of the original **Document Certifying Birth** and issue **the copy** signed by the Commune/Sangkat registrar for the person concerned **as requested** .

CHAPTER 8 DOCUMENT CERTIFYING MARRIAGE

Article 45.-

In case when Khmer citizens getting married prior to this Sub-Decree came into force and having no marriage certificate, the spouses may ask for registration in the Book Certifying Marriage in accordance with the new instruction **sample** at the commune/Sangkat Office where they are currently and permanently residing at .As testimony before the registrar,they shall bring 2 reliable adult witnesses being clearly aware of the applicants' history and used to live in the same village,commune/Sangkat with the applicants.

Article 46.-

When the husband and wife ask for registration in the Book Certifying Marriage, the registrar shall register in the Book and provide persons concerned with 01 copy of the original **Document Certifying Marriage** and issue **the copy** signed by the Commune/Sangkat registrar for the person concerned **as requested** .

CHAPTER 9 DOCUMENT CERTIFYING DEATH

Article 47.-

Khmer citizens who died prior to this Sub-Decree came into force and there has been no Death Certificate,the relatives who are alive may ask to register the death in the **Book Certifying Death** in accordance with the new instruction **sample** at the commune/Sangkat Office where they are currently and permanently residing at .As testimony before the registrar,they shall bring 2 reliable adult witnesses being directly aware of the death and used to live in the same village, commune/Sangkat with the deceased.

Article 48.-

When anyone asks for the registration in the Book Certifying Death, the registrar shall register in the Book and provide the applicant with 01 copy of the original **Document Certifying Death** and issue **the copy** signed by the Commune/Sangkat registrar for the person concerned **as requested** .

CHAPTER 10 THE COPY OR EXTRACT OF CIVIL STATUS

Article 49.-

The Copies or Extracts of Civil Status constitute the Copy or Extract of Birth Certificate or the Copy or Extract of Marriage Certificate, the Copy or Extract of Death Certificate , the Copy or Extract of Document Certifying Birth , the Copy or Extract of Document Certifying Marriage and the Copy or Extract of Document Certifying Death.

The essence of the Copies shall comply with the one in the original Civil Status Documents. Excerpts of the Civil Status shall be done in response to the applicant's request and done by extracting main contents recorded in the Civil Status Books.

Article 50.-

Applicant applying for the Copy or Extract of a Civil Status from the registrar shall attach the Original Civil Status Document, however the copy or extract shall be extracted from the Books filed in the depositary. In case the original copy of the civil status document is lost, the registrar shall copy from **the Civil Status Book in which the Civil Status was registered and which is under the maintenance** at the commune/Sangkat Office **in the current year**. In case that Civil Status Books were damaged and there are due records on the problem, while having instruction from Inter-Ministries, Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Justice, **only under these conditions the copying or extracting from the Civil Status Certificate being in the hand of the applicant concerned may be done**.

Article 51.-

A request for copying or extracting the Civil Status Document in a current year shall be applied to the commune/Sangkat office. The document shall be signed by the Commune/Sangkat registrar. The former signature shall be countersigned and stamped by the relevant district/Khan Governor.

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Article 52.-

A request for copying or extracting the Civil Status Document of past years shall be applied to the district/Khan office ~~or to relevant provincial/municipal court~~.

The document being copied or extracted at the district/Khan office shall be signed by an officer in charge of Civil Status Book keeping and countersigned and stamped by district or Khan governor.

~~The document being copied or extracted at provincial/municipal court shall be signed by court clerk and countersigned and stamped by President of the Court or a substitute judge.~~

Article 53.-

For Khmer citizens residing lawfully abroad who registered any Civil Status in a Civil Status Book at the Embassy, General Consulate or Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia to that country, the request for copying or extracting the Civil Status in a current year shall be applied to the relevant Embassy, General Consulate or Consulate. The document being copied or extracted therein shall be signed by the registrar concerned and countersigned and stamped by the Ambassador, General Consul or Consul.

A request for copying or extracting the Civil Status of a past year shall be applied to Ministry of Interior or Ministry of Justice in which Civil Status Books of the past years are kept.

