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Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024 (No 1 of 2024); and

Matrimonial Causes (Repeal) Ordinance 2024 (No 2 of 2024).

NOTICES

No. 1 9 January 2024

Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977 *section 73*

Public Holidays 2024

In accordance with section 73 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance 1977, I declare that the following dates will be public holidays for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands during 2024:-

| | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 January | New Year's Day |
| 17 January | Possession Day |
| 29 March | Good Friday |
| 25 April | Liberation Day |
| 20 May | Shackleton Day |
| 21 June | Mid-winter Day |
| 30 October | Environment Day |
| 25 December | Christmas Day |
| 26 December | Boxing Day. |

Dated 9 January 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

No. 2 13 February 2024

South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands Order 1985 *section 7*

Appointment of Acting Attorney General and Acting Coroner

1. In exercise of my powers under section 7 of the South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands Order 1985, I appoint **Davina Jo-Anne Fiore** to be Acting Attorney General for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Attorney General at any time when the post is vacant, or the substantive holder of the post, Simon David Young, is unavailable to discharge the same through any absence from the Falkland Islands or inability to perform the functions and duties of the post.

2. In exercise of my powers under section 29 of the Administration of Justice Ordinance 1949 in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, I appoint **Davina Jo-Anne Fiore** to be Acting Coroner for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Coroner at any time when the post is vacant, or the

substantive holder of the post is unavailable to discharge the same through any absence from the Falkland Islands or inability to perform the functions and duties of the post.

3. These appointments have effect from 6 November 2023, and continue in effect whilst Davina Jo-Anne Fiore holds office as the Head of Legal Services of the Falkland Islands Government, unless terminated sooner.

Dated 13 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

No. 3 22 February 2024

Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 *section 4*

Appointment of Fisheries Protection Officers

1. Section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 provides for the Commissioner to appoint Fisheries Protection Officers.

2. In exercise of my powers under section 4(4) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2000 I appoint:-

Diane Baum;
Mark Belchier;
Jennifer Black;
Denise Blake;
Sophie Ellerton;
Victoria Foster;
George James Gittens;
Susan Gregory;
Elena Lindsey;
Mairi McLeod;
Paul Robert Morrison;
James Sinclair;
Patrick Smith;
Scott Hayden Thain;
Simon Wallace;
Laura Sinclair Willis; and
Karen Wolstenholme

to be Fisheries Protection Officers for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 (subject to any earlier termination).

Dated 22 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

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Territories of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands

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Commissioner.

Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024

(No: 1 of 2024)

ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS

Section

1. Title
2. Commencement
3. Amendment of Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)
4. Section 2 amended (interpretation)
5. Section 11 replaced (consents required to marriage of minors)
6. Section 14 repealed (forbidding marriages)
7. Section 17 amended (certificates)
8. Section 25 replaced (fees)
9. Minor amendments

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MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2024

(No: 1 of 2024)

(assented to: 13 February 2024)

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AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Marriage Ordinance (Cap. 43).

ENACTED by the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

1. Title

This Ordinance is the Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 2024.

2. Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

3. Amendment of Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)

This Ordinance amends the Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43) in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

4. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

In section 2 delete the definition of ““Minor” or “Infant””.

5. Section 11 replaced (consents required to marriage of minors)

Replace section 11 with —

“11. Marriage - minimum age

No marriage may be solemnised by a registrar or a minister of religion under this Ordinance between persons either of whom is under the age of 18 years.”.

6. Section 14 repealed (forbidding marriages)

Section 14 is repealed.

7. Section 17 amended (certificates)

Replace “the husband” with “the parties to the marriage”.

8. Section 25 replaced (fees)

Replace section 25 with —

“25. Fees

The Commissioner may by notice in the *Gazette* require payment of a fee for a service provided under this Ordinance of an amount specified in the notice.”.

9. Minor amendments

(1) In the First Schedule —

(a) replace Form 1 (Notice of Marriage) with —

| <i>Registrar General for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands</i> | | | | | | Form 1 |
|---|------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| No: /20 | | | | | | <i>Marriage Ordinance (Cap 43)</i> |
|  | | | | | | |
| NOTICE OF MARRIAGE | | | | | | |
| <u>Name & Surname</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Marital status</u> | <u>Occupation</u> | <u>Place of Residence</u> | <u>Period of Residence</u> | <u>Date, Time & Place of intended Marriage</u> |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| <p>AND</p> <p>I believe that there is no impediment of kindred or alliance or other lawful hindrance to the said marriage;</p> <p>and</p> <p>In respect of myself I am eighteen years of age or over</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In respect of the said:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">They are eighteen years of age or over;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">And I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the declarations which I have made above and the particulars relating to the persons to be married are true.</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Signature:</p> <p>Signed and declared to before me by (must be Magistrate, Registrar, Justice of the Peace, British consular official or Notary Public):</p> <p>This day of 20 , at</p> <p>I certify that the above declaration was duly received by me on the day of 20 . Signed:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Registrar General for South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands</p> | | | | | | |

Sections 1 to 3 provide for preliminary matters. The amendments commence on publication in the *Gazette*.

Section 4 amends section 2 of the Ordinance by deleting the definition of ““Minor” or “Infant””. A minor or infant is defined as a person who is under 21 years and consent is required under the Ordinance before they marry.

Section 5 replaces section 11 of the Ordinance and the new section provides that a marriage where one of the parties is below 18 years of age is void. A minimum age for marriage is therefore set at 18 years.

Section 6 repeals section 14 of the Ordinance which allows persons whose consent to a marriage is required to forbid the marriage.

Section 7 amends section 17 so as to remove some discriminatory language which requires a marriage certificate to be handed to the husband. The change provides for the certificate to be handed to the parties to the marriage.

Section 8 replaces section 25 of the Ordinance (which provides for the payment of fees specified in the Ordinance) with a provision that allows the Commissioner to set fees by notice in the *Gazette* for services provided under the Ordinance. The notice must specify the service and the fee.

Section 9 effects amendments to the forms in the First Schedule and deletes the Second and Third Schedules. The forms in the First Schedule are revised in line with the removal of consent requirements. The Third Schedule is deleted because under the new section 25, fees will be set by notice in the *Gazette*.

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Matrimonial Causes (Repeal) Ordinance 2024

(No: 2 of 2024)

ARRANGEMENT OF PROVISIONS

Section

1. Title
2. Commencement
3. Repeal of Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979

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MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (REPEAL) ORDINANCE 2024

(No: 2 of 2024)

(assented to: 13 February 2024)

(commencement: on publication)

(published: 27 February 2024)

AN ORDINANCE

To repeal the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979 as applied to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

ENACTED by the Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands —

1. Title

This Ordinance is the Matrimonial Causes (Repeal) Ordinance 2024.

2. Commencement

This Ordinance comes into force on publication in the *Gazette*.

3. Repeal of Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979

The Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979, as applied to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands by section 2 of the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance 1980, is repealed.

Enacted 13 February 2024

A. M. BLAKE C.M.G.,
Commissioner.

OBJECTS AND REASONS
(not part of the Ordinance)

This Ordinance repeals the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979 in its application to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands (Territories). The Matrimonial Causes Ordinance 1979 was applied to the Territories by section 2 of the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance 1980.

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