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42 of 1947 An Act to with respect to immigration and for purposes connected therewith.

[1ST JANUARY, 1948]

Short title.**1.** This Act may be cited as the Immigration Act.Interpretation.**2.** (1) In this Act—[2 of 1969" advance passenger information" means the information in

2 of 2007]	respect of a pas transported in th	ssenger, crew member or other person ne vessel;	
	"competent authority" means any person or entity as the Minister may by order prescribe; "dependant" in relation to another person means—		
	(a)	the spouse of such person unless that spouse is living apart from the other spouse under a deed of separation or the decree of a competent court;	
	(b)	the child or step-child under the age of sixteen years, of such person;	
	(c)	an adopted child under the age of sixteen years where such child is adopted by such person in a manner recognised by the law for the time being in force in the country where the adoption took place;	
	(d)	any other relative of such person who is wholly dependent on such person for his subsistence;	
"domestic space" means the domestic space of any specified in Schedule III;			
		ubject to subsection (2), the place in has his present home or in which he	

which a person has his present home or in which he resides or to which he returns as his place of present permanent abode and not for a mere special or temporary purpose, and "domiciled" shall have a corresponding meaning;

- "immigrant" means a person who enters Guyana from a place outside Guyana, whether for the first or at any subsequent time;
- "immigration officer" includes the Chief Immigration Officer, the Deputy Chief Immigration Officer, and any member of the police force authorised under section 4(4) to exercise and perform the powers, functions and duties of an immigration officer;
- "master" means the person having command or charge of a vessel;
- "passenger" means any person not being a *bona fide* member of the crew, travelling or seeking to travel on a vessel;
- "vessel" means any steamship, ship, vessel, sloop, boat or other floating craft, and includes any description of aircraft.

(2) For the purposes of this Act-

- (a) a person shall not be deemed to have acquired a domicile in Guyana unless he has resided therein for at least two years otherwise than—
 - under terms of conditional or temporary residence permitted by this Act or any other law in force in Guyana; or
 - (ii) as a person under detention in a prison or other place for the reception of persons found guilty of criminal offences; or
 - (iii) as a person under detention in a mental hospital or a leprosy hospital; and

(b) a person shall be deemed to have lost domicile in Guyana if he his voluntarily goes and resides outside Guyana (except for a special or temporary purpose) with the intention of making his home outside Guyana.

(3) For the purposes of this Act a person shall be deemed to belong to Guyana if he is a citizen of Guyana or a dependant of any such citizen.

(4) For the purposes of this Act any person enters Guyana who—

- (a) crosses a land frontier of Guyana; or
- (b) arrives in Guyana by sea or air and disembarks in Guyana; or
- (c) arrives in Guyana by sea or air with the intention of disembarking in Guyana.

3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every person who-

- (a) is an idiot, or an epileptic, or of unsound mind, or mentally deficient, or deaf and dumb, or deaf and blind, or dumb or blind: or
- (b) is suffering from any variety of leprosy, or from a communicable disease, as certified by a Government Medical Officer;

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Cap. 14:02 Immigration (c) is a prostitute; or (d) lives on, or receives, or has lived on, or has received, the proceeds of prostitution; or (e) is a member of a class of persons, or a person, specified in an order made by the Minister under subsection (3); or (f) is not in possession of sufficient means to support himself and such of his dependants as he shall bring with him to Guyana; or (g) is likely if he entered Guyana to become a charge on public funds by reason of infirmity of body or mind, or ill-health, or for any other reason; or (h) is a dependant of a prohibited immigrant,

> shall be a prohibited immigrant for the purposes of this Act; and every person who is deemed under this Act to be a prohibited immigrant may be dealt with as such.

> (2) The expression "communicable disease" in subsection (l) (b) means a communicable disease which makes the entry into Guyana of a person suffering from it, dangerous to the community.

(3) Where the Minister is satisfied –

 (a) that, on economic grounds or on account of standard or habits of life, the members of any class of persons

are undesirable as immigrants; or

- (b) on information or advice that any person is undesirable as an inhabitant of, or a visitor to, Guyana; or
- (c) that, on the ground that a person has been convicted in any country of an offence for which a sentence of imprisonment has been passed and in respect of which he has not received a free pardon, such person is undesirable as an immigrant—

he may, by order published in the *Gazette*, declare the members of such class of persons or such person as the case may be to be prohibited immigrants or a prohibited immigrant, and may from time to time exempt any member of a class of persons from the operation of an order made under paragraph (a).

(4) The Minister may from time to time exempt any person from the provisions of subsection (1)(a), (b), (f), (g) or (h).

(5) The following persons or classes of persons shall not be prohibited immigrants for the purposes of this Act—

- (a) persons who are, within the meaning of section 2(3), deemed to belong to Guyana;
- (b) persons in possession of valid re-entry permits issued under section 36;
- (c) persons in the public service;

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	(d)	persons in the service of the Government of any Commonwealth territory;
	(e)	members of the regular naval, military or air forces of any Commonwealth territory;
	(f)	members of the mission in Guyana of a foreign sovereign Power, consular officers and consular employees in Guyana of a foreign sovereign Power, and members of their families forming part of their households;
	(g)	any other persons or classes of persons who are declared by regulations made under this Act not to be prohibited immigrants for the purposes of this Act;
	(h)	the dependants of any person under the foregoing paragraphs of this subsection;
	(i)	the dependants of any person who is not a prohibited immigrant.
Immigration officers.		ommissioner of Police shall be the Chief for the purposes of this Act.

(2) A Deputy Chief Immigration Officer may be appointed and such officer shall have and may exercise all the powers, functions and duties of the Chief Immigration Officer under this Act.

(3) Immigration officers may be appointed for the purposes of this Act or for any specified part thereof.

(4) The Chief Immigration Officer may, by writing under his hand, authorise any member of the police force, subject to such directions as he may give to him from time to time, to exercise and perform in a specified part of Guyana, and any such authorised person shall have and may exercise and perform subject to such directions, all the powers, functions and duties of an immigration officer; and the Chief Immigration Officer may at any time, by writing under his hand, cancel any such authorisation.

(5) Every appointment or authorisation under this section shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(6) For the purpose of performing his duties under this Act, every immigration officer shall have, and may exercise and perform, all the powers, functions and duties of a member of the police force.

Person entering Guyana to have a passport. [2 of 1969] **5.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every person entering Guyana without a passport shall be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant unless he explains why he has no passport and establishes to the satisfaction of the immigration officer his identity and national status.

(2) Subject to any order made under subsection (3), the expression "passport" in this section means a passport duly issued to the person named therein by or on behalf of the Government of the country of which he is a subject or citizen and for the time being in force, and containing a photograph of such person, and includes a certificate of identity or a travel permit and any other document establishing to the satisfaction of the immigration officer the identity and national status of the person entering Guyana.

(3) The Minister may, by order, –

(a) direct that no passport of a subject or citizen of any foreign country, or of

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any specified foreign country, shall be accepted as such under this section unless it bears a Guyana consular visa; and

(b) declare the circumstances or conditions under which such provision shall not apply.

(4) The President may, by order published in the *Gazette*, exempt from the provisions of this section any person or any class of persons entering Guyana, and such exemption may be general or subject to such conditions, restrictions, limitations or exceptions as are specified in the order.

6. (1) The Minister may, by directions in writing, Restrictions on the right to impose restrictions on the right of leave Guyana. [2 of 1969 any person to leave Guyana if he is (a) 14 of 1997 satisfied that it is necessary so to do in 15 of 1998] the interests of defence, public safety or public order or for the purpose of the subversion preventing of democratic institutions in Guyana; (b) persons generally or any class of persons to leave Guyana if he is satisfied that it is necessary so to do in

persons to leave Guyana if he is satisfied that it is necessary so to do in the interests of defence, public safety, public order, public morality or public health or for the purpose of preventing the subversion of democratic institutions in Guyana.