CHAPTER 11

RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THE LAW FOR CIVIL STATUS WORKS

Article 54.-

With regard to the information of a particular relevant civil status, person concerned and/or **applicant** and/or witness shall provide in good faith the statement on the facts occurred, in which he/she/they are aware or witnessed, before the registrar.

Article 55.-

The registrar shall be in good faith in the fulfillment of civil status works for the people. Any registrar who intentionally colluded with another person or committed a forgery in the process of making Civil Status Certificate shall be punishable before the law.

Civil Status Document issued by means of forgery shall be collected. A complaint as the consequences of it shall be submitted to the relevant court for revocation and punishment.

**CHAPTER 12
BUDGET OF CIVIL STATUS OFFICES**

Article 56.-

The printing of Civil Status Books as well as Civil Status Documents and trainings of registrars nationwide on Civil Status Affairs is the burden of State Budget.

Article 57.-

Ministry of Interior shall plan the annual budget for the printing of Civil Status Books, Civil Status Documents and for the trainings on Civil Status Affairs.

Article 58.-

Registration of Birth and Death is free of charge .

For request for Marriage Permission and registration of Marriage and request for certifying birth , marriage and death the Applicants shall pay the costs of papers at the specific amount.

For request for copying or extracting Civil Status Documents, applicant shall pay for the costs of the papers and of the stamp for the benefit of commune/Sangkat and for the benefit of State Budget.

The costs of the papers and of the stamp shall be defined by a Sub-Decree upon the proposal of Minister of Economy and Finance and Minister of Interior.

**CHAPTER 13
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Article 59.-

Request for certification of Civil Status, which are registered in a Book Certifying Birth, in a Book certifying Marriage and in a Book certifying Death shall be applied only to Khmer citizens within 3 years from the date of this Sub-Decree in force. Following the expiry date, any Khmer citizens having no Civil Status Documents with regard to birth and death shall ask for judgement from provincial/municipal court concerned for the registration of Civil Status by the registrar. Certification of Marriage is authorized **upon the spouses' will** .

Article 60.-

Prohibit the use of a Civil Status Document of any person as a Civil Status Document of another one.

Article 61.-

For old copy of Civil Status Documents obtained in the previous regimes and following 1979, person possessing the said documents shall present them to current registrar

for the registration in a new Civil Status Book **for future use and in accordance with the new sample.**

Article 62.-

If it is observed that an old Civil Status Document was not duly issued, the registrar shall collect the document back and then advise person concerned to fill in application for the new Civil Status Document.

Article 63.-

Registration of a particular kind of Civil Status for more than one time and in many places in the Kingdom of Cambodia shall be prohibited.

CHAPTER 14 PENALTY PROVISIONS

Article 64.-

Anyone who falsely reports on Civil Status before a registrar or uses another 's Civil Status Document for his/her own purpose or asked for registration for more than 01 time at the same place or in other places in the Kingdom of Cambodia or uses **counterfeit** Civil Status Document shall be fined and shall be punished according to legal provisions.

Article 65.-

Any registrar who conspires or colludes with anyone or commits forgery in the process of registration of Civil Status for the people, or who **overcharged** citizens for Civil Status affairs shall be fined and shall be punished in accordance with legal provisions.

CHAPTER 15 FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 66.-

Any provisions contradict this Sub-Decree shall be deemed null and void.

Article 67.-

Minister in charge of Council of Ministers, Co-Ministers of Interior, Minister of Justice, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Minister of Economy and Finance, Ministers and Secretary of States of all Ministries and all State Secretariats shall implement this Sub-Decree as of the date of the signature.

Done in Phnom Penh, 29 December, 2000

Prime Minister

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Having submitted to Samdech Prime Minister

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for signature

Co-Minister of Interior

Minister of Justice

SAR-KHENG YOU-HOK KRY

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- Cabinet of the King
- Secretariat General of the Senate
- Secretariat General of National Assembly
- Cabinet of Prime minister
- As stipulated in Article 67
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