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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1979

Adaptation of Laws (Re-Designation of Decrees, etc.) Order 1980

Commencement : 25th July 1980

WHEREAS section 274 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979 empowers the President to make changes at any time in the text of any existing law within Federal legislative competence as may be necessary or expedient to bring it into conformity with the provisions of the Constitution :

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and expedient to re-designate forthwith Decrees and certain other enactments in force on the coming into force of the aforesaid Constitution without prejudice to detailed modifications to be effected in respect of any such Decree or any other existing law at any time hereafter :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shehu Usman Aliyu Shagari, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the aforesaid section 274 (2) of the Constitution, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, hereby make the following Order :—

1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 274 (2) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1979—

(a) any Decree made between 15th January 1966 and 30th September 1979 by any competent authority or person and which was in force on the date of the coming into force of the aforesaid Constitution shall, to the extent that such a Decree relates to a matter with respect to which the National Assembly is empowered by the Constitution to make laws, hereafter be re-designated and referred to as an Act and, accordingly, for the word "Decree" in any such Decree there shall be substituted the word "Act" ; and

(b) any Edict made between 15th January 1966 and 30th September 1979 by any competent authority or person and which was in force on the date of coming into force of the aforesaid Constitution shall, to the extent that such an Edict relates to a matter with respect to which the National Assembly is empowered by the Constitution to make laws, hereafter be re-designated and referred to as an Act and, accordingly, for the word "Edict" in any such Edict there shall be substituted the word "Act" ; and

Re-designation of Decrees, etc. as Acts.

Citation.

2. This Order may be cited as the Adaptation of Laws (Re-designation of Decrees, etc.) Order 1980.

MADE at Lagos this 25th day of July 1980.

SHEHU SHAGARI,
President of the Federal
Republic of Nigeria

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the above Order but is intended to explain its effect)

The Constitution empowers the President to modify existing Federal laws to bring them into conformity therewith and, as a first step, the Order provides for the re-designation of extant Decrees and certain Edicts, operating or deemed by the Constitution to be operating as Federal Laws, as Acts. This is without prejudice to the power of the President to make detailed changes later in the texts of these laws.