(2) Where any person is the subject of directions given by the Minister under subsection (l)(a), notice thereof in writing (together with a concise statement of the grounds for the imposition of the restrictions, so, however, that no defect

of any kind in such statement shall invalidate the directions) shall be served on him by an immigration officer as soon as practicable after the directions have been given and his case shall be reviewed by the tribunal established by section 13 of the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, and the said section 13 shall apply mutatis mutandis in relation to the review of the case of any such person as it applies to the review of the case of a person who is the subject of an order made under section 12 of that Act.

(3) Notice of any directions given by the Minister under subsection (l)(b) shall be published in the *Gazette* and in one newspaper circulating in Guyana.

(4) Any person with respect to whom directions have been given pursuant to subsection (l)(a), or any member of a class of persons with respect to whom directions have been given pursuant to paragraph (b) of the said subsection—

- (a) shall forthwith upon notice thereof being served on him, or upon publication thereof, as the case may Chief be. surrender to the Immigration Officer or any other officer valid immigration any passport issued to him by or on behalf of the Government of Guyana and the Chief Immigration Officer shall retain such passport so long as those directions continue in force; and if that person does not possess such a passport any application made by him for the purpose of procuring the issue to him of such a passport shall not be entertained so long as those directions continue in force;
- (b) may, so long as those directions

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continue in force, be prevented by any immigration officer, member of the Police Force, or officer or soldier of the Guyana Defence Force, from Guyana by leaving any means whatever for any place outside Guyana and the immigration officer, member of the Police Force, or officer or soldier of the Guyana Defence Force may, for that purpose, take any necessary measures, including the use with any assistance of such force as is reasonably justifiable the in circumstances.

(5) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section or any directions given thereunder shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars nor more than fifty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for two years.

(6) In this section, the expression "passport" includes a certificate of identity or a travel permit and any other document establishing the identity and national status of the person in respect of whom it has been issued.

7. (1) No person shall enter Guyana by sea or by air except at a port of entry under this Act.

(2) Where a person enters Guyana by crossing a land frontier of Guyana he shall forthwith present himself to the nearest immigration officer.

(3) No person arriving in Guyana by sea or air shall disembark without the consent of an immigration officer.

Entry of persons into Guyana.

(4) The master of the vessel in which a person arrives in Guyana by sea or air shall not allow any such person to disembark from the vessel without the consent of an immigration officer.

(5) Any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions of subsection (l), (2) or (3) shall be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant.

8. (1) The master of a vessel arriving from any place List of outside Guyana or departing from Guyana shallanswer truthfully to the best of his (a)

- ability all proper questions relating to the passengers and members of the crew, in so far as is necessary for the purposes of this Act, put to him by an immigration officer; and
- (b) if required so to do, furnish the immigration officer with a list in duplicate, in the form from time to time approved by the Chief Immigration Officer, containing the the passengers names of and members of the crew arriving or departing as the case may be, and such other information as may be prescribed.

(2) Every passenger and member of the crew in a vessel arriving from any place outside Guyana or departing from Guyana shall supply the information necessary for the preparation of the list under subsection (1).

(3) Every immigration officer shall have the power to board and search any vessel at any time and at all places in Guyana.

passengers and members of the crew and matters in connection therewith. [48 of 1952]

Duty of master to provide advance passenger information. [7 of 2007] **8A**. (1) The Master of a vessel expecting to arrive at a destination in Guyana or is leaving or is expected to leave Guyana shall, before the arrival or the departure, as the case may be, of the vessel from the last port of call, provide to the competent authority at the intended port of arrival in or departure from Guyana the information as is set out in Schedule II in respect of the vessel and each person on board the vessel in the form and manner as may be approved by the Chief Immigration Officer.

(2) The information required to be provided by the master of a vessel shall be provided –

- (a) in the case of a commercial aircraft, not later than fifteen minutes after departure from the last port of call;
- (b) in the case of a private aircraft, not later than thirty minutes prior to the departure from the last port of call;
- (c) in the case of a ship arriving from outside the domestic space not later than twenty- four hours prior to the arrival in Guyana;
- (d) in the case of a ship arriving from a destination within the domestic space, not later than one hour prior to the arrival of the vessel from the last port of call.

(3) Where a master intentionally or recklessly –

 (a) fails to transmit the information required to be provided under this section; or Immigration

(b) transmits incomplete or false information,

the master commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty million dollars.

(4) The Minister may by order and for reasons to be recorded in writing waive the requirements of subsection(1) in such circumstances and on such conditions as he may specify.

(5) For the removal of doubt it is clarified that -

- (a) the provisions of this section do not apply to the arrival or departure from Guyana to a domestic space; or
- (b) the requirement of furnishing of information under this section is in addition to and not in derogation of compliance with the requirements under section 8 (1).

 Duty of person
 9. (1) Every person who enters Guyana by sea, air or

 entering
 land shall—

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- (a) answer truthfully to the best of his ability all proper questions, in so far as is necessary for the purposes of this Act, put to him by an immigration officer; and
- (b) if required by an immigration officer so to do,
 - (i) make and sign the prescribed declaration; and
 - (ii) submit to be examined by a

Government Medical Officer.

(2) Any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant.

10. (l) No person shall depart from Guyana by sea or by air except at a port of entry under this Act.

(2) The master of a vessel departing from Guyana shall not allow any person to embark thereon without the consent of an immigration officer.

(3) Where a person desires to depart from Guyana by crossing a land frontier he shall, before departing, present himself to the nearest immigration officer.

(4) Every person departing from Guyana shall –

- (a) answer truthfully to the best of his ability all proper questions, in so far as is necessary for the purposes of this Act, put to him by an immigration officer; and
- (b) make and sign the prescribed declaration.

(5) In the performance of his duties under this section, an immigration officer shall have the power to board and search any vessel at any time and place in Guyana and to detain any person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions of this section.

(6) Every person who –

(a) contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section;

Departure of persons from Guyana. [2 of 1969 14 of 1997]

or

- (b) knowingly and wilfully gives an untrue answer to any of the questions referred to in subsection (4)(a); or
- (c) knowingly and wilfully makes any false statement in the declaration referred to in subsection (4)(b),

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for twelve months.

that **11.** (1) Where an immigration officer decides that an immigrant is not a prohibited immigrant he may, and shall if required so to do, issue to the immigrant a certificate to that effect.

(2) The certificate shall be in such form as may from time to time be approved by the Chief Immigration Officer modified, if necessary, to suit the circumstances of any particular case.

(3) The certificate shall contain such particulars and marks, together with any finger-prints, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of identification.

(4) The certificate may be endorsed on the passport or other document establishing the identity and national status of the person to whom the certificate relates.

Permit to remain in Guyana for a temporary purpose. [9 of 1992 7 of 2006 7 of 2007 **12.** (1) An immigration officer, without deciding whether or not an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant, may, at the request of the immigrant, who is –

(a) not a national of a country mentioned in Part B of Schedule 1 grant him a

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Certificate that immigrant not a prohibited immigrant.

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28 of 2007]			permit to enter and remain in Guyana for such period not exceeding three months;
	(b))	a national of a country mentioned in Part B of Schedule 1 grant him a permit to enter and remain in Guyana for six months,
	Ũ		n officer is satisfied that the immigrant's is made in good faith.
		nde	nmigration officer shall specify in the r subsection (1) that the immigrant is
	(a	ı)	as a passenger in transit; or
	(b))	for medical treatment; or
	(c	2)	as a visitor; or

- (d) for purposes of employment; or
- (e) for purposes of trade or business; or
- (f) for any other purpose of a temporary nature.

(2) The immigration officer may, before granting a permit under this section, require the immigrant requesting the same to furnish the prescribed security.

(3) Where a permit under this section has been granted by an immigration officer, the Chief Immigration Officer may from time to time extend the period specified in the permit up to a maximum of three years from the date of entry into Guyana of the immigrant to whom the permit relates.

(4) The Chief Immigration Officer may, before extending the period specified in a permit under this section, require the immigrant requesting the extension to furnish, if not already furnished, the prescribed security.

(5) The Chief Immigration Officer, in extending the period specified in a permit under this section, may grant the extension subject to such conditions as to place of residence, occupation or any other matter or thing, as he may consider to be expedient.

(6) Whenever an immigrant desires to remain in Guyana after the expiration of the period for which a permit has been granted to or extended for him under this section, he shall before such expiration present himself in person to the Chief Immigration Officer and shall be dealt with, subject to subsection (3), as if he were an immigrant then entering Guyana.

(7) The President may, by order published in the *Gazette*, exempt from any of the provisions of this section any person or any class of persons, mentioned in Part A of Schedule I. Schedule I who are nationals of the countries mentioned in Part B of the Schedule I, entering Guyana, where such person or class of persons is seeking to enter and remain in Guyana for a definite or indefinite period for the purpose of seeking employment or otherwise in connection with his work or with sports, or of settling, and such exemption may be general or subject to such conditions, restrictions, limitations or exceptions as are specified in the order.

> (7A) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (7) and subject to such requirements as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister under section 37, an immigration officer shall allow to enter and remain in Guyana for a period of definite or indefinite duration without the

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	need for a permit	of th	e immigration officer –
c. 18:08		(a)	a national of a Caribbean Community State who is seeking to exercise in Guyana any of the rights or privileges conferred on him by the Caribbean Community (Free Entry of Skilled Nationals) Act;
c.18:08		(b)	the spouse and dependant members of the family of the national to whom paragraph (a) applies for the duration of the permission given the national under the Caribbean Community (Free Entry of Skilled Nationals) Act;
c.18:10		(c)	a national of a Caribbean Community State who is seeking to exercise in Guyana any of the rights or privileges conferred on him by the Caribbean Community (Movement of Factors) Act;
c.18:10		(d)	subject to the provisions of the Caribbean Community (Movement of Factors) Act –
			(i) the spouse and immediate dependant family members of the national establishing an economic enterprise and to whom paragraph (c) applies and;
			(ii) the managerial, technical and supervisory staff of an economic enterprise of the national.

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(8) The President may by order amend Schedule I.

13. If an immigrant to whom a permit has been granted under section 12 fails to leave Guyana on or before the expiration of the period for which the permit has been granted, he shall, unless such period has been extended as provided in subsection (3) of that section, be deemed to be a prohibited immigrant.

14. An immigration officer may, for the purpose of making further inquiry and for such period as may be necessary therefor, postpone deciding whether an immigrant is or is not a prohibited immigrant and in any such case may, on such conditions as he may deem expedient, grant a permit to the immigrant to remain in Guyana:

Provided that -

- (a) the grant of such a permit shall not prejudice in any way the making of the decision as to whether the immigrant is or is not a prohibited immigrant, or the taking of any action under this Act as a consequence of such decision; and
- (b) no such action shall be taken while such permit is still in force.

Prohibited	15.	Except as	otherwise provided by this Act, no
immigrant not	person-		
to enter or	1	(a)	who is a prohibited immigrant; or
remain in		()	1 8 7
Guyana.		(b)	who being deemed under this Act to
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		(b)	who being deemed under this Act to be a prohibited immigrant, is dealt

Immigrant to be deemed prohibited immigrant if he fails to leave Guyana on or before the expiration of permit granted under section 12.

Postponement of decision by immigration officer.

with as such,

shall enter or remain in Guyana.

16. (l) An immigration officer who decides that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant may in his discretion-

- (a) order him to leave Guyana and proceed immediately by the same other vessel (or means of transportation) by which he arrived;
- (b) order him to leave Guyana within a specified period to be determined by the immigration officer; or
- (c) cause him to be arrested and brought before a magistrate's court, with a view to an order being made for his removal from Guyana.

(2) The specified period in an order made under subsection (l)(b) may from time to time be extended by an immigration officer, and such extension may be granted after the expiration of the specified period.

(3) Where the immigrant to whom an order made under subsection (l)(b) relates, gives notice of appeal under section 27 he shall not, without his consent in writing, be removed from Guyana before the hearing and determination of the appeal.

17. (1) Subject to this Act, the President or an immigration officer may grant a permit, subject to such immigrants. conditions as may be deemed expedient, to a prohibited immigrant to enter and remain in Guyana:

Provided that an immigration officer shall, in granting

Powers of immigration officer in relation to prohibited immigrants. [8 of 1956]

Permits to prohibited such permit, act subject to and in accordance with the general or special directions of the President.

(2) The expression "conditions" in subsection (1) means conditions as to duration, place of residence, occupation, or furnishing of security, and includes conditions as to any other matter or thing whether similar or not to the matters or things in this subsection specified.

18. Where security is required to be furnished in respect of an immigrant, an immigration officer may grant, on such conditions as he may deem expedient, a permit to the immigrant to enter and remain in Guyana pending the furnishing of the security.

Finger-prints. **19.** Where an immigration officer decides that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant or grants or issues a permit or a certificate under this Act to an immigrant, the immigrant shall, if required by an immigration officer so to do, submit to his finger-prints being taken by the immigration officer or by any person on the direction of such officer.

Detention in **20.** (1) An immigration officer may cause any immigrant (not being an immigrant as to whom an immigration officer has decided that he is not a prohibited immigrant), unless a permit has been granted to him under this Act, to be arrested and brought before a magistrate, and the magistrate shall, if satisfied that this section applies to the immigrant, order that he be detained in custody under this Act, and if not so satisfied he shall order his release.

(2) Where a person is detained in custody under this section he shall be released from such custody on a permit being granted to him to remain in Guyana.

General **21.** (1) Every permit granted under this Act shall be in provisions as to the form from time to time approved by the Chief permits.

Permit to immigrant to remain in Guyana pending the furnishing of security. Immigration Officer, modified if necessary in accordance with the facts of any particular case.

(2) The Chief Immigration Officer may direct that any permit, or any permit of a particular class, granted under this Act may be endorsed on the passport or other document establishing the identity and national status of the immigrant or in such other manner as the Chief Immigration Officer may think fit.

(3) Every permit granted under this Act shall contain such particulars and marks, together with any fingerprints, as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of identification.

(4) A permit granted under this Act may be revoked—

- (a) where there is a contravention or failure to comply with the conditions of the permit; or
- (b) at any time, by the President or by an immigration officer acting on the direction of the President.

(5) Where a permit is revoked, the immigrant to whom the permit related may be arrested and brought before a magistrate's court to be dealt with under section 20:

Provided that the court may, if the permit was revoked under subsection (4)(a) and the court is not satisfied that there was a contravention or failure to comply with the conditions of the permit, cancel the revocation of the permit and order the immigrant to be released.

Conditions and **22.** (1) Every person to whom a permit or certificate under this Act has been granted shall at all times, if required

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so to do, produce the permit or certificate to any immigration officer or member of the police force.

(2) No person to whom a permit or certificate under this Act has been granted shall lend, transfer, assign, or part with the possession of, such permit or certificate to any other person.

(3) Where a person has in his possession a permit or certificate appearing to have been granted under this Act, he shall answer all questions put to him by an immigration officer or a member of the police force for the purpose of establishing his identity with the person named in the permit or certificate, as the case may be, and shall, if required by an immigration officer or member of the police force so to do, submit to his finger-prints being taken for that purpose.

23. Where an immigration officer decides that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant, he shall give to the immigrant, in the prescribed form, notice of his decision and of the grounds thereof and at the same time inform him that he may, if he think fit, appeal to a magistrate's court; and where such notice is given within seven days of the arrival of the immigrant in Guyana the immigration officer shall serve or cause to be served, a copy of such notice on the master or agent or owner (if the identity and address of such person are known to the immigration officer and such person is in Guyana) of the vessel by which the immigrant arrived.

Power of Chief Immigration Officer to annul or vary certain decisions of immigration officer.

24. (1) Where an immigration officer decides that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant, the Chief Immigration Officer may, if he thinks fit, whether or not the immigrant has given notice of appeal under section 23, annul that decision and either substitute therefor the decision that the immigrant is not a prohibited immigrant or remit the matter to the immigration officer for further consideration.

(2) An immigrant may appeal to the Chief

Notice and grounds of decision that immigrant is a prohibited immigrant. Immigration Officer from any decision of an immigration officer refusing or revoking a permit, or imposing conditions in a permit, under this Act, and the decision of the Chief Immigration Officer shall be final.

Where immigrant not discovered to be prohibited immigrant until after he enters Guyana. **25.** Subject to section 28, where a person enters Guyana without a permit under this Act and at the time he so enters is a prohibited immigrant, he shall not be exempt from the provisions of this Act or be deemed to have acquired a right to remain in Guyana or a domicile therein, by reason only—

- (a) that he had not been informed that he could not enter or remain in Guyana; or
- (b) that he had been allowed to enter or remain in Guyana—
 - through the oversight of, or any misrepresentation made to, an immigration officer; or
 - (ii) owing to the decision of an immigration officer that he is not a prohibited immigrant, where such decision was given by mistake or in ignorance of material facts; or
 - (iii) owing to the fact having been undiscovered that he was a prohibited immigrant.

Immigration26. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, anofficer to cause
prohibited
immigrants
entering or
found in
Guyana to be
removed26. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, animmigration officer shall cause to be removed from Guyana
every prohibited immigrant, and every person deemed to be a
prohibited immigrant and dealt with as such—(a)who enters Guyana; or

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therefrom.

(b) who having entered Guyana after the commencement of this Act is thereafter found within Guyana.

27. (1) Where notice under section 23 is given to an immigrant, the immigrant may appeal –

- (a) to the nearest magistrate's court, from the decision specified in the notice, by giving notice of appeal in the prescribed form to the immigration officer within seven days after the date on which the notice under section 23 was given to the immigrant; and
- (b) to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers, from the decision of the magistrate's court, by giving notice of appeal in the prescribed form to the immigration officer and to the clerk of the said magistrate's court within seven days (or within such extended period as may be allowed on an application made to a Judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers) after the date of the decision of the magistrate's court.

(2) Where a notice of appeal is given under subsection (l)(b) to the clerk of the magistrate's court, the clerk shall forthwith transmit to the Registrar of the Supreme Court four copies of the notice of appeal, the notes of proceedings in the magistrate's court, the documentary exhibits, the decision of the magistrate and his reasons therefor (if available).

Appeal from decision of immigration officer under section 23. [2 of 1969] (3) No fee shall be charged for the hearing of any appeal under this section, or for the filing of any documents in relation thereto.

(4) Where an immigrant gives notice of appeal under subsection (l)(b), an immigration officer may apply to a magistrate of the magisterial district in which the magistrate's court is situate, or to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers, for an order requiring the immigrant to furnish the prescribed security within a time to be fixed by the magistrate or judge as the case may be; and the magistrate or Judge shall, if the circumstances so warrant, make an order accordingly.

(5) If an immigrant fails to furnish the required security within the time fixed by an order made under subsection (4), the notice of appeal under subsection (1)(b) shall cease to have effect and the appeal to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

(6) On the hearing of an appeal under this section—

- (a) an order made under section 3(3)(a) shall be conclusive evidence that an immigrant who is one of the members of the class of persons declared by the order to be prohibited immigrants, is a prohibited immigrant;
- (b) an order made under section 3(3)(b) or (c) shall be conclusive evidence that the person declared by the order to be a prohibited immigrant, is a prohibited immigrant.

(7) On the hearing of an appeal under this section oral evidence may be adduced before the magistrate's court,

and a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers shall have power to take oral evidence.

(8) No order for the removal from Guyana as a prohibited immigrant of the person to whom a notice of appeal under subsection (l)(a) or (b) relates shall be issued before the hearing and determination of the appeal, and where such order is issued it shall not be enforced before such hearing and determination.

Orders for removal of prohibited immigrants from Guyana. [2 of 1969] **28.** (1) If any immigrant is a prohibited immigrant, then, subject to the provisions of this Act and the terms of any permit granted thereunder, any magistrate may, on the application of an immigration officer or of any person deputed in writing by the Chief Immigration Officer for the purpose of making such application, order the immigrant to be removed from Guyana and in the meantime to be detained in custody.

(2) Where an order is made under this section for the removal of an immigrant from Guyana, he shall be removed therefrom at such time and in such manner as the Chief Immigration Officer may direct, and in giving such directions the Chief Immigration officer shall have regard to the place from which the immigrant came when he entered Guyana, the country of which he is a subject or citizen, the place therein to which he is alleged to belong, the country which is willing to receive him, and the wishes and the means of the immigrant.

(3) Where an order is made under this section for the removal of an immigrant from Guyana and the immigrant is at the time of the making of the order serving a sentence of imprisonment, the Minister may give directions as to whether the whole or what part of the sentence is to be served before such removal and in default of such directions the immigrant shall be removed after completion of his sentence.

(4) Where an order is made under this section for the removal of an immigrant from Guyana, the immigrant may be placed on board a suitable vessel by any immigration officer or member of the police force and may be lawfully detained in custody on board such vessel so long as the vessel is within the territorial waters of Guyana.

(5) In this section the expression "immigrant" includes the dependants of the immigrant.

Warrant to	29. The master	r of a vessel may, on information in
convey deserting seaman, or	0 ,	n oath before any magistrate, apply for convey back on board the vessel-
stowaway or prohibited immigrant who lands in	(a)	any seaman who has deserted the vessel; or
Guyana back on board vessel.	(b)	any stowaway or prohibited immigrant who has landed from the vessel,

and the magistrate may, unless there are special reasons for not so doing, issue a warrant accordingly.

30. Any order or direction made or given by the President or by the Minister under this Act may be varied or revoked by him.

Variation and revocation of orders made by the President or the Minister. [2 of 1969]

Detention in custody and places of detention.

31. (l) Where a person is detained in custody under this Act, he may be so detained in a prison or in any place from time to time appointed by the Minister for the purpose of such detention in custody:

Provided that where any such person is detained in a prison he shall be treated in the same manner as if he were a person awaiting trial.

(2) Any person in charge of a prison, and any member of the police force, may, on the written order of an immigration officer, accept custody of any person, and detain such person in custody under this Act.

(3) No person shall be so detained in custody for any longer period than is necessary for the purpose of any inquiry under this Act, or for the completion by the immigration officer of arrangements for the removal of such person (being a prohibited immigrant) from Guyana at the first reasonable opportunity.

(4) The production to any person in charge of a prison or of a place of detention under this Act of an order of removal shall be sufficient authority to such person in charge to deliver the person named therein to the escort appointed to bring such person from the prison or place of detention for the purpose of his removal from Guyana in terms of such order.

Expenses of removal from Guyana of an immigrant. **32.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the expenses of the removal from Guyana of a prohibited immigrant, in so far as they are not defrayed by the immigrant, shall be payable out of moneys provided by Parliament.

(2) The expenses of the passage from Guyana of a prohibited immigrant removed therefrom under this Act shall be borne by the vessel in which the immigrant arrived in Guyana or by the owner or agent thereof -

- (a) where the immigrant is so removed in consequence of an order made under section 16(1)(a);
- (b) where the immigrant is so removed in consequence of an order made under section 16(1)(b):

Provided that this provision shall not apply where the specified period in the order as originally made or extended exceeds sixty days;

(c) where the immigrant is so removed in consequence of proceedings taken under section 16(1)(c):

Provided that this provision shall not apply where the immigrant was not brought before a magistrate's court within fourteen days after his arrival in Guyana.

(3) The liability of the vessel or of the owner or agent thereof under subsection (2) shall not be affected by reason only of the fact that the immigrant has appealed under section 27 against the decision of the immigration officer that he is a prohibited immigrant.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the liability (if any) of the immigrant to pay the expenses of his passage from Guyana, to the master, owner or agent of the vessel in which he arrived in Guyana.

(5) In this section the expression "immigrant" includes the dependants of the immigrant.

Recovery of **33.** (1) Where a magistrate is satisfied, by information in writing made on oath—

- (a) that expenses have been or will be incurred by or on behalf of the Government in connection with the maintenance, medical treatment, or removal from Guyana, of an immigrant or of his dependants, and
- (b) as to the amount or the estimated

amount of such expenses -

the following provisions shall apply-

- (i) the magistrate may issue a warrant for the levy of the amount as aforesaid by distress and sale of any movable property of the immigrant; and
- (ii) for the purposes of the recovery of the amount as aforesaid, the magistrate may order forfeiture of any moneys in the possession of the immigrant.

(2) A warrant issued under subsection (1) may be executed in the same manner as a warrant of distress issued under the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act for the levy of a sum of money adjudged to be paid by an order.

(3) The partial recovery of expenses under subsection (1) (i) or (ii) shall not prejudice the liability of any surety for the balance, nor shall the issue or execution of a warrant or the forfeiture of moneys under this section be a condition precedent to the liability of any surety or to the enforcement of such liability.

34. (1) Any person who --

- (a) enters Guyana by sea or by air, except at a port of entry under this Act; or
- (b) having entered Guyana by crossing a land frontier of Guyana, does not forthwith present himself in person to the nearest immigration officer; or
- (c) having arrived in Guyana, by sea or

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air, disembarks without the consent of an immigration officer; or

(d) being the master of a vessel arriving in Guyana by sea or air, allows any person who arrives in such vessel to disembark therefrom without the consent of an immigration officer; or

- (e) being the master of a vessel arriving from any place outside Guyana or departing from Guyana –
 - (i) refuses to answer any of the questions referred to in section 8(1)(a); or
 - (ii) knowingly and wilfully gives an untrue answer to any such question; or
 - (iii) refuses to furnish the immigration officer with the list referred to in section 8(1)(b); or
- (f) being a passenger intending to enter or entering Guyana, or a member of the crew of a vessel arriving from any place outside Guyana or departing from Guyana –
 - (i) knowingly and wilfully supplies any false information for the preparation of the list referred to in section 8(1)(b); or
 - (ii) knowingly and wilfully gives an untrue answer to any of the questions referred to in section 9(1)(a); or
 - (iii) knowingly and wilfully makes any false statement in the

declaration referred to in section 9(1)(b)(i); or

- (g) not being a person as to whom an immigration officer has decided that he is not a prohibited immigrant, disembarks in Guyana or otherwise enters Guyana without previously obtaining a permit under this Act; or
- (h) aids, assists or procures a prohibited immigrant who has not obtained a permit under this Act to enter Guyana, knowing him to be such, to disembark in Guyana or otherwise to enter Guyana; or
- (i) assaults, resists, obstructs, or hinders any immigration officer or member of the police force in the execution of his duty under this Act; or
- (j) without lawful excuse knowingly harbours or conceals—
 - (i) any other person who is within Guyana in contravention of this Act; or
 - (ii) any other person who having entered Guyana under the authority of a permit issued under this Act has contravened, or failed to comply with, any condition subject to which the permit is granted; or
- (k) contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the provisions of sections 19 or

22; or

(1) contravenes, or fails to comply with, any of the conditions subject to which any permit has been granted under this Act,

shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than thirty thousand dollars nor more than sixty thousand dollars and to imprisonment for twelve months.

(2) A complaint for an offence under subsection (l)(a), (b), (c) or (d) may be made at any time.

(3) Any person who for the purpose of entering Guyana or of remaining therein or of assisting any other person to enter Guyana or to remain therein, in contravention of the provisions of this Act—

- (a) fabricates or falsifies any passport, permit, certificate, or other document; or
- (b) uses, utters, or attempts to use or utter-
 - (i) any passport, permit, certificate, or other document which has not been issued by lawful authority or which he is not entitled to use or utter; or
 - (ii) any fabricated or falsified passport, permit, certificate, or other document, knowing the same to have been fabricated or falsified,

shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for

twelve months.

	his knowledge untrue	son who makes a statement which is to for the purpose of procuring a re-entry 6 shall be liable on summary conviction velve months.
Evidence and burden of	35. In any proce	eedings under this Act—
proof.	(a)	the burden of proof that the person charged belongs to Guyana or that he is not likely to become a charge on public funds shall be upon that person;
	(b)	any document purporting to be a removal order made under this Act shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to be such an order;
	(c)	any order or direction made or given under this Act shall be deemed, until the contrary is proved, to have been validly made or given and to have been made or given on the date on which it purports to have been made or given.
Re-entry permits.	section 2(3) to belong Guyana with the inte Immigration Officer, o	any person, who is deemed under to Guyana, proposes to depart from ention of returning thereto, the Chief or an immigration officer, shall have, made under this Act, power to issue a

(2) Every re-entry permit issued under this section shall be valid for a period of two years from the date thereof.

re-entry permit to such person.

(3) Where the person to whom a re-entry permit relates returns to Guyana at any time within two years from the date of the permit and produces the same to an immigration officer, the immigration officer shall accept the re-entry permit as conclusive evidence that such person belongs to Guyana for the purposes of this Act.

(4) A re-entry permit issued under this section may be endorsed on the passport, as defined in section 5(2) of the person to whom the re-entry permit relates.

Power to make
regulations.
[2 of 1969]**37.** Subject to negative resolution of the National
Assembly, the Minister may make regulations —

- (a) prescribing the diseases which are communicable diseases for the purpose of section 3(1)(b);
- (b) declaring the persons, or the classes of persons, who shall not, under section 3(5)(g) be prohibited immigrants;
- (c) prescribing the powers, functions and duties of immigration officers;
- (d) declaring ports of entry for the purposes of section 7;
- (e) prescribing the steps to be taken to prevent prohibited immigrants from entering Guyana;
- (f) prescribing the time, place and manner of the inquiry and examination under section 9 in relation to persons entering Guyana;
- (g) prescribing the conditions subject to

which permits may be issued under section 12(1), and section 14, and section 18, and the fees to be charged for any permit granted under this Act;

- (h) prescribing the amount and the nature of the security to be furnished under this Act;
- (i) prescribing the manner in which an order made under section 16(1)(a) or(b) may be carried into effect;
- (i) prescribing the time, place and manner of the inquiry and examination of persons who having Guyana after the entered commencement of this Act are found in Guyana and are suspected to be prohibited immigrants within the meaning of this Act;
- (k) prescribing the practice and procedure in an appeal under section 27, and in any application or other proceeding connected therewith or incidental thereto;
- (l) prescribing the means to be taken, including the taking of photographs and finger-prints, for the identification of any person believed to be a prohibited immigrant;
- (m) prescribing the procedure for the carrying into effect of an order made under section 28 for the removal from Guyana of a prohibited immigrant,

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and for his detention in custody pending such removal;

- (n) for the management, control and discipline of any place appointed by the Minister under section 31 for the detention of persons in custody, for the diet of persons detained in any such place, and for the punishment of persons detained therein where they commit any offence against such regulations;
- (o) prescribing the procedure on the making of an application under section 36 for the issue of a re-entry permit, the evidence to be required in relation thereto, and the fee to be charged on application for and on issue of the same;
- (p) prescribing the forms of, and the particulars be inserted to in, applications, declarations, notices given by immigration officers, notices of appeal, orders made by immigration officers. or other documents made, kept, issued or used under or for the purposes of this Act;
- (q) generally for the carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Act.

38. Anything to the contrary contained in this Act notwithstanding, the President may in his absolute discretion prohibit the entry of any alien into Guyana.

Power to prohibit the entry of aliens into Guyana.

Saving as to **39.** Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the operation of the Expulsion of Undesirables Act.

SCHEDULE I

PART A

(a) graduates of the University of the West Indies;

(b) graduates of the University of Guyana;

(bb) graduates of the University of Suriname;

(c) other skilled and professional personnel;

(d) contract workers on a seasonal basis;

(e) persons engaged in the visual and performing arts;

(f) persons engaged in sports;

(g) persons engaged in the media.

PART B

- 1. Antigua and Barbuda
- 2. The Bahamas
- 3. Barbados
- 4. Belize
- 5. Dominica
- 6. Grenada
- 7. Jamaica
- 8. Montserrat

9. Saint Christopher and Nevis

10. Saint Lucia

11. St. Vincent and the Grenadines

11A. Suriname

12. Trinidad and Tobago

Free entry of graduates.

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A person mentioned in Part A who is a national of a country mentioned in Part B shall be permitted by an immigration officer to enter and remain in Guyana either for a definite or an indefinite period subject to the following conditions–

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		(b)	he must produce evidence satisfactory to the immigration officer that he is a national of a country mentioned in Part B;
		(c)	he must inform the immigration officer of his intention to seek employment or to settle in Guyana.
			SCHEDULE II
		ADVA	NCE PASSENGER INFORMATION

PART I. Information relating to the flight or voyage.

1. Flight identification or vessel identification

[IATA Airline code and flight number of the aircraft or vessel name and voyage number, as the case may be.]

2. Particulars of vessel:

(i) registration number;(ii) country of registration;(iii) name of local agent or where no local agent is there, the name of owner.

3. Scheduled date of departure of vessel or aircraft. [Based on the local time of the port of departure.]

4. Scheduled time of departure [Based on the local time of the port of departure.]

5. Scheduled date of arrival in Guyana [Date of scheduled arrival of the vessel or aircraft at a port in Guyana based on local time of the port of arrival.]

6. Scheduled time of arrival in Guyana. [As per local time of location in Guyana.]

7. Last place or port of call of the vessel/ aircraft.

8. Place or port in the county of destination where the vessel or aircraft arrives from the last place or port of departure.

9. Subsequent place or port within the country.

10. Total number of passengers on board the aircraft / vessel.

11. Number of crew members including the master.

PART II. Information relating to individual passengers .

A. Core data elements of the official travel document:

- (i) Official travel document number.
- (ii) Issuing country or organisation of the official travel Document.
- (iii) Official travel document type.
- (iv) Date of expiry of the travel document.
- (v) Surname/ given name(s) of the passenger.

[Family name and given name(s) of the holder as it appears in the official travel document.]

- (vi) Nationality.
- (vii) Date of birth [in Christian era].
- (viii) Gender.

B. Additional data (if applicable):

(i) Guyanese/ CARICOM Visa Number

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- (ii) Date of issue of visa
- (iii) Place of issue of visa
- (iv) Other document number used for travel[other document number used for travel is required when the official travel document is not required.]
- (v) Type of other document used for travel.
- (vi) Place of birth and country of birth.
- (vii) Status of traveller

(Passenger / crew/ passenger in transit)

- (viii) Place or port of original embarkation
- (ix) Place or port of clearance
- (x) Place or port of onward foreign destination.

SCHEDULE III DOMESTIC SPACE COUNTRIES

- 1. Antigua and Barbuda
- 2. Barbados
- 3. Dominica
- 4. Grenada
- 5. Guyana
- 6. Jamaica
- 7. St. Kitts and Nevis
- 8. Saint Lucia
- 9. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- 10. Trinidad and Tobago.

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IMMIGRATION (PASSPORTS) ORDER

made under section 5

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	ORDER	
	1. Citation.	
	2. Visa required	except in cases specified.
	3. Exemption.	
	4. Other exemp	tions.
Citation.	1. This order (Passports) Order.	r may be cited as the Immigration
Visa required except in cases specified.	passport of a subject not be accepted as su	otherwise provided in this order, the or citizen of any foreign country shall ch under section 5 of the Act, unless it sular visa valid for Guyana.
Exemptions	3. Clause 2 sha	ıll not apply –
Schedule.	(a)	where the passport is issued by any of the countries specified in the Schedule;
	(b)	where the passport is issued by a Commonwealth country, other than a country specified in the Schedule, and the law of that country is such as to ensure entry of Guyanese subjects or

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			passports without the need for visa from that country;
		(c)	where a passport is exempted by the Minister from the requirements of this order; or
		(d)	where the passport falls within the provisions of a Visa Abolition Agreement for the same time being in force.
Other exempt	ions.	4. (1) Clause 2	shall not apply to –
		(a)	diplomatic or service passports issued by the Government of Venezuela to a subject or citizen of Venezuela who is a member of the Embassy, or a member of the Consular post, of Venezuela in Guyana;
		(b)	diplomatic or service passports issued by the Government of Venezuela to a subject or citizen of Venezuela, not being member of the Embassy or of the consular post of Venezuela in Guyana, who is travelling through Guyana for official purposes on behalf of the Government of Venezuela:
			Provided that such subject or citizen seeking to enter Guyana proposes to remain therein only for a period not exceeding one month from the date of his entry into Guyana and after entering Guyana remains therein only for a period not exceeding the

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aforesaid period of one month of such further period as the Government of Guyana may allow at the request of the Embassy of Venezuela in Guyana.

(2) In paragraph (1), the expression "member of the consular post" has the meaning as in the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organisations) Act.

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COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES

Antigua and Barbuda The Bahamas Barbados Belize Dominica Grenada Iamaica Montserrat Saint Christopher and Nevis Saint Lucia St. Vincent and Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago United Kingdom Canada Australia New Zealand

OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES

United States of AmericaPortugalBelgiumSpainFranceDenmark

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Germany Greece Ireland Italy Luxembourg The Netherlands Norway Sweden Finland Suriname Japan Democratic People's Republic of Korea Republic of Korea.

identification card issued under the

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made under section 5

Citation and commence- ment.	(Alternative to Passpo	may be cited as the Immigration orts) Order 1992 and shall deemed to on on 10th February, 1992.
Interpretation.	2. In this Order	-
	(a)	"Caribbean Community" means the community of states established by the Treaty signed on 4th July, 1973, at Chaguaramas;
c. 51:02	(b)	"driver's licence" means a driver's licence issued under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act or a driver's licence issued under the corresponding law of one of the countries mentioned in the Schedule.
	(c)	"identification card" means an

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Entry into Guyana of Caricom nationals without pass - ports	being a national of or Community mention	ne of the countr ed in the Sched ational, may en	of this Order a person, ies within the Caribbean lule, hereinafter referred nter Guyana without a ration officer of –						
	(a)	his driver's lie	cence; or						
	(b)	his identificat	ion card,						
	which must be valid and must clearly indicate his home address, nationality and contain his recent photograph.								
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IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

- 1. Citation.
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- 3. Immigrant to satisfy immigration officer that he is not a prohibited immigrant under section 3(1)(f) or (g).
- 4. Immigrant not a prohibited immigrant where bona fide employment in Guyana awaits him.
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- 7. Immigration officer to report to Chief Immigration Officer.
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- 12. Manner of removal of immigrant from Guyana where order made under section 16(l)(a) or (b).
- 13. Arrest and examination of suspected prohibited immigrants.
- Notice under section 23. 14.
- 15. Appeal under section 27.
- 16. Duties of person in charge of persons detained in custody under the Act.
- 17. Re-entry permit under section 36.

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Citation.	1. These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration Regulations.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, "section" means a section of the Act.

Immigrant to satisfy immigration officer that he is not a prohibited immigrant under section 3(1)(f) or (g).

Immigrant not a prohibited immigrant where *bona fide* employment in Guyana awaits him. **3.** Where an immigration officer raises the question as to whether a person is a prohibited immigrant under section 3(l) (f) or (g), the onus shall lie on such person to satisfy the immigration officer that he is of sufficient means to support himself and his dependants, or that he is not likely if he entered Guyana to become a charge on public funds, as the case may be.

4. (1) Where *bona fide* employment in Guyana is awaiting an immigrant (not being a person who is suffering from infirmity of body or mind or ill-health) he shall not be considered by an immigration officer to be a person who is, under section 3(l)(g), likely if he entered Guyana to become a charge on public funds.

(2) For the purposes of determining whether there is *bona fide* employment within the meaning of this regulation, the immigration officer may require evidence as to the nature and period of the employment, the rate of wages which the

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prospective employer proposes to pay, and the ability of such employer to carry out his undertaking to employ the immigrant.

(3) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed as affecting the powers of an immigration officer under sections 12 and 14, and where an immigration officer exercises his powers under section 12 or section 14 with respect to an immigrant entering Guyana for purposes of employment, he may, if he thinks fit, require the prospective employer in Guyana of the immigrant to furnish the prescribed security under regulation 11 to repatriate the immigrant if the employment is terminated within two years from the date on which the immigrant entered Guyana.

Dependants. **5.** Where it is alleged that a person entering Guyana is a dependant under section 3(5)(h) or (i) and as such is not a prohibited immigrant, the immigration officer may require evidence to be produced to his satisfaction that such person is a dependant as alleged.

Duty of immigration officer where he decides that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant or where an order is made for the removal of an immigrant from Guyana.

Immigration officer to report to Chief Immigration Officer. 6. Where an immigration officer decides that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant, or where an order is made under section 28 for the removal of an immigrant from Guyana, he shall forthwith transmit to the Chief Immigration Officer all documents and information in his possession relating to the said decision or order, or incidental thereto or connected therewith.

7. (1) Every immigration officer shall, within 7 days after the end of every month, furnish, in respect of the performance of his duties as such, a report to the Chief Immigration Officer.

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(2) Every immigration officer shall, whenever required by the Chief Immigration Officer so to do, furnish him with such information in respect of the performance of the duties of the immigration officer, as may be required.

8. The following are ports of entry under section 7 – Port of entry under section 7. [Reg. 6/ 1992 (a) the ports of Georgetown, 2/1996 New Amsterdam, Springlands, 6/1998] Morawhanna, and the Government Station at Lethem; (b) the Cheddi Jagan International Airport; (c) the village of Bartica; (d) the Police Station at Orinduik; (e) the Police Station at Good Hope; (f) the airstrip at Omai; (g) the wharf known as the Moleson Creek wharf situate at Moleson Creek. ^ (1) The investigation and the examination of .

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of immigrants and declaration under section 9. [[9/1975]	9. (1) The in persons under – (a)	section 9(l)(a) and section 9(l)(b)(i) shall be conducted on the vessel or at any other place convenient for the purpose as the immigration officer
		may direct;

(b) section 10(4) shall be conducted at such place convenient for the purpose

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as the immigration officer may direct.

(2) Declarations under section 9(l)(b)(i) and section 10(4) shall be in Form 1A or IB in the Schedule as the immigration officer may direct.

(3) Where an immigration officer requires an immigrant to make and sign such a declaration –

- (a) the immigration officer shall, in case of doubt, satisfy himself that the immigrant is of sufficient intelligence to understand the declaration;
- (b) the immigration officer may, in any case, put questions to the immigrant in relation to the answers given by the immigrant in the declaration and shall fill up the declaration accordingly;
- (c) the immigration officer shall, where the immigrant is unable to fill up the declaration, question the immigrant, through an interpreter if necessary, and shall himself fill up, or cause to be filled up, the declaration.

Medical **10.** (1) A Government medical officer from time to time designated by the Minister for the purpose shall, when necessary and required, be present at the examination of persons entering or seeking to enter Guyana, and shall indicate to the immigration officer any person who ought, in the opinion of such medical officer, to be medically examined.

(2) The immigration officer may require such medical officer to make a medical examination –

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	(a)	of any such per	rson; and				
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- (b) the sum of \$500 if the immigrant belongs to The British Islands or to the Republic of Ireland or to any other islands in the North Atlantic Ocean (other than the West Indies) or to a place situate in North America, Central America or South America (other than Guyana or Surinam);
- (c) the sum of \$2,000 if the immigrant belongs to a place situate in the Middle East, Far East, Australia or New Zealand;
- (d) the sum of \$1,000 if the immigrant belongs to any other place,

and where any question arises as to the place to which the immigrant belongs it shall be referred to the Minister.

(3) Where the prescribed security is furnished by way of a deposit of money, the amount of such deposit shall be refunded –

- (a) where the conditions on which the permit to which the deposit relates is granted, are duly observed, fulfilled and performed, and the person to whom the permit relates departs from Guyana before the expiration of the period for which the permit is granted; or
- (b) where the Minister so directs, and not otherwise.
- (4) The Minister, or the Chief Immigration Officer,

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may, in any particular case, exempt an immigrant from furnishing the prescribed security under this regulation.

(5) In this regulation, the expression "the West Indies" means Jamaica (including its dependencies), Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, the Cayman Islands, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the British Virgin Islands.

12. (1) Where an order is made under section 16(l)(a), the immigrant to whom the order relates shall be removed from Guyana –

- (a) by the master (on the order being produced to him) of the vessel in which the immigrant arrived in Guyana, and in that vessel; or
- (b) on the application of the owner or agent of that vessel and with the consent of an immigration officer, by such owner or agent in any other vessel.

(2) The specified period in an order made under section 16 (l)(b) requiring an immigrant to leave Guyana shall not exceed a period of 60 days from the date of the arrival of the immigrant in Guyana; and the immigrant to whom the order relates shall be removed from Guyana –

- (a) by the master of the vessel in which he arrived in Guyana, and in that vessel; or
- (b) by the master of any other vessel belonging to or chartered by the

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owner of the vessel referred to in subparagraph (a),

on the order being produced to the master and on his being requested by an immigration officer to remove the immigrant from Guyana.

Arrest and examination of suspected prohibited immigrants. **13.** (1) Where an immigration officer has reasonable ground for suspecting that any person within Guyana entered Guyana after the commencement of the Act and is a prohibited immigrant he may apply, by information in writing on oath, to a magistrate for a warrant of arrest of the immigrant and the magistrate, if satisfied that the application should, having regard to the proviso to section 28(1), be granted, shall issue a warrant of arrest accordingly.

(2) The warrant of arrest may be executed by any member of the police force, or by any member of the rural constabulary.

(3) The immigrant shall, on his arrest, be brought and taken before the immigration officer

(4) The immigration officer shall thereupon examine the immigrant in order to ascertain whether he entered Guyana after the commencement of the Act, and whether he is a prohibited immigrant, and the immigration officer may, if the circumstances so warrant, direct that the immigrant submit himself to a medical examination, and may, if necessary, cause him to be detained pending the completion of the inquiry.

(5) If on the completion of the inquiry the immigration officer decides that the immigrant entered Guyana after the commencement of the Act, and is a prohibited immigrant, the immigration officer shall make an application under section 28 for an order for the removal of

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the immigrant from Guyana unless he is satisfied that such application would not be entertained.

14. A notice under section 23 shall be in Form 2 in the Notice under Schedule.

Appeal under section 27. Form 3 Form 4

15. (1) A notice of appeal under section 27(l)(a) shall be in Form 3, and a notice of appeal under section 27(1)(b) shall be in Form 4, in the Schedule.

(2) The immigration officer shall, if requested so to do by an immigrant to whom a notice under section 23 relates, supply to the immigrant for completion a copy of a notice of appeal in Form 3 or Form 4, as the case may be, in the Schedule.

(3) Where an immigrant gives to an immigration officer notice of appeal under section 27(1)(a) -

- (a) the immigration officer shall forthwith transmit the notice of appeal to the clerk of the nearest magistrate's court and a copy thereof to the Chief Immigration Officer;
- (b) the immigration officer shall arrange for the reception of the immigrant, pending the hearing and determination of the appeal, in a place of detention under section 31:
- (c) the immigration officer shall, if the appellant so requests, and on his furnishing the prescribed security under regulation 11 -
 - (i) grant a permit to the immigrant

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to remain in Guyana pending the hearing and determination of his appeal to the magistrate's court or of any subsequent appeal from such court; and

- (ii) release the immigrant from detention pending the hearing and determination of his appeal to the magistrate's court or of any subsequent appeal from such court;
- (d) the immigration officer shall inform the Chief Immigration Officer, where the immigrant is detained in custody, of the place where he is detained, and if the immigrant is not detained in custody, of the period for which a permit is granted under subparagraph (c) (i).

(4) The Chief Immigration Officer shall, forthwith after receiving a copy of a notice of appeal and the information under paragraph (3)(d), notify the magistrate having jurisdiction in the matter accordingly.

(5)The magistrate shall appoint a day, hour and place for the hearing of the appeal, and reasonable notice thereof shall be given in writing to the immigrant and to the immigration officer.

(6) Where the immigrant is detained in custody, the immigration officer shall arrange for him, if he so desires, to be present at the hearing of the appeal.

(7) The magistrate may, on the application of the immigration officer or of the immigrant, summon witnesses

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to attend on the hearing of the appeal to give evidence and to produce documents, and Part II of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply in the same manner and to the same extent as if the hearing of the appeal were the hearing of a complaint under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts.

(8) At the hearing of an appeal to a magistrate's court the immigration officer shall place, or cause to be placed, before the magistrate, a copy of the notice given to the appellant under section 23, but he may, after sufficient notice to the appellant, rely on grounds not specified in the said notice.

(9) Subject to paragraph (8), the appeal shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be heard in the same manner as if it were a complaint under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts.

(10) After considering all the evidence in the matter, the magistrate shall determine –

- (a) whether the appellant is or is not a prohibited immigrant under the Act,
- (b) if so, whether he is satisfied that the appellant is exempt from the provisions of section 3.

(11) The magistrate shall allow the appeal –

- (a) where he determines that the appellant is not a prohibited immigrant; or
- (b) where he is satisfied that the appellant is exempt from the provisions of section 3;

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and the magistrate shall dismiss the appeal where he determines that the appellant is a prohibited immigrant, and he is not satisfied that the appellant is exempt from the provisions of section 3.

(12) The magistrate shall endorse his decision on the notice of appeal transmitted to him under paragraph (3)(a).

(13) The immigration officer shall forthwith inform the Chief Immigration Officer of the decision of the magistrate.

(14) Where an immigrant gives to an immigration officer notice of appeal under section 27(l)(b), the immigration officer, shall forthwith transmit the said notice of appeal to the Chief Immigration Officer.

(15) Where an immigrant who is detained in custody under the Act gives notice of appeal under section 27(1)(b), the immigration officer shall, if the appellant so requests, and on his furnishing the prescribed security under regulation 11 –

- (a) grant a permit to the immigrant to remain in Guyana pending the hearing and determination of his appeal to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers; and
- (b) release the immigrant from detention pending the hearing and determination of his appeal to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers.

(16) Where an immigrant, whose appeal under

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section 27(l) (a) has been dismissed by a magistrate's court, does not within the required time give notice of appeal to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers, or where the appeal of an immigrant to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers is dismissed, abandoned or struck put, an immigration officer shall take such steps as may be required for the removal from Guyana of the prohibited immigrant, and in the meantime the prohibited immigrant shall be detained in custody under the Act:

Provided that an immigration officer may grant a permit to the prohibited immigrant to remain in Guyana, and the said prohibited immigrant shall thereupon be conditionally released from detention in custody under the Act.

(17) Where an appeal to the magistrate or to a judge of the High Court sitting in Chambers is allowed, the appellant shall, if detained in custody under the Act, be discharged from such custody, and if a permit was granted to him under paragraph (2)(c) or (15), he shall be relieved from the conditions of any permit issued to him under the Act or these Regulations, and his residence in Guyana under such permit shall not be construed as conditional or temporary residence.

16. Any person employed by the Government to have custody and control of any person detained in custody under the Act shall carry out such duties as are assigned to him by the Chief Immigration Officer.

Re-entry permit under section 36. Form 5 Schedule.

Duties of

person in

charge of

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17. (1) An application for a re-entry permit under section 36 shall be made to an immigration officer in Form 5 in the Schedule.

(2) The applicant for a re-entry permit shall produce to the immigration officer –

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- (a) such evidence as the immigration officer may reasonably require in support of the statements in the application;
- (b) two photographs of himself of a size from time to time approved by the Chief Immigration Officer,

and shall pay to the immigration officer, in respect of the application and the permit, a fee of fifty cents which fee shall be paid by the immigration officer to the Accountant General.

(3) Where an immigration officer refuses to issue a re-entry permit, the applicant therefore may appeal to the Minister.

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(Passenger's declaration under sections 9(l)(b)(i) and 10(4)(b)).

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10. RESIDENTS ONLY

(a) Length of stay abroad (Arrivals only).....

(b) Purpose of visit abroad (Arrivals or Departures).....

Signature of Passenger/ Firma del Pasajero

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Item 5 (Profession or Occupation, Profession o Occupacion)

Specify profession or occupation or actual type of work engaged in. Do not use vague terms as "civil servant" or "clerk" etc. Specify e.g. sales clerk, accounts clerk, economist, medical doctor.

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Item 6 (Home Address, Direccion Habitual)

For Arriving Passengers. Give country of normal residence. If normally resident in U.S.A., Venezuela or Canada, give in addition State or Province.

Para los viajeros que llegan. Pais do domicilio. Si esta pais es los Estados, Unidos, Venezuela o el Canada, estipule ademas el estado o la provincia.

For Departing Passengers. Give district, village, town or parish. Para los viajeros que partan: el distrito, la aldeo, la cuidad o el pueblo.

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FORM 2 THE IMMIGRATION ACT

Notice under section 23 that an immigrant is a prohibited immigrant.

To (here state name of immigrant).

NOTICE is hereby given that I have decided that you are a prohibited immigrant within the meaning of the Immigration Act, and that the grounds of my decision are as hereunder—

(Here state the grounds.)

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You may, if you think fit, appeal from this decision to a magistrate's court, and, if you so request, you will be supplied with a copy of the form of notice of appeal.

Your dependants are-

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FORM 3

Notice of appeal under section 23(l)(a) to a Magistrate's court

THE IMMIGRATION ACT

To the Immigration Officer

I,, do hereby give notice of appeal against the decision of the Immigration Officer that I am a prohibited immigrant within the meaning of the Immigration Act.

Dated the......20.....

(Signed).....

Immigrant

Place.....

Note. — The Immigration Officer will, at the request of the immigrant, supply him with a copy of this form.

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FORM 4

Notice of appeal under section 27(l)(b) to the Full Court

In the Full Court of the High Court of Guyana

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...., Appellant *v*.

Chief Immigration Officer, Respondent

I,, do hereby give notice of appeal against the decision of the magistrate's court that I am a prohibited immigrant within the meaning of the Immigration Act.

Dated the.....day of

......20.....

(Signed)..... Appellant

To the Immigration Officer, And to the Clerk of the magistrate's court.

Note.—The Immigration Officer will, at the request of **the** immigrant, supply him with copies of this form.

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FORM 5

(a) Insert	THE IMMIGRATION ACT
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(1) I was born in Guyana;

(2) I was born of parents who at the time of my birth were domiciled or ordinarily resident in Guyana;

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(3) I am domiciled in Guyana;

(4) I have been ordinarily resident in Guyana for a period of 7 years or more, and since the completion of such period of residence I have not been ordinarily resident in any place outside Guyana continuously for a period of 7 years or more;

(5)I am a dependant of a person to whom any one of the paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and (4) above mentioned applies; and that I therefore belong to Guyana in terms of section 2(3) of the Immigration Act.

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To the Chief Immigration Officer, or

To the Immigration Officer, as the case may be.

(Signed).....

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Immigration (Personnel of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Regulations

Reg. 10/ 1961 IMMIGRATION (PERSONNEL OF THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

-made under section 37

Citation. **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Personnel of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development) Regulations.

Exemptions. **2.** It is hereby declared that the governors, executive directors, alternates, officers and employees of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development shall not be prohibited immigrants for the purposes of the Immigration Act